

**Minutes**  
**West Rutland Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday, April 14th, 2025**  
**5:00 pm**

**Present:** John Harvey, Chet Brown, Dave Webster and Bob Bach.

**Others Present:** Mary Ann Goulette and Andrea McCormick

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by John Harvey with the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Minutes Approval:** Motion made by Chet seconded by Bob to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2025. Motion approved.

**Public Concerns:** None

**Action Items:**

- a) **Coin Drop Request** – Motion made by Chet seconded by Dave to approve Chris Moore’s request for a coin drop for the West Rutland Food Shelf. Date TBD. Motion approved unanimously.
  
- b) **Award Municipal Parking Lot Bid** – We received 5 bids: Fabian’s Earth Moving - \$151,488; Hallstrom - \$249,069; Waters Excavating - \$182,870; Markowski’s Excavating - \$218,950.85 and Hunter Excavating - \$121,106. Mary Ann and the engineer reviewed the bids and all the information is correct. Mary Ann checked references on the low bid and recommends to award the bid to Hunter Excavating. Bob reviewed the plans and further discussed the electrical installation. Motion made by Chet seconded by Dave to award the Marble Street Parking Lot bid to Hunter Excavating for \$121,106. Motion approved.
  
- c) **Vermont Bond Bank SCRIP Tier 2 Grant Agreement** – Motion made Chet seconded by Bob to sign the agreement as presented. This \$250,000 grant will be used for the pressure reducing valve to connect to Rutland Town Fire District. Motion approved unanimously.
  
- d) **Resolution – WWTP Planning Loan Agreement** - This \$61,000 planning loan will cover the Wastewater Upgrade design and will later be rolled into the bond. Motion made by Dave seconded by Chet to sign the resolution for the WWTP planning loan. All in favor. Motion approved.
  
- e) **Approve Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement for the Public Works** – This agreement is similar to last years and is between the RRPC and area municipalities to be able to

request and received aid. Motion made by Dave seconded by Chet to adopt the 2025 Mutual Aid Agreement for Public Works Departments. Motion approved

- f) **Health Officer Appointment** – Motion made by Dave seconded by Bob to reappoint Mary Ann Goulette to the three-year appointment. Motion approved unanimously.
- g) **Approve Liquor and Tobacco Licenses** – The licenses are applied online by applicant and the selectboard approves them:
- Westside Tavern / ACGC Enterprises, Inc. - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class liquor license, outside consumption.
  - American Legion Post #87 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class liquor license, outside consumption.
  - Family Dollar Store of Vermont LLC – Tobacco license
- Motion made by Chet seconded by Dave to approve all licenses as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
- h) **US Treasury Bond Investment Proposal** - Mary Ann suggested diversifying some of our cash into a US Treasury Bond ladder program through Heritage Family Credit Union. She suggested a \$250,000 investment. Motion made Dave seconded by Chet to move \$250,000 into the US Treasury Bond Proposal as presented. All in favor. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Discussion Items:**

- a) **Library Renovations** – Chet gave an update on the water damage at the library and the renovations the building needs including painting, gutters and flooring amounting to \$25,000. This item is tabled until next meeting.
- b) **Chicken Ordinance** – We have had a few complaints of loose chickens. There is a State Statute that addresses it already under Title 20 Chapter 191 Land or premises of another. “A person who knowingly permits ...domestic fowls to go upon the land or premises of another, after the latter has given the owner notice shall be fined not more than \$100 nor less than \$50.00 for each animal running at large.” All agreed this was sufficient and a Town ordinance was not necessary.

#### **Board Member Concerns:**

Bob Bach – loud trucks racing on Pleasant Street late at night.

Future Selectboard meetings will begin at 5:30pm.

**Adjournment:** Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:38pm and Chet seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Goulette