

**Town of West Rutland
Selectboard Meeting
Thursday, December 27, 2007
West Rutland Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.**

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

Also Present: Judi McCullough, Mary Ann Goulette (Town Manager), Deputy Bennick, and Alex Alexander.

Item 1) Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to Order at 6:10 p.m. by Sean Barrows.

Item 2) Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting: A Motion was made by Chris Mathewson to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2007 meeting as written. Seconded by John Harvey and carried unanimously.

Item 3) Public Concerns: Deputy Bennick attended to address the issue of parking and the easement granted for the neighbor of the fire station. He quoted Ordinance 114; discussion on the Ordinance and placement of “No Parking” signs. Measurements will be taken and Mary Ann will follow up with Deputy Bennick.

Parking on Chapel Street is creating an issue with plowing and would be easier for the Town crew if it is posted “No Parking on either side” until April 1st. Mary Ann will follow up on the “No Parking” signs for High Street that never went back up after the sidewalk work. Chris Mathewson made a Motion that signs be placed on the west side of Chapel Street stating that there is “no parking from November 1st through April 1st”, and that notice of this be sent by mail to the residents on Chapel Street. John Harvey seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Deputy Bennick stated that it has been reasonably quiet since he was in last. Some discussion on speed limits within the Town.

Item 4) Action Items:

A) Review Common Level of Appraisal: Board reviewed.

B) Review of Grandpa’s Knob Proposal: Discussion as to how this would be taxed and what the rate of depreciation on it will be. The specifics of these issues are not known at this time.

C) Authorization to Town Manager to execute grant request related to the West Rutland Marsh: A question was raised if this will cost the Town anything? No. The match will be sponsored. This grant is to help control the phragmites in the marshland. A Motion was made by Dick Daley to give the Town Manager authority to execute the grant relative to the West Rutland Marsh with the provision that there is no cost to the Town of West Rutland. Seconded by Pete Bianchi and carried unanimously.

Item 5) Discussion Items:

A) Manager’s Report:

- Town Hall renovations should be done within 3 weeks. Insulation will be in on the 4th.

Colors will be selected soon.

- There are still some issues with the new heating system; the engineer will be in again next week.
- The water and sewer department had good news; Frank Gorham passed his exam and will be able to become certified in April.
- The highway department did a great job with the storm. The new truck had an issue but that is taken care of under warranty. The sidewalk snowblower wasn't working well but that is being worked on.
- There is a broken guardrail on Dewey Avenue, but insurance is taking care of it.
- The seedlings will be purchased January 2nd. It is believed that VELCO will be co-sponsoring this project.

B) FY 09 Budget: Discussion and review of the proposed budget, percentages attributable to various departments, etc. The Board will review the work hours expected for the Listers when the reappraisal is completed. Legal fees will be looked into as far as budgeting to the different departments. Mary Ann will check into the departmental accounts that Board members had questions or concerns about.

Meetings for January are the 7th, 14th, and 21st. Mary Ann will ask the Highway and Water Department heads to attend the meeting on the 7th; will provide a list of all Notes and savings accounts.

Item 6) Board Member Concerns: None.

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

Item 8) Adjournment: A Motion was made by Dick Daley to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Seconded by John Harvey and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi McCullough