

**Town of West Rutland
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, February 13, 2006; 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Sean Barrows, John Harvey, Tom Burditt, and Pete Bianchi.

Also Present: Judi McCullough and Tom Yenerrell.

Item 1) Call Meeting to Order: The Meeting was called to Order by Pete Bianchi at 5:35 p.m.

Item 2) Approve Minutes from two Previous Meetings: A Motion was made by Sean Barrows to approve the Minutes for January and February 6, 2006, as submitted. John Harvey seconded the Motion and it was approved by all.

Item 3) Public Concerns: None.

Item 4) Action Items:

A) Consider Liquor and Tobacco Licenses: A Motion was made by Tom Burditt to approve the following for Liquor and Tobacco Licenses: Price Chopper #122, Westside Tavern, and Fitz Vogt Enterprises (catering at The Carving Studio) The Motion was seconded by John Harvey and approved by all.

B) Water Department Truck Purchase: A purchase was made from G. Stone Motors for \$22,000. The truck can be picked up on Wednesday, February 15th.

Item 5) Discussion Items

A) Highway Study: Tom presented a Townwide highway study of repairs and maintenance needed bring the Town's roads up to current standards. This summary is required by VTrans in order to receive any funds. The estimated total is \$1,099,100 and Tom feels it is somewhat understated. There was a discussion around catch basins on Clarendon Avenue near Casella's.

B) Water Billing Fixed Rate & Actual Rate: Tom had hoped to have a conclusion on how to change the water billing, but does not at this time. Those who are now on fixed rates are paying in the future; those paying on meters are paying on what has actually been used. This will create a revenue shortfall when all accounts are switched over to metered billing. Discussion around the frequency of billing; twice yearly, quarterly, etc. Tom hopes to have a billing plan in place by the beginning of March.

C) Manager's Report:

- The Town has been working a little on swapping equipment with the Towns of Proctor and Pittsford. Clarendon is also interested in swapping equipment when it is feasible. It may be possible to swap something for the use of a grader with one of these Towns.
- Update on Clark Hill Brook (the brook behind the Mall -aka Mead Brook). Tom spoke with VT Agency of Natural Resources about having fill put in to a void on the manmade dike along the brook that created the flooding problem we had on January 18th on Main Street. Approval has not yet been granted, but it may be forthcoming.
- A schedule for the Pedestrian/Bicycle Project was given to Board members. This project will include the installation of approximately 44,300 sq. ft. of concrete sidewalks, 3500 lineal ft. of concrete curb, 1,300 lineal feet of granite curb, asphalt paving and signage.

The crosswalks provided by VTrans will be street print not painted. Work is scheduled to be complete by 9/30/06.

- Tom did an interview with "The Reporter" newspaper last week. It comes out tomorrow.
- Tom went to the school table top disaster exercise at the school last Tuesday. There will be one another drill done with everyone (50 to 60 people) at a later date.
- Tom will not be here for the next meeting.
- For this fiscal year we have a plan to replace the backhoe with an excavator. Tom asked if he should start looking for one. The Board felt he should start looking into it. Tom says a used excavator would run about \$35,000.

Item 6) Board Member Concerns:

Tom Burditt - None.

Sean Barrows - None.

John Harvey - None.

Pete Bianchi - None.

Item 7) Approve Orders: The Board reviewed and approved Orders as presented.

Item 8) Adjournment: A Motion was made to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. by Sean Barrows and John Harvey seconded by. The Motion was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi McCullough