

# Selectboard Meeting -- March 17, 2020 7 PM -- Minutes

Present at the Town Hall Annex: Selectboard member Karen Cruise (chair), TA Sherry Patch, AC chair Wayne Adams, Financial team member Melissa Hawkins and RAC chair Bill Holder.

Present via Webex conferencing: Selectboard members Richy Bisk and Matthew Moncreaff, AC member Rick McCowan, Mary Jo Wojtusik, Judy Dino, Bill Lawton, and Helga Lyons.

Student advisor to the board, Adam King present via webex

Also present via Webex were RAC member Ann Neuburg, Ben Metcalf, Linda Nash.

Minutes from March 10, 2020 were approved as amended.

Karen provided an update on PFAS.

Roads update:

- Viewed Bill Holder's presentation pdf file.
- Bill reviewed upcoming projects and explained funding options with three funding potential plans. Bill was looking at what the impact on the roads program would be with less funding from the town and/or using borrowing for a couple of large projects. Concerns were raised with the town taking on additional debt as laid out in the "Robusto" plan. Helga asked to see a multi-year plan of revenues and expenses to see the longer term impact of the 3 scenarios. Bill and Wayne both mentioned that though borrowing might help in the short term, it might restrict our options in a few years. Bill was particularly concerned about having enough money available to finish coal kiln and forslund in fy22 (est about 800k).

FY 21 Budget Review and Discussion

- The Advisory Committee and Selectboard agreed to draft a letter expressing disapproval of the WRSD proposed budget. Wayne will draft the letter and his committee will discuss and vote on it. It will then come to the SB for discussion and approval.

The board voted unanimously to authorize TA Sherry Patch to sign the lease for Post Office Place.

The board voted unanimously for CMRPC to receive energy information from the town. A letter to residents regarding Covid-19 drafted by student advisor to the Selectboard, Adam King was approved by the board as amended.

Karen informed the group that she and Sherry had discussed a plan to update the town more frequently on the COVID-19 situation. Though Rutland is doing a video update daily, we will be providing written updates when there is new information to communicate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Moncreaff