

**Town of West Rutland
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, July 24, 2006
West Rutland Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.**

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

Also Present: Tom Yennerell, Deputy Jeff Stephenson and Judi McCullough.

Joe Skaza and some members of the Fire Department brought the new fire truck to the Town Hall for the Board to see prior to the start of the official meeting. The members of the Fire Department will begin training on the truck with the factory reps this evening.

Item 1) Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to Order at 6:17 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 July 10, 2006 meeting as written. Second by Chris Mathewson. The Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3) Public Concerns: None.

Introduction: The Board members met the new deputy sheriff, Jeff Stephenson. He has been getting acquainted with the Town and the various neighborhoods over the first few weeks on duty. Jeff reviewed his schedule with the Board. Dick expressed a concern about the image of the local sheriff, and would like to see the sheriff's do more in the line of "meet and greet". Pete stated that at the intersection of Ross and Main Streets there seems to be a tendency not to stop when exiting Ross Street. Discussion around the problems with the traffic flow at that intersection. Jeff stated that he is not usually aware of community events going on and would like to see a calendar, so he could adjust his schedule to be available and meet people. Tom said that he would check on getting one developed. Sean recommended working with the school resource officer when school gets back in session. Parking against traffic and in a fire lane are issues the Board would like to see addressed by giving a warning first. Thrall Avenue needs a street sign where it intersects with Pleasant Street; Sheldon at Crescent also needs a sign.

Item 4) Action Items:

A) Consider New Water Connection Fees: The Board reviewed the Schedule of Fees from the West Rutland Water Department; clarification given on some of the fees. A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to adopt the Schedule of Fees from the Water Dept. as presented. John Harvey seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Item 5) Discussion Items:

A) Town Hall Funding: The Vermont Housing Conservation Board will not grant funds toward a heating and ventilation. They will fund things like paint, plaster repairs, architectural designs, etc. Tom would like the Board to consider using excess funds in the Industrial Park fund toward the Town Hall and leverage those funds toward the final stages of building restoration. The Board would like Tom to continue pursuing this grant.

B) Vehicle Exhaust Noise: (This item was added to the agenda). A proposal for addition or amendment to VLCT Municipal Policy was reviewed by the Board regarding "vehicle exhaust noise" and the State inspection system. Tom will advise VLCT to proceed with this.

C) RRMC Water Issue: At such time that the City of Rutland may have to issue a boil water order, the hospital will need to have water transported in; they want to be prepared in the event that this happens. The request is presented at this time as a precaution measure for preparedness and having a plan in place. The Board gave the go ahead to see if this would be conceivable. Tom and Ed will see if it can be done.

D) Managers Report:

- At this time, the Fire Station has a *verbal* agreement with the neighbor regarding the right-of-way. The last hearing for the Town permit is tomorrow evening.
- VTrans is funding 90% of the repair work on Main Street. One catch basin made of brick and another one are in terrible condition and need to be replaced. Some clay pipes were encountered from the Town Hall to Campbell Avenue and that will need to be replaced as well. These later items will be funded entirely by the Town.
- The sidewalk project has consumed a considerable amount of Tom's time. There have been a lot of underground surprises encountered.
- John Russell, Jr. visited Tom last week. The Planning Commissioner sent a letter to Bill Burke regarding trucking on Clarendon Avenue, that Mr. Russell was inquiring about. It was the feeling of the Board members that the Planning Committee should have initiated discussion with Tom prior to this letter being sent that there was a complaint. The Board gave Tom permission to send a letter in response to this situation.
- Tom will be on vacation for the next meeting.

A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi and seconded by John Harvey to move into executive session at 7:45 p.m. The Motion carried unanimously. A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi and seconded by John Harvey to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m. The Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6) Board Member Concerns:

Pete: When is the temporary driveway on Clark Hill Road going to be changed to the permanent driveway? The rain washed right into the road during Saturday's storm. Tom will check this out.

Dick: Mike McDevitt approached him regarding the grass behind his house. Tom states that they only cut for the channel once a year. Ted Wenta wants to know if the curb can be smaller in that spot he has questioned? If possible, it will be. Pleasant Street project is held up because of the easement from Wells Fargo Bank.

Chris: Parking against traffic needs to be addressed and parking on the sidewalks.

Discussion regarding the curb islands in front of the plaza.

John: None.

Sean: Some zoning issues may need to be looked at again. In light of the recent flooding around

the country, should the Town have some type of warning system? This should be looked into as part of the restoration plan or emergency management. Letters are going to go out to the Recreation Committee and Historical Society. There will be a joint meeting with interested Rec. Committee on August 28th at 6 PM.

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

Item 8) Adjournment: A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Second by John Harvey. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi McCullough