

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, May 13th, 2024**  
**6:00 pm**

**Present:** John Harvey, John Center, Dick Daley, Chet Brown and Mitch Frankenburg.

**Others Present:** Sheriff Fox, Deputy Andrew Cross, Mary Ann Goulette, Mike Moser, Lisa Wright, Sean Barrows and Robert Bach

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by John Harvey with the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was called to honor the passing of former selectman Nick Notte.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to approve the agenda with the addition of Action Item: d.) Manhole proposal and Discussion Item: c.) Blanchard Avenue Drainage. All in Favor. Motion approved.

**Minutes Approval:** Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion approved.

**Public Concerns: None**

**Discussion Items:**

- a) **Fairview Avenue Traffic** – Discussion on cars cutting through the recreation area as a shortcut to get on the highway. There was an accident last week where a child was nearly hit. Discussion on the possibility of closing Fairview Avenue entrance. Discussion with the Sheriff on changing the ordinance. Sean to post signs no thru traffic. Discussion on snow plowing and emergency vehicles. Dick made a motion to block the Fairview entrance to vehicles from April 15 – November 1 upon endorsement from school and Fairview Avenue residents. Sean to look for a removable bollard and signage.
- b) **Memorial Day Parade** – Four Sheriff deputies will be on to block traffic. Two new entries, Premier Bus and Clarendon Fire Dept.
- c) **Trespass Incident on True Blue Road** – A biker gang was on Cecil Sherman’s property burning items. They were blocking the entrance to the road.
- d) **Blanchard Avenue Drainage** – Still lots of water at the manhole bubbling over and running alongside the road. Sean will meet with the engineer to get a plan.

**Action Items:**

- a) **Appoint DRB Member** – Mike Moser submitted the name Yvonne Wedin for the open seat on the Development Review Board. Mrs. Wedin background in accounting will be of value with her ability to analyze and review projects. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to appoint Yvonne Wedin to DRB for a 3-year term ending in 2027. Motion approved.

**Executive Session:** Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to enter executive session at 6:34pm for a legal matter. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to exit executive session at 6:57pm. Motion by Chet seconded by John Center to authorize John Harvey to sign a letter written by town attorney asking PVR to move the Walgreen's appeal to Superior Court. Motion approved.

Motion made by Dick seconded by Chet to impose a fine of \$1,120 to All Purpose Storage for a zoning violation. Motion approved.

**Action Items:**

- b) **Adopt Purchasing Policy** – A state auditor suggested we amend our purchasing policy to include specific language for the procurement of federal funds. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to approve the amended purchasing policy as presented. Motion approved.
- c) **Tree Grant: Letter of Support**– Mary Ann is submitting a grant to plant 68 trees throughout town to include the gateways at the former jughandle and Rt 133 at Skyline Drive. There is no required match. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to sign the letter of support for the Community Tree Grant application. Motion approved.
- d) **Manhole Proposal** – Seth discussed several manholes are taking in stormwater with the rain. He has a proposal to install an OBIC lining system in 4 manholes (3 on Durgy Hill and one on Elm Street). The Cost is \$12,457.60. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to accept the proposal from The Precision Group for the lining of 4 manholes at a price of \$12,457.60. Motion approved.

**Board Member Concerns:**

Chet Brown –how is the pavilion coming? Mary Ann said there is an issue with the floodplain manager. We may need to update our recreation master plan to look at a new location.

John Center – he called the State about the fallen trees near the highway access road and the culvert issue at Pleasant Street. Need to look at a turn around at the back soccer field as more people are using the area.

Dick Daley – Bob Carroll is still waiting for his maintenance issue. Lawn maintenance trucks are parking in the road on Pleasant St. making it difficult to get around.

Mitch Frankenburg – We may need to set up a schedule for basketball and pickleball. Need an additional court?

**Adjournment:** Dick Daley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm and John Center seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette