

**Town of West Rutland  
Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, August 28, 2006  
West Rutland Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Tom Callahan, Michelle Harte, Marcy Barrows, Tom Yennerell and Judi McCullough.

**Item 1) Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to Order at 6:00 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 August 14, 2006 meeting as presented. Seconded by John Harvey. The Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Item 4) Action Items:**

**A) Meet with Recreation Committee:** Sean provided an overview of how the rec committee is functioning and that they would like to see more people get involved. Tom Callahan has been helping with T-ball and Mighty Mites. Michelle Hart is willing to become involved. Laurie Serrani has been chair of the committee and will continue to do this. John asked if the committee holds regular meetings. Tom Callahan asked who calls should go to; essentially any calls should go to Laurie. Mr. Callahan stated that getting email addresses of coaches out to other Towns is something that is needed. Sean said that ultimately the Town would like to hire a part time rec director to coordinate activities and get notifications sent out. Dick gave an overview of the Regional Recreation District and how it is planned at this time. Mr. Callahan is concerned that West Rutland may not have equal access. Mrs. Harte said that she would try to help get more parents involved and asked whether there would be a rec meeting for those interested. There is a meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Dave O'Rourke has said that he would be willing to work on access of the school for rec programs. Mr. Callahan asked about the mowing at the ball fields, he had asked several times to have the grass not blown onto the dirt play areas. Mr. Yennerell will speak to this person again. Discussion as to who locks the gate into the rec area. Sean said that he thought one meeting a month would be a good place for the rec committee to start.

**B) Access, Sewer and Water Applications:** Discussion on application for access by Peter Altrui & Jaybar, Inc. for a piece of property at the corner of Thrall Avenue and Pleasant Street. The application is asking for 2 lots. Discussion on the safety issue when entering Thrall Avenue from the proposed driveway; culvert and water issues; and the 50' right-of-way for two houses. The Board would like to see the driveway further down onto Thrall Avenue. John made a motion that the application be denied as is, with the suggestion that it be changed to one access allowable at the point of the lowest driveway (due to the catch basin), and a 50' right-of-way if for two houses. Chris Mathewson seconded the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

**C) Liquor License Application:** An application for a first/second class liquor license was received from Carole and Donald Woods for Sweet Caroline's at 100 Main Street (formerly the

Crow's Nest). A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to approve the First/Second Class Liquor License Application from C & D Woods, Inc., d/b/a Sweet Caroline's. Seconded by Dick Daley. The Motion carried unanimously.

**D) Reappraisal Order:** A letter and Order was received from the State of Vermont, Department of Taxes stating that the Town must do a reappraisal due to the common level of appraisal (CLA) now being at or above 80%. According to statute, the Town needs to respond to the Order within 30 days and has 150 days to prepare a detailed Compliance Plan. Tom has drafted a letter in response to this notice and the Board gave authorization to send it out.

**E) Legal Action Proposed Settlement:** This will be discussed in Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

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

**A) Utility Refund Request:** Request from Carl and Laurie Serrani regarding their water bills for 2.5 units instead of 2 units. Tom explained that the State has a guide of water usage and some places do actually come out to 1.5 or 2.5 units. However the building in question only has two apartments and the billing has been changed from 2.5 units to 2 units for future billings. The board speculated that in the past, there was another building in the back of this apartment house which may explain the ½ unit. There has not been any paperwork filed that would have taken the small building out of service. Or it is possible that somewhere the two buildings became mixed up and the 2.5 units should actually be for the bar. A calculation will need to be done to see if this is the case. At this time, both buildings are listed as 2 units. Tom will follow up on this and report back to the Board.

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

- Rep. Potter is planning to attend the next meeting.
- Information meeting for voter machines will be at the next meeting.
- The fire station easement and agreement has been signed. The appeal period has expired, so the permit is set. Everything is moving forward.
- Tom said that selling water to the hospital in the event of a disaster is moving forward. The hospital will pay for our attorney fees, and has given authorization to go ahead and purchase some of the supplies. The cost of the water for them will be nearly double what our water rate is because it will require time and a half for workers. The loading station will be on Sheldon Avenue where a new water main is located.
- Started trucking winter sand in this week.
- The Mall entrance sidewalk between Bailey's and the driveway into the Mall will be redone. A section on Chapel Street will have to be redone as well.
- The fundraiser for the Town Hall will be October 21st.

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

**Pete Bianchi:** How is it going on Zoning Reg. violations? Property is cleaned up, but fine not paid.

**Dick Daley:** Nothing.

**John Harvey:** Nothing.

#### **Chris Mathewson:**

- Asked about the Annual Town Fair in Montpelier. Tom said he could go and to fill out the form to register.
- Should the rec committee meeting be posted? Tom will see to this.

**Sean Barrows:**

- Route 4 paving, two dates given September 6th and 21st, nothing official as yet.
- Mile marker 13, stated that the reflectors end before the bridge, and there are no reflectors on the bridge at all.

**Item 7) Approve Orders:** The Orders were approved as presented.

**Executive Session:** A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to move into Executive Session for legal issues at 8:18 p.m. Seconded by Dick Daley. The Motion carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to exit Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Dick Daley. The Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 8) Adjournment:** A Motion to adjourn was made by Pete Bianchi at 8:46 p.m. Seconded by Chris Mathewson. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judi McCullough