

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Special Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, January 27th, 2025**  
**6:00 pm**

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

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette, Craig Jewett (virtual) MSK Engineering.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by John Harvey with the Pledge of allegiance.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion made by John Center seconded by Dick Daley to approve the agenda as presented. All in Favor. Motion approved.

**Discussion Items:**

- a. **Wastewater Plant Upgrade** – Craig Jewett from MSK Engineering provided cost estimates for the wastewater plant upgrade. The construction costs are estimated at \$1.6 million. Including design fees, construction phase services, legal expenses, and contingency, the total project cost is projected at \$2.3 million.

The upgrade will extend the plant's lifespan by 20 years. At 26 years old, the plant requires improvements due to the highly corrosive environment. The project will upgrade all controls, mechanical and electrical systems, blowers, and exhaust. It will also enhance security for system controls, centralize operations, and improve overall efficiency.

Structural repairs will address the concrete, tanks, and walkways. The design phase is expected to conclude this summer, with the project going to bid in early fall. Completion is anticipated by summer 2026.

**Action Items:**

- a. **Adopt Bond Resolution Certificate** – Motion made by John Center seconded by Chet to adopt the resolution certificate for upgrading the wastewater treatment facility at an estimated cost of \$2.3 million. All approved. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. **Adopt Declaration of Official Intent** – Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to adopt the Declaration of Official Intent of Town of West Rutland to reimburse certain expenditures from proceeds of indebtedness. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. **Approve 2025-26 Budgets** – Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to approve the general budget at \$2,017,381. The water budget at \$536,097 and wastewater budget at \$539,637. Motion approved unanimously.
- d. **Review Articles, Adopt and Sign Warning** – Discussion on the Regional Ambulance asking for tax exempt with a property tax value of \$19,823. They also ask for their

annual assessment of \$4 per capita of \$8,856. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dick to adopt the warning as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

The board thanked Dick Daley for his many years of service on the Selectboard.

**Adjournment:** Dick Daley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm and John Center seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette