

**TOWN OF RUTLAND  
SELECT BOARD**

MINUTES: January 25, 2016

Board members present: Don Chioffi, Mary Ashcroft, Joe Dicon, John Paul Faignant, Joshua Terenzini

Meeting opened at 5:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Dicon presented minutes from the January 12, 2016 Select Board Meeting. Mr. Faignant made a motion to accept the January 12, 2016 minutes. Mr. Terenzini made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Questions FromThe Floor:

There were no questions from the floor.

Town Planning Commission Chair Ms. Barbara Pulling reported:

1. Ms. Pulling informed the Board that the Town Plan Public Hearing will be scheduled for March 3, 2016 at 7:00 P. M. at the Town Hall. She said the items to be discussed include; the Land Use Map, the Working Lands Land Use District and View Sheds. Ms. Pulling told the Board that Town Administrator Mr. Joseph Zingale Jr. will mail the Town Plan notices to the seven abutting Towns. Ms. Pulling presented information on the Working Lands and View Sheds to the Board for review.

Mr. Chioffi thanked Ms. Pulling and the Commission for their work regarding the Solar Symposium held on January 21, 2016.

Town SWAC & Transfer Station representative Mr. Richard Lloyd reported:

Mr. Lloyd was not present.

Town Emergency Management Director and Transportation Council Representative Mr. Martin Wasserman reported:

Mr. Wasserman was not present

Town Clerk & Treasurer Ms. Donna Zeller reported:

1. Ms. Zeller presented the consolidated orders for Payroll, Orders, and Fire Bond Payment.
2. She told the Board that the last day to post the Town Election Warning is Sunday, January 31, 2016. Ms. Zeller said she would get Board signatures after the meeting.

3. Ms. Zeller told the Board that the deadline for articles for the Circle is Friday, February 5, 2016.
4. She told the Board that the Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016 in honor of President's Day.
5. Ms. Zeller told the Board that Town Meeting will be held on Monday, February 29, 2016 at the Rutland Town School at 7:00 P.M.
6. Ms. Zeller said the polls will be open on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 A.M and that voting would continue until to 7:00 P.M. Ms. Zeller told Board members that she will hold a BCA meeting before the Town Meeting to go over changes to procedure.
7. Ms. Zeller requested a Select Board Meeting before the close of business on Monday, February 1, 2016 in order to get authorization to make a sewer payment to the City of Rutland.
8. Ms. Zeller presented the Appropriations, the Budgets, and the Warning to the Board.

Mr. Diction read the 2016-2017 Appropriation requests dated January 25, 2016 in the amount of **\$435,527.00**. Mr. Chioffi moved to accept the request. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Ms. Zeller informed Board members that to date the Local Options tax has raised **\$7,261,019.19** to date. Ms. Zeller reported she placed **\$586,000.00 in local option revenue** into the Budget.

Rutland Town Recreation Director Mike Rowe reported:

1. Mr. Rowe strongly encouraged the Board not to increase the Town Recreation Budget by 1%.

Mr. Chioffi said the decision was made to allow for a funding source for future step increases and that it is a Board's Policy decision.

Mr. Faignant suggested the Board not add items to the Budget when a Department Head is opposed to doing so.

Mr. Faignant made a motion to reconsider the approval of line item 06030 of the Recreation Budget. Mr. Terenzini made a second to the motion. After some discussion, the motion failed by a vote of 2-3. Ms. Ashcroft, Mr. Chioffi and Mr. Diction voted in the negative.

Town Road Commissioner Mr. Byron Hathaway reported:

Mr. Diction read an email from Mr. Hathaway with a proposal to amend the Rutland Town Highway Budget:

- 1) Reducing line 045033 to **\$10,000.00** for Line Striping, Intersection Painting and eliminating Fog Line Painting.

- 2) Reducing line 045042 to **\$4,000.00** for to eliminate Loader Blasting and Painting, having a local company do minor adjustments.
  
- 3) Strike line 045055, eliminating employee bonuses and step increases.

Mr. Faignant made a motion to strike line item 045055. Mr. Terenzini made a second to the motion. After some discussion, the motion failed by a vote of 2-3. Ms. Ashcroft, Mr. Chioffi and Mr. Diction voting in the negative.

Mr. Chioffi made a motion to approve the Highway Budget as Mr. Hathaway presented **\$987,329.00**. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. After discussion, the motion failed by a vote of 1-4. Ms. Ashcroft Mr. Diction, Mr. Terenzini and Mr. Faignant voted in the negative.

Ms. Ashcroft moved to amend the Highway Commissioner's Budget in the amount of **\$990,329.00**. Mr. Chioffi made a second to the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2-3. Mr. Terenzini, Mr. Faignant and Mr. Diction voted in the negative.

Ms. Ashcroft made a motion to accept the amended Rutland Town Highway Budget in the amount of **\$990,895.00**. The motion passed unanimously.

#### General Budget:

Ms. Ashcroft moved to approve the revised General Budget. Mr. Faignant made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Appropriations Budget:

Ms. Ashcroft moved to approve the Appropriations Budget. Mr. Faignant made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Terenzini made a motion to approve a contract with Stantec for fire station work. Mr. Faignant made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board scheduled a meeting for Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 4:00P.M to sign the Budget, the Warning and approve a sewer payment to the City of Rutland.

#### Town Fire Chief Mr. Frank Cioffi reported:

1. Mr. Frank Cioffi submitted an application for a new Fire Fighter to join the Department. Mary Ashcroft made a motion to accept the position. Mr. Terenzini made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Faignant made a motion that the Board suspend the by-laws and allow the Chief to appoint Tim Clark as Lieutenant to the McKinley Station. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mr. Cioffi requested permission to put Engine # 1 out to bid. Mr. Cioffi made a motion to allow permission for the Fire Chief to put Engine # 1 out to bid. Mr. Faignant made a motion to table the matter until Board members can look over the specifications.

Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. The motion passed 4-1. Mr. Chioffi voted in the negative.

3. Chief Cioffi reported on the various repairs needed to the Station, totaling approximately **\$8,000.00**. Mr. Faignant made a motion that all three projects do not exceed **\$2,500.00**. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. The Chief told the Board that the well at the McKinley Station needs to be replaced in the spring.

Town Police Chief Ed Dumas Reported:

1. He told the Board that he understands the Diamond Run Mall wants to do away with the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Zingale told the Board that a Mall representative had made an inquiry but has not submitted anything to the Board.

Town Representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission Mr. Frederick Nicholson reported:

1. He told the Board that the State Department of Agriculture made a presentation regarding new Clean Water regulations and information regarding the reclassified farms. He said Farms will now be determined by the number of animal units on a property.
2. He told the Board that the Regional Issues Committee reviewed and approved the Clarendon Town Plan.

Town Administrator Mr. Joseph Zingale Jr. reported:

1. He told the Board that he will be meeting the following week with the Town's Storm Water Consultant to develop language for a new storm water / development ordinance.
2. Mr. Zingale, Jr, told the Board that the Town Report will be going to the printer on Friday January 29, 2016

Mr. Zingale suggested the Board reconsider their decision to not fund the construction of a sidewalk on Cold River Road from the Adele Stanley Apartments to US Route 7. Mr. Zingale said the construction of the sidewalk will address 9L public access concerns.

Mr. Diction read a letter from a town resident living at the Adele Stanley Apartments. The resident said a sidewalk will allow her to walk her child to Route 7.

Mr. Zingale, Jr. requested an Executive Session to discuss the Randbury Road Project.

Mr. Diction read a letter from Commercial Cleaning regarding cleaning the Town Hall.

Mr. Faignant made a motion at 7:05 PM to go into executive session to discuss Randbury Road negotiations with Mr. Zingale. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Faignant moved to close the executive session and the meeting at 7:15 PM. Mr. Chioffi made a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.