

**Town of West Rutland  
Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, January 8, 2007  
West Rutland Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Don Woods, C.J. Abatiell, Jr., Peter Altrui, Jr., Tom Yennerell and Judi McCullough.

**Item 1) Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to Order by Sean Barrows at 6:02 p.m.

**Item 2) Approve Minutes from the Previous Meeting:** A Motion was made by Chris Mathewson to approve the Minutes as presented. Pete Bianchi seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

**Item 3) Public Concerns:** Peter Altrui came to the meeting regarding an access application to a proposed subdivision at the top of Thrall Avenue that was denied. Mr. Altrui, Mr. Abatiell, and Don Woods would like to have this reviewed again. They did not understand what the Board was requesting that they do in order to receive a go ahead from the Board of Selectmen. A handout was given to the Board. Mr. Woods reviewed what their revised plan is and what was requested of them in the Minutes. He detailed the visibility from all points and showed what happens if a 50' right-of-way is required. Mr. Woods also stated that the drainage from the lots is directed toward the existing culvert. Mr. Altrui stated that the turn-arounds on the lots would help keep vehicles from backing out onto Thrall Avenue. The Board's concern was with vehicles turning onto Thrall Avenue from the southbound lane of Pleasant Street. The drawings presented this evening clearly define where the driveways will be. There was a discussion as to the ability of a driver being able to see the driveway when entering Thrall from Pleasant. Mr. Woods and Mr. Altrui stated that they would be willing to put a stipulation into the deed regarding placing nothing in the area that would restrict the view. Mr. Woods said they could put in some stakes for the upper driveway so that Board members can go up and check the visibility coming off from Pleasant Street onto Thrall. Board members will check the visibility after the stakes are up and discuss it at the next meeting.

**Item 4) Action Items:**

**A) Review FY07 Budget Status:** Tom gave Board members copies of the FY07 budget as of 12/27/06. Board members reviewed various line items. Bids for the Pleasant Street project are due on February 5th.

**B) Review Wastewater Truck Prices:** All bids were for a 3/4 ton, 4x4, trailer two package, and snow plow equipped. Tom presented the Board with a proposal for the use of the old truck. Discussion regarding warranty and variances between manufacturer, this will be checked into further.

**C) Final FY08 Budget:** Discussion on reappraisal. The budget needs to be finalized by the next meeting.

**Item 5) Discussion Items:**

**A) Fire Station Easement:** Steve Bernard talked with the State's Attorney to see whether he would handle the trespassing violation. The Town is contemplating placing a structure in the area

in question. The homeowner did use his truck to remove a concrete barrier that the Town placed there.

**B) Manager's Report:**

- The business breakfast is scheduled for February 20th. Tom is working on a list of businesses and finding a location. Suggested theme: How can the Town help you expand your business? A panel type forum may be used. Tom will invite Mr. Baker and Mr. Potter.
- There will be a tabletop exercise regarding Regional Hurricane on Saturday, January 13, 2007.
- Tom complained to the Agency of Transportation regarding railroad crossings and they have stated they will be working on them this Spring, with the Town's assistance.
- The Town has a new Internet server. Employees at the Town Hall will be receiving training on how to use it.
- The Town Hall heating design is finished; Tom is waiting for a cost estimate. It will be presented at the first Town Hall Committee Meeting.
- Joe Baker sent a message to the Commissioner of Corrections regarding the location of a work camp in West Rutland. Tom was contacted by someone in this office regarding the Town's interest. The board is not interested in hosting the work camp.

**Item 6) Board Member Concerns:**

**Pete Bianchi:** Clark Hill needs to have water turned out of the road. There has been a truck parked at Mary's Café the last 3 days right at the STOP sign and the crosswalk.

**Dick Daley:** Were the values on the fire trucks checked for the insurance policy? Dick pointed out some of the verbiage for Tom to check out when he meets with the insurance representative tomorrow. Is Sheldon going to get sewage up that line? They do not have sewage and no plans exist to extent a main there.

**Chris Mathewson:** The Channel does have some large limbs in it near Carris Reels. Tom said when the ground freezes they can work on that.

**John Harvey:** Nothing.

**Sean Barrows:** Has a concern with the Agency of Transportation's care taking of the Town's gateways there was a tree that came down on the fence by Gilmore St. and power was knocked out.

- Mile marker 13 now has some reflectors, this should be acknowledged.
- There is an effort underway to try to rename the Rutland Airport; they are asking for local support from the area. This will be on the next agenda.
- Is there a light on the flag out front? Yes, but there is an electrical problem with it.
- Need to have some discussion on the Regional Recreation Center.

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

**Item 8) Adjournment:** A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to adjourn the Meeting at 8:43 p.m. Seconded by Dick Daley and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi McCullough