

**Town of West Rutland  
Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, May22, 2006  
West Rutland Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Sean Barrows, Dick Daley, Pete Bianchi, and Chris Mathewson.

**Also Present:** Gordon Dritschillo (Rutland Herald), Jayne Pratt, Tom Yennerell, and Judi McCullough.

**Item 1) Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to Order at 6:03 p.m. by Sean Barrows.

**Item 2) Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2006 meeting . The Motion was seconded by Dick Daley. The Motion carried.

**Item 3) Public Concerns:** None.

**Item 4) Action Items:**

**A) Consider Voting Machine Use:** Jayne Pratt stated that the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) is a Federal program. They have sent monies to the State to help with accessibility of voting, it is now in the 2nd phase and there are voting counter machines available at a cost to the State of \$6,000 to \$8,000 with a cost to the Town of \$325 for programming. A cost analysis was prepared which shows that with the voting machine there would be a slight increase in cost to the Town per election. This is a machine that counts the votes; it will kick out any write-in votes - those would need to be counted separately. The need for counters available at elections will decrease with this machine. Programs would need to be purchased for every election, but the machine would not necessarily have to be used for each election depending on number of items on the ballots. Jayne believes that this is an opportunity to get a machine and that it is the way of the future. The exit check list can be done away with if the BCA so chooses. These machines have been used in other States in New England and other Towns in Vermont. Dick Daley made a Motion that the new voting machine be placed on the Ballot in September for the voters to approve or disapprove. Pete Bianchi seconded the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

**B) Clark Hill Access:** The Board reviewed drawings for the proposed driveway off Clark Hill Road to the Jim Caulins residence. A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to approve the proposed driveway access permit for James and Amy Caulins as presented. Chris Mathewson seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

**C) Consider Sewer Permit:** An application for sewer use was received from Lori Lyons for property located at 1710 Pleasant Street. This is a lot which is part of a 3 lot subdivision. Before this can actually be subdivided highway access and sewer access to all 3 lots will need to be submitted. The Board discussed the Town's policy for sewer connection and easements. The Board would like to see any mains that serve more than one house be inside of a right of way.

**D) Bank Note Change:** Tom reviewed for the Board an "Allonge for Attachment to Note" that

changes the amount approved for the purchase of the excavator. Dick Daley made a Motion that the Board sign the Allonge for Attachment to Note from First Brandon National Bank changing the amount from \$40,000 to \$38,000. Pete Bianchi seconded the Motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Item 5) Discussion Items:**

**A) Vehicle Exhaust Noise:** Tom gave the Board a copy of the Exhaust System portion of the VT Inspection Station Manual detailing what an exhaust system is, and the procedure for inspecting it. The manual also gave reasons for which a vehicle could be rejected from an approved inspection. The Board feels the best recourse is to direct this issue to the legislators. What is the message that the Board would like to send regarding this? Sean suggests that letters be sent to the representatives requesting that stricter enforcement be placed on inspection stations to adhere to the policies. He would also like to see the Sheriffs put some emphasis on this, and start writing tickets for non-adherence on exhaust noise. Discussion on jake brakes took place as well and whether some signage should be put up requesting non-use of them within the Town.

**B) Future Goals:** A list of previously mentioned goals had been prepared. The Board added the following points for each goal.

- Economic/Downtown Development
  - Topics discussed:
    - Business owners gatherings (brainstorming; forums; pamphlets of different businesses in Town)
    - Consultants for downtown development
    - Identification of possible development sites
    - DSL service availability
    - Lighting for Marble Street
    - Bus Service; Park and Ride
- Develop Master Plan for Town Recreation Area
  - Topics discussed:
    - Reform a recreation committee; part-time program director
    - Trail Grant has been received - this would start where the soccer fields are and go south behind the goal and then east across the river via a pedestrian bridge; the land goes as far as the VELCO line; it would be a partial circle trail that would be approximately 1 mile long; the grant is for \$20,000 with a match from the Town of \$20,000. Logging the area will help to offset the expense.
    - Tennis Court
    - Skate Park
    - Softball or baseball field
    - Pavilion and picnic tables
    - Ice rink/volleyball court
- Comprehensive Management Plan for Town owned lands
  - Topics discussed:
    - Inventory of lands owned
    - Determine use (municipal, forestry, parks, etc.)
- Update Municipal Sewer Ordinance

Topics discussed:

- Needs to be streamlined

- Town Hall Renovation Funding

Topics discussed:

- Pursue Federal monies through representatives to help finish off the project/form committee for planning and fund raising

- Highway/Transportation Plan

Topics discussed:

- Review of projects scheduled for this summer

- Round-a-bout at Clarendon Avenue/Route 4 intersection (Grants?)

- Bike access between West Rutland, Rutland City, Castleton, Fair Haven

- Marble Street from tracks to Crescent paving and sidewalk

- Rail siding

- Maintain pavement

- Crack sealing

### **C) Manager's Report:**

- Tom stated that the Grant application for the hiking/biking/ski trail at the rec area was received.
- On June 29th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a dedication of the Town Clerk's office in honor of Victor Sevigny.
- The most recent estimates for the fire station were mailed to the Board. The Board reviewed the items and figures given by Nimitz/Berryhill/Figiel. The drawings should be done this week. The easement from the neighbor has not been finalized as yet. The ZBA hearing for the fire station is June 6th.
- There will be a pandemic flu seminar on June 6th from 6:00 to 9:00 at the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford. Town personnel will be doing some cross training related to the potential pandemic flu.

### **Item 6) Board Member Concerns:**

**Chris** - does the Sheriff patrol Marble Street beyond Crescent? Yes, they do.

**Dick** - Regional Rec: Dick stated that they had contracted an Administrative Coordinator; and gave copies of the Minutes to Board members. Tentative name is Mid-Vermont Recreation and Aquatic Center. They want individuals for a fund raising committee. Would like to get Rep. Sanders to back this project. The meetings will be rotating between the Towns involved. They are talking with The Bus regarding services to and from the Center. You do not need to be an elected official of a participating Town to be on the Committee. Meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

- On the corner of Crescent and Marble there is a large pothole.

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

**Item 8) Adjournment:** Pete Bianchi made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Dick Daley seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi McCullough