**Board of Selectmen**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 27, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Rutland Public Library**

**Present:** Stephanie Bacon, Leroy Clark, Wayne Walker, Sheila Dibb, Michael Pantos

**Others:** Margaret Nartowicz, Town Administrator and Abby Benoit, Administrative Secretary

Ms. Bacon opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Clark moved to sign treasury warrant #20 and payrolls. Ms. Dibb 2nd. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Clark moved to approve minutes from March 13, 2017 as presented. Mr. Pantos 2nd. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Clark moved to approve minutes from February 27, 2017 as presented. Ms. Dibb 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**Appointments**

The Chief discussed an incident that occurred on March 16, 2017 on the rail trail where a female was rescued. He thanked and acknowledged Officers Brent Carpenter and Officer Sam Perotto for their tremendous efforts. Ms. Nartowicz thanked all employees that give their heart and soul every day. An award was presented to the officers from the Board.

**Town Administrator Updates**

Ms. Nartowicz advised the Board that she intends to appoint a 9th full time dispatcher, she asked participating communities twice for comments, only one town responded. Other towns expressed no concern or comments. The position has been advertised.

**Insurance Advisory Committee Appointment**

Ms. Bacon read a letter recommending the appointment of Phyllis Chartier to the Insurance Advisory committee.

Ms. Dibb moved to appoint Phyllis Chartier to the Insurance Advisory Committee. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**Nomination of Inspector of Animals**

Ms. Dibb moved to nominate Laura Pease as the Inspector of Animals, with the amendment to authorize the chair to sign the nomination papers. Mr. Pantos 2nd. Vote unanimous.

Ms. Dibb announced that she will be leaving at some point during the meeting.

Mr. Walker arrived at 6:08 P.M.

**CMRPC Affirmation of Commitment**

Ms. Nartowicz confirmed that the request for funding for a Growth Management Study has been approved. The study will gather data on the towns existing growth and will project the town’s future growth and its impacts on infrastructure. The data will be a resource for the Town. CMRPC will provide the 5% match.

Mr. Pantos moved to accept the funding from CMRPC and authorize the chair to sign. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**Town Contract Policy and Procurement Policy & Procedure**

Draft policies and procedures were provided to the Board for review. The policies will tie into the town meeting articles about contract execution.

**Board and Committee Appointment Policy**

The Board will hold for approval.

**WRSD Maintenance Agreement**

The Maintenance agreement goes with the lease agreement, there is a change in the amounts being committed which also include maintenance on the pump station and for the first time an escalator.

**Open Space and Rec Plan**

Peter Craine presented the 2017 Edition of Rutland’s Open Space and Recreation Plan, which will be a planning tool to the Town. With the plan in place the Town will be eligible to receive grant and special funding. The Goal of the Plan is to preserve character of Rutland, preserve the farmlands, wetlands and wildlife habitats, provide recreation programs and facilities for all ages and protect water resources.

Mr. Craine also presented proposed by laws for Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Pantos moved to authorize the chair to sign a support letter for the Open Space and Recreation Plan in behalf of the Board. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

There will be a round table discussion regarding the proposal to RDIC from Friends of Rutland Fields for park development at the Heights Property.

**Board of Selectmen Goals and Objectives**

There was discussion about prioritizing the goals list for the board. The Board agreed that they would be worked on concurrently and not have them listed in a triage list of numerical importance.

**Police Chief Resume Screening Committee**- Ms. Nartowicz to put together a resume screening committee. Five responses were received from individuals with a law enforcement background. There was discussion regarding in state versus out of state candidates, Ms. Nartowicz will review with legal.

**Treasurer Collector Contract Execution**

There will be a change in the contract before submission to the Board for execution.

**Public Comment**

Steven Sherman, Paddock Road, asked for clarification about the Earth Works Board. Mr. Craine answered that it is a new separate independent board that will be made up of members from other committees. There was also discussion about a budget for the committee. Ms. Dibb recommended that as projects came about they could request to place an Article at Town meeting. Also certain Board and Committees can retain permit fees and be self-funding.

Residents of Glenwood Place expressed concerns with estate lots and wanted to know the requirements. There was discussion of a minimum 5 acre lot with fifty feet of frontage. They also asked about the septic systems and were advised to follow up with the Board of Health. Dick Williams confirmed that there are 11 proposed lots for Glenwood Place with recent approval of ANR lots. There was additional discussion about the approval process and that the Town road ends at the flag pole of the last house on the right. Any roadway beyond the flag pole has not been submitted for approval. Mr. Kellaher confirmed that a cease and desist has been issued to discontinue dirt hauling until the weather conditions improve.

A resident of 27 Glenwood Place expressed concerns with the road which is 16 feet wide, her home is 12 feet off the Road. She is concerned with the water supply and safety of her home. The contractor is still hauling, her foundation is 100 years old and the house was rebuilt 70 years ago. She received a letter on Friday of a hearing on April 11th, the abutters were not notified for prior lot approval.

Mr. Kellaher has stated that the builder needs to fix the town road.

Vincent Ross, 23 Glenwood Place, stated that last year trucks started bringing fill between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm, when the residents are at work. The Planning Board advised neighbors at that time that it is not illegal to dump fill on a property. Mr. Ross stated that it appears like a road, they are cutting down trees and covering stumps to make a road. He wanted to know who the enforcing authority is for the cease and desist as the road cannot handle the trucks and the neighbors have been maintaining the road. There are places that the road is not even 16 feet wide. The road has needed gravel for over 10 years.

There was additional discussion regarding wetlands on Glenwood place, any work near wetlands requires a hearing through the Conservation Commission.

An update will be provided at the next Board meeting for Glenwood Place.

**Gary Kellaher, DPW**

Mr. Kellaher confirmed that they have received notice that it is ok to proceed with Phase 2 of complete streets.

Air quality testing was completed at the Community Center, the results are more than favorable and everything came back below the acceptable level. There are a few minor repair items that will be completed on the building.

The TIP is completed and was submitted to Mass DOT which took into conservation comments from the public outreach was included.

Mr. Kellaher received a letter regarding the Moulton Pond Dam safety, a site walk will be scheduled.

There was discussion about grant awards.

There was discussion about the Interval Bridge work, they will be rearranging detour signs and get better notification out. There was additional discussion about a bus turn around for school kids.

Ms. Dibb exited the meeting.

**Warrant Review**

**Special town Meeting**

**ARTICLE:** Snow & Ice Deficit (Board of Selectmen/DPW)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the **Snow and Ice Supplies Account (001-423-5400) and the Snow and Ice Plow Blades and Chains Account (001-423-5533)** for Fiscal Year 2017; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place the article for the Snow & Ice Deficit on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE:** Unpaid Bills of Prior Fiscal Years (RDIC)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds (Free Cash) the **sum of** **$5,457.50 to Cranston & Cranston, P.C. for prior years’ legal invoices associated with the development of the Rutland Heights property**; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place the article for Unpaid Bills of Prior Fiscal Years (RDIC) on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE:** Regional Emergency Communications Center Wages (Board of Selectmen/RRECC)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a **sum of money to the Public Safety Dispatch Wages Account (001-231-5120)** for Fiscal Year 2017; or take any relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place the article for Regional Emergency Communications Center Wages on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE:** Police Department Wages (Board of Selectmen/Police Department)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds the **sum of $8,025 to the Police Full-Time Wages Account (001-210-5120)** for Fiscal Year 2017; or take any relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place the article for Police Department Wages on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE:** Police Chief Assessment Center (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the FY17 Select board Other Charges Account #001-122-5700, for the purpose of funding the **Assessment Center** **process for a new Police Chief** for the Police Department; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place the article for the Police Chief Assessment Center on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE:** DPW Loader Debt Payoff (Board of Selectmen/DPW)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds the **sum of $100,950.00** to pay in full, the principal and interest remaining on the borrowing authorization approved under Article 30 of the November 17, 2014 Special Town Meeting; or take any action in relation thereto.

There was discussion regarding the DPW Loader Debt Payoff, it will be held until the next meeting for further discussion.

**ARTICLE:** Police Patrol Room Redesign (Police Department)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds the **sum of $6,376.53** to redesign and furnish the patrol room in the police station; or take any action in relation thereto.

The Board will hold this Article until the Fall Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE:** Police Cruiser Lease Payoff (Police Department)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds **the sum of $14,949.51** to pay in full, the remaining lease balance on the 2015 Ford Explorer cruiser; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place an article for the Police Cruiser Lease Payoff on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote 3-1.

**ARTICLE:** Weapons Replacement (Police Department)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds the **sum of $5,485.00** to replace police handguns purchased in 2006 with new handguns, holsters and magazine pouches; or take any action in relation thereto.

The Board agreed to hold this article for a possible donation or a future Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE:** Thermal Imaging Camera Replacement (Fire Department)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from FY17 Ambulance Wages (001-231-5120) the **sum of $9,250.00 to purchase one (1) Thermal Imaging Camera to replace one grant-funded unit purchased in 2000** for the Fire Department; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place the Thermal Imaging Camera Replacement for one camera on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote 3-1.

**ARTICLE:** 4X4 Pick Up Truck with Plow and Brush Slide-in Unit (Fire Department)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from Available Funds (FY17 Ambulance Wages) the **sum of $64,200.00 to purchase and equip a 4x4 Pick Up Truck with Plow and Brush slide in unit for the Fire Department**; or take any action in relation thereto.

The Board agreed to hold this article for a future Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE:** RDIC Funding (Citizen Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer/appropriate from available funds (free cash) a **sum of money to the Rutland Development and Industrial Commission (RDIC)** to pay for costs associated with the selling, leasing, and developing of properties under their control,or act in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos Moved to place the RDIC Funding on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 10:** Rutland Heights Recreational Park/Field development (Requested by RDIC)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds (free cash) a **sum of money to pay for the costs associated with building a park at the site of the old Rutland Heights facility**, on Rutland Heights Way, under the control of the Rutland Development and Industrial Commission (RDIC); or take any action in relation thereto.

The Board agreed to hold this article for future consideration or possible grant funding.

**ARTICLE 11:** Rutland Little League Lease Agreement (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and **enter into a lease agreement with a term or terms of longer than three years with Rutland Little League, Inc.** for recreational field use at “Marsh Field”, a Town owned property located on Pommogussett Road, and to take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate in connection therewith; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place an article for the Rutland Little League Lease Agreement. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 12:** Rutland Historical Society Lease Agreement (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and **enter into a lease agreement with a term or terms of longer than three years with Rutland Historical Society, Inc.** for use of the so-called “Wood House”, a Town owned building located at 232 Main Street, and to take all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate in connection therewith; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place an article for the Rutland Historical Society Lease Agreement. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**Annual Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 1**:

To hear the Annual Reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

**ARTICLE 2:**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries or compensation of elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, in accordance with Section 108, Chapter 41, of the General Laws as amended; or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School Assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to determine whether the Town will appropriate money therefore, to be provided by taxation or by appropriation from available funds; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place Articles #1, #2, and #3 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District Minimum Local Contribution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to determine whether the Town will appropriate money therefore, to be provided by taxation or by appropriation from available funds; or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 5:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District Debt Service Assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to determine whether the Town will appropriate money therefore, to be provided by taxation or by appropriation from available funds; or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District Transportation Assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to determine whether the Town will appropriate money therefore, to be provided by taxation or by appropriation from available funds; or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 7:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Wachusett Regional School District Operations Assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to determine whether the Town will appropriate money therefore, to be provided by taxation or by appropriation from available funds; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place Article #4, #5, #6, and #7 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 8:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of Municipal Departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to determine whether the Town will appropriate money therefore, to be provided by taxation or by appropriation from available funds; or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 9:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of Debt Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and to determine whether the Town will appropriate money therefore, to be provided by taxation or by appropriation from available funds; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place Article #8 and #9 with removing language for a transfer from stabilization. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 10:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to operate the Water Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017; or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 11:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to operate the Sewer Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place Article #10 and #11 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and remove language regarding transfers from stabilization. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 12:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any grants or donations from State or Federal governments or private agencies, individuals or institutions; or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 13:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for goods and services with duration in excess of three (3) years under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12, paragraph (b); or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 14:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2017 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place Articles #12, #13 and #14 on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 15:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all funds which become available in the fiscal year 2018 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Highways, Chapter 90 Bond Issue proceeds, to be used by the DPW for the repair and maintenance of town roads in conformance with Massachusetts General Laws and further that the Town vote to raise said appropriation by borrowing and authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, in anticipation of the receipt of said State Aid; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place Article #15 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 16: (Capital Budget - CIPC-recommended)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of $380,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2018 for the capital equipment, buildings, facilities and other projects as shown on a document entitled “FY18 CAPITAL BUDGET BY FUNDING SOURCE” on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or interests in land necessary therefore; determine whether the funding shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; determine whether to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such capital improvements; or take any action in relation thereto.

FY18 CAPITAL BUDGET BY FUNDING SOURCE

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| Proposed Funding Source | Department | Capital Project/Item | Estimated Cost |
| Grant | Fire Dept | UTV | $40,000 |
| Sewer Free Cash | Sewer Enterprise | Infiltration & Inflow Work | $340,000 |
| ??? | DPW | Mill & Pave Parking Lots | $106,000 |
| ??? |  | Used Holder C992 | $69,500 |
| Debt Exclusion | Fire | Ambulance #2 | ??? |

This article will be held for further discussion at the next meeting.

**ARTICLE 17: (Board of Selectmen)**

*Note: See Municipal Modernization Act legislative amendments for article(s).*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following FY 2018 Revolving Funds in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, §53E ½, to be expended under the authority and direction of the following agencies or officials, to be credited with receipts from the following revenue sources, to be expended for the following stated purposes, not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

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| Revolving Fund | Authorized to  Expend | Revenue  Source | Use of Fund | Spending  Limit |
| Recreation Department | Recreation Director | Fees paid by  Participants | School year programs including but not limited to the Safe Place Programs | $350,000. |
| Board of Health | Board of Health | Inspection Fees | Inspectional services, costs and expenses | $45,000. |
| Planning Board | Planning Board | Filing and other fees | Administrative services, costs and fees | $75,000. |
| Recreation Department | Recreation Director | Fees paid by  Participants | Recreational  Activities | $123,000. |
| Animal Control  Department | Animal Control  Officer | ACO Kennel  User fees | Supplies for operation of  Regional ACO Kennel | $5,500. |

Or take any action in relation thereto.

This article will be held for further discussion at the next meeting.

**ARTICLE 18: (Board of Selectmen/Cable Advisory Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to fund PEG Access and Cable Related operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and to authorize the cable advisory committee to expend such monies as may be received into said Fund and to revert all unspent funds back to the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund; or take any action in relation thereto.

*Mr. Clark moved to place Article 18 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.*

**ARTICLE 19: (Wachusett Greenways)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000 from money from available funds to Wachusett Greenways for the maintenance and upkeep of its recreation paths; or take any action in relation thereto.

*Mr. Clark moved to place Article 19 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.*

**ARTICLE 20: (Board of Selectmen/Recreation Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the sections of the General Bylaws titled “RECREATION COMMITTEE BYLAWS” and “DIRECTOR OF RECREATION BYLAW” as shown on the handout titled, “RECREATION BYLAWS”; or take any action in relation thereto.

*Mr. Clark moved to place Article 20 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.*

**ARTICLE 21: (Planning Board Bylaw Sub-Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a section titled ”Medical Marijuana Dispensary Bylaw”, as shown on the handout titled, “MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY BYLAW”; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Pantos moved to place Article 21 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 22: (Conservation Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding a section titled “Earthworks Board”, as shown on the handout titled, “EARTHWORKS BOARD BYLAW”; or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 23: (Conservation Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Law section titled “Earth Removal By-Law” by deleting references to the Conservation Commission and inserting “Earthworks Board” as shown on the handout entitled “EARTH REMOVAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS”; or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 24: (Board of Selectmen/Building Commissioner/Conservation Commission)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw section titled “Non-Criminal Disposition, Section 3, Enforcement Personnel” by amending certain Building Inspector fines*,* and by inserting Earthworks Board to the Section 21D fines table as shown on the handout entitled “NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION - SECTION 21D FINE AMENDMENTS”; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Clark moved to place Articles #22, #23 and #24 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 25: (Fire Department/Police Department)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 2004 to read, “*Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41: Section 100G1/4, Payment of funeral and burial expenses of firefighters and police officers killed in performance of duties*”; said payment of reasonable expenses not to exceed the amount set forth in MGL c.41, s.100G¼; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Clark moved to place Article 25 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 26: Solar PILOT (Board of Selectmen/Solar Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (“PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, and any other enabling authority with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, its affiliate or assignee, for a term of up to 20 years and upon such other terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for both real property and personal property associated with construction and operation of a solar renewable energy generation facility, on a parcel of privately-owned land (Map \_\_\_ Lot \_\_\_) on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, upon which such facility is to be located, or upon another parcel of land upon which such facility may be constructed or operated; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Clark moved to place Article 26 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pantos 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 27: Public Way Acceptance (Citizen Petition)**

To see if the Town of Rutland will vote to accept as a public way that certain parcel of land known as Michael Drive, in said Town shown on a plan entitled “Definitive Subdivision Plan” Moose Crossing prepared for East County Realty, LLC, 153 East Hill Road, Oakham, MA as prepared by New England Environmental Design, LLC dated March 11, 2008 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 867 Page 25, together with all of the grantor’s interest in and to the drainage easement located on Lot 4, Lot 5, Lot 6, and drainage easement as shown on the Plan recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 804 Page 76 and all other easements as shown on said plans; or take other actions in relation thereto.

Mr. Clark moved to place Article 27 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Walker 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 28: (WRSD)**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the naming of the Art Department courtyard at Wachusett Regional High School in honor of Mr. Ralph Caouette as the “Ralph Caouette Courtyard” in accordance with the WRSDC Policy # 7161; or take any action in relation thereto.

Mr. Walker moved to place Article 28 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pantos 2nd. Vote unanimous.

**ARTICLE 29: (Moderator)**

To choose all necessary Town Officers and Committees

Mr. Walker moved to place Article 29 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Pantos 2nd. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Pantos moved to enter into **Executive Session Reason #2:** To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. (Fire Department, TA). Mr. Clark 2nd. Mr. Walker recused himself. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Bacon aye, Mr. Clark aye, Mr. Pantos aye.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:38 P.M.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:08 P.M.

Mr. Pantos moved to adjourn. Mr. Clark 2nd. Vote 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Abby Benoit

Administrative Secretary

*Approved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*