

Minutes
West Rutland Selectboard Meeting
Monday, February 10th, 2025
6:00 pm

Present: John Harvey, Chet Brown and John Center

Others Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Robert Bach, Peter Kulig and Mike Moser.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by John Harvey with the Pledge of allegiance.

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

Minutes Approval: Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 13th, 2025. All in Favor. Motion approved. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 27th, 2025. All in Favor. Motion approved.

Public Concerns: None

Action Items:

- a. **Listers: Certificate of No Appeals Pending-** This report is filed with our 411 to the State of Vermont. No appeals are currently pending. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center. Motion approved.
- b. **South Lane Water Main and Drainage Improvement** – The existing water line is not large enough to accommodate the houses on the street especially with two lots for sale. The \$9,750 proposal from MSK Engineers will design a new water line loop and address the stormwater issues. Motion made by Chet seconded by John Center. Motion approved.
- c. **Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards** - Motion by Chet seconded by John Center to approve the 2025-26 Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards. Motion approved unanimously.
- d. **Annual 2025/26 Highway Financial Plan - Certificate of Highway Mileage** – Motion by Chet seconded by John Center to approve the 2025-26 Certificate of Highway Mileage with no changes. Motion approved unanimously.
- e. **Otter Creek Communication Union District** – Since 97% of our households have broadband access, remaining in this district no longer appears necessary. A motion to withdraw from the Otter Creek Communication Union District was made by Chet and seconded by John Center. The motion was approved.

- f. **Tax Stabilization Agreement Revised – VMS Properties** – The board previously signed this agreement to begin in November 2024 when the new owners took possession. However, once the grand list is filed, we are unable to make changes. Motion to approve the tax stabilization agreement for VMS Properties at 50% municipal rate for 5 years beginning July 1, 2025. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

- g. **Town Manager Report**

- i. **Small System Capacity and Resiliency Program (SCRIP) \$250,000 Grant Award** – this grant is for the pressure reducing valve to connect with the Rutland Town fire district. Work should begin in the spring.
- ii. **Vermont 250th Anniversary** – discussion with Peter Kulig and the Historical Society how we want to celebrate this anniversary. The State will be putting together a website and a list of events. Some ideas are banners, decals and red, white and blue lighting. More to come.

The warrant orders were approved and signed.

Board Member Concerns:

John Center /Chet Brown – discussion on the broken sidewalk plow machine and getting a backup machine to keep on hand. Sean will investigate. A new machine is \$150K.

Adjournment: John Center made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Goulette