

**Town of West Rutland
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2007
West Rutland Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Sean Barrows, Pete Bianchi, John Harvey, Chris Mathewson,

Also Present: Tom Yennerell, Paul Kulig, and Judi McCullough.

Item 1) Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to Order at 6:05 p.m. by Sean Barrows.

Item 2) Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting: Pete Bianchi made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Chris Mathewson and it carried unanimously.

Item 3) Public Concerns: None.

Item 4) Action Items:

A) Appoint Regional Ambulance Representative: Paul Kulig has been the representative for many years. Mr. Kulig is up for renewal for another three year term and attended the meeting to let the Board know that he was willing to accept reappointment if the Board so desired. There are approximately 50 employees at the Regional Ambulance right now. There are 7 ambulances and a paramedic truck at this time; they go out on over 6,000 calls per year. Family memberships are approximately \$30.00/family. The municipal assessments are actually a very small part of their budget. The majority of their funds come from medicare/medicaid and insurances. If you have a family membership the co-pay or deductible for your insurance is written off. There are no volunteers; staff is in house at all times. A Motion was made by John Harvey to reappoint Paul Kulig to the Regional Ambulance Board of Directors for a term of three years. Chris Mathewson seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

B) Consider Liquor License Applications: A Motion was made by John Harvey to table the Application for Liquor License by Paige Marie, Inc until such time as a lease is provided for the property. Chris Mathewson seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Chris Mathewson to table the application for Liquor License by Westside Tavern pending the explanation for conviction, providing a copy of the lease, and explanation of the non-profit disclosure. The Motion was seconded by Pete Bianchi and it carried unanimously.

C) Town Hall Heat HV/AC Cost Estimates: The Board reviewed the revised scope for the 2nd floor and boiler room cost estimate. It was found that the original estimate did not include the extensive work required for the boiler room, the duct work, and the electrical work to complete the job. Options that were given to Tom were: 1) install temporary heat with space heaters and remove in the future and leave the ventilation until later; 2) install baseboard heat and leave it (they recommend both baseboard and hot air). Board members would like to see how this project could be done in phases; working toward the finished system, but accomplishing what we can at this time with the funds that are now available. It is felt that a Town Hall Committee meeting should be set up to go over these issues. The Board would like Lane Engineering to give another

estimate for the boiler room, the boilers, and baseboard heating, leaving out the AC at this time. They would also like Lane to come and explain the project at the committee meeting.

D) Approve Pleasant Street Bid: Forcier Aldrich & Associates, Inc. recommends that Belden Company be awarded the bid. The contract is for 90 days. A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to accept the lowest bid which was from Beldon Company for \$375,695.00 and to authorize Tom Yennerell to execute the contract for same. The Motion was seconded by John Harvey and the Motion carried unanimously.

E) Approve New Water Rates: A Motion was made by John Harvey to approve the new water rates for 2007 as follows:

9 to 9,800 gallons annually	25 cents/100 gallons
9,801 to 14,900 gallons annually	20 cents/100 gallons
14,901 to 24,900 gallons annually	17 cents/100 gallons
24,901 to 34,900 gallons annually	15 cents/100 gallons
34,901 to 69,000 gallons annually	13 cents/100 gallons
69,000 to unlimited	15 cents/100 gallons

The Motion was seconded by Pete Bianchi and it carried unanimously.

F) Fire Station Generator: There were several options on the fire station bid for which we found low cost options. A generator completely installed will run about \$22,000, originally the cost was estimated at \$38,000. There is about \$54,000 in the contingency fund before starting the old building renovations. However, prior to finishing the wiring, they need to know the plan for the generator. The Board feels that having a generator in a Town facility is necessary in the event of a disaster and gave the go ahead to proceed with it.

Item 5) Discussion Items:

A) Unsafe Building Ordinance: Tom had a copy of an Ordinance from the Town of Windsor that the Board reviewed. At this time, West Rutland does not have an unsafe building/unsafe structure ordinance. This is something that would have to be reviewed for legalities and compliance with Vermont Statutes. Discussion as to how this could be implemented and what it would entail. Tom will look into something that would be more suitable to the Town's needs regarding dilapidated buildings or where there is a danger to citizens of the Town that does require the adoption of a building code.

B) Website: Needs some updating. Discussion regarding keeping the website up to date, the different things that could be posted, and having someone in charge to contact when changes are made to it. It was felt that having a community calendar with official meetings and other events that are taking place in Town would be great. The possibility of a Ride Share bulletin board being posted was mentioned.

C) Paw House Expansion Proposal: The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed plan for The Paw House expansion.

D) Manager's Report:

- The RFP for the reappraisal has gone out. One proposal has been received and a reply has been received that they cannot do it. One presentation has been given by a software company and another one is scheduled.
- The Town has been served by the State of Vermont for the O'Brien excess tax sale funds.
- When the initial power failure occurred the pump at the pump station on Pine Hill was damaged. It has been repaired. Another air release may be installed down from the station

- so that if this should occur again it would create a safety net.
- The Water Dept. has been going street to street on unmapped streets counting curb stops and valves. They will be update landowners in the well protection area. There have been no frozen line issues or breaks.
 - The Highway Dept. has been updating the culvert inventory, putting up replacements signs after a sign inventory was done, and rebuilding a trailer that was purchased in the fall.
 - Waste Water has been doing their normal extensive preventative maintenance and some freeze ups.
 - A reminder for the breakfast being held next Tuesday morning was sent out; the count is up to 50 people.
 - Len Knappmiller's request for the Town to financially participate in the Ira Tax Sale of the O'Brien parcel was declined.

Item 6) Board Member Concerns:

Pete Bianchi - none.

Chris Mathewson - none.

Sean Barrows: 1) Sean received a letter from Rep. Potter regarding noise issues. There are noise procedures for snowmobiles on VAST trails. Discussion regarding whether this can apply to motorcycles as well. On March 28th there is a hearing in Montpelier regarding a proposed rule on the inspection of motor vehicles. 2) Dwayne Enger from Noble Environmental Power called Sean regarding their proposal for wind power on Grandpa's Knob. He would like to come to a meeting to give an overview of their plans. Sean will invite him to the next meeting and then the Planning Commission will be notified and invited.

John Harvey - none.

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

A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to enter into Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. The Motion was seconded by John Harvey and it carried unanimously.

A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to exit Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Chris Mathewson and it carried unanimously.

Item 8) Adjournment: A Motion was made by John Harvey to adjourn 8:54 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Chris Mathewson and it carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Judi McCullough