

**Town of West Rutland
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, July 23, 2007
West Rutland Town Hall; 6:00 p.m.**

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

Also Present: Judi McCullough, Alex Alexander, Ed Lummer, Bernie Zuk, Joe Warzoka

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: Chris Mathewson made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 9, 2007 meeting. In 2nd paragraph under 5)D: change “SRO” to “School Resource Officer”. John Harvey seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Board, Sean expressed condolences to Brian Harrington on the loss of his wife.

Item 3) Public Concerns:

Bernie Zuk asked why a sidewalk was not put in on the west side of St. Stanislaws Church along the length of the church? John Harvey stated that it would get done in the future; Pete said it would be looked into. Discussion.

When will the speeding on Franklin Street be stopped? Pete said it would be patrolled more. Mr. Daley stated that Frank Bruno had also said there was speeding on Ross Street.

Item 4) Action Items:

A) Appoint Lister: Ed Lummer attended the meeting as an interested person in being a lister. The Board expressed their gratitude in Mr. Lummer’s interest. Pete Bianchi made a Motion to appoint Ed Lummer as Lister. John Harvey seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously. He will get in touch with Jane Pratt to become sworn in.

B) Revise Tax Rate: The rate is 1.1149 instead of 1.1145. John Harvey made a Motion to accept the new tax rate of 1.1149. Chris Mathewson seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Item 5) Discussion Items:

A) Discuss TIFs and Growth Centers: TIF = tax increment financing. Sean feels that this should be discussed with the Planning Commission. This program targets an area for development and implements some tax relief for the infrastructure to start it. There was discussion on how this program is set up and areas that might benefit. There is a possibility of a planning grant to explore the feasibility of this project. John Harvey made a Motion to give Tom the authority to proceed with a planning grant application specifically for the Route 4 area. Pete Bianchi seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Item 6) Board Member Concerns:

Pete - Stone Hedges drive has been done well and they are pleased with it.

Dick- spoke with Tom regarding a tree that went into the waterway behind the Brandon Bank/Mary's Cafe/McDevitt's. The one in the waterway was taken care of, but there is one that is leaning over the waterway; should it be taken down or only if it falls into the water? Other members will look at it.

There is parking along the corner of Durgy Hill and Pleasant Street that makes cars move toward the middle of the road. Cars should not be parked on the pavement. The same is happening on Thrall Avenue. Others should look at it and see what they think. There has been a lot of speeding on Town Farm Road. John suggested that a STOP sign be looked into at the end of Town Farm Road especially in light of the new development going in.

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

Item 8) Adjournment: Pete Bianchi made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. John Harvey seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi McCullough