

Town of Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

April 24, 2012

Public Present: Mr. Winston Sadoo, Chris Wood (BALE), Mrs. Donna Carpenter, Mr. Joshua Powers (BALE), Stuart Levasseur, Administrative Assistant to the Royalton Selectboard Nathan Cleveland

Royalton Selectboard: Chairman Larry Trottier, Ernie Amsden, Peggy Ainsworth, Joan Goldstein, and Phil Gates

Appointments

Building a Local Economy (BALE)

The Selectboard reviewed a letter requesting the use of the South Royalton Green on June 7th from the organization (BALE).

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to approve the request from BALE to use of the South Royalton Village Green on June 7th. Passed 4-0

Public Concerns

Mrs. Donna Carpenter was welcomed to the meeting to discuss the town's intent to discontinue extraction of gravel from the pit on Mrs. Carpenter's Gilman Rd. property. This pit is operated under a permit that is in the control of Mrs. Carpenter and the Town of Royalton.

Mrs. Carpenter was concerned with how the town intended to leave the condition of the gravel pit after the town ceases to extract gravel in the fall of 2012. She expects that the pit will be left in a reasonable manner that will allow Mrs. Carpenter to continue if she so wishes. There are a few piles of tailings and some stockpiles of top soil that are present that she would like to see removed that are not part of the pit. She understands that if she were to operate after the town leaves the pit grass seed would not be planted.

Minutes of April 10, and April 17, 2012

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by P. Gates to accept the minutes of April 10, and April 17, 2012. Passed 4-0, J. Goldstein abstained from voting on the minutes of the 10th and E. Amsden abstained from the voting on the minutes of the 17th.

Appointed Officers

The Selectboard received a letter of interest from Mrs. Gidget Lyman notifying the Selectboard that she is seeking the appointment of Emergency Coordinator. She noted that she has taken the CERT class

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second P. Gates motion to appoint Ms. Gidget Lyman as the Town Emergency Coordinator. Passed 4-0

Water Service

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland reported that the water service line projects authorized for Alumni Field, the Hope Property, and the South Royalton Village Green

are being coordinated by the contractor, Jerry Swasey and the water department. The South Royalton Village Green project will be scheduled to be completed before Old Home Days.

Basic Emergency Operations Plan (BEOP)

The Selectboard reviewed the BEOP with newly appointed Emergency Coordinator Gidget Lyman and requested a meeting be scheduled with the Fire and Rescue Departments, and Bob Quillia (the former Emergency Coordinator).

Accounts Payable and Payroll

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the accounts payable and payroll vouchers as prepared by the Town Treasurer.

FEMA Projects

Back River Road – Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland reported that a 36” metal culvert needs a 20’ section to be replaced. The contractor proposes to replace the section with a HDPE section. Upon discussion the Selectboard approved replacing the section with 36” metal, not the proposed HDPE.

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland also reported that he has received requests from residents to lower the speed limit on Back River Road when it is opened to traffic again. The Selectboard took no action and noted that they would review the speed limit after the road was opened.

Bridge Street – The Selectboard discussed the possibility to proceed with the final repairs to Bridge Street by hiring the contractor who is working on Back River Road without going out to bid on the project. Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland noted that by doing so the town would risk losing funding from FEMA on the project. Upon further discussion the Selectboard authorized Dubois and King, Inc. to proceed with bid documents on the final repairs.

Carpenter Recreation Field – NMP Golf Construction requested approval of a change order concerning the methodology to the restoration work at the Carpenter Recreation Field. **Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by P. Gates to accept the change order received by NMP Golf Construction. Passed 4-0**

Excess Weight Permit Application

The Selectboard reviewed excess weight permit applications from Johathan Beebe, Exide Technologies, Gillespie Fuels, and Schulz Excavation.

Motion by P. Ainsworth to approve the excess weight permit applications as requested with the Schulz Excavation set at 70,000 lbs. contingent upon confirmation of the truck having 3 or 4 axles. Passed 4-0

High Risk Rural Roads Agreement

The Selectboard reviewed the agreement that would authorize the VT Agency of Transportation to implement low cost safety improvements targeted at reducing major crashes on Royalton Hill Road. **Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to**

approve the High Risk Rural Road agreement with the VT Agency of Transportation. Passed 3-2 (E. Amsden and P. Gates opposed)

Discontinuance Schedule – Upper Lea Road and roads known or unknown other than Post Farm Rd. and the Bloss Ballou Rd. on lands of Carol and Perry Hodgdon

The Selectboard discussed the notification requirements associated with discontinuance proceedings. The schedule would set discontinuance proceedings to take place on May 29, 2012.

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by P. Gates to set the date of discontinuance proceedings at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 for both Upper Lea Road and any roads known or unknown (excluding Post Farm Road and the Bloss Ballou Road) on the lands of Carol and Perry Hodgdon. Passed 4-0

Crawford Autoland Property

The Selectboard discussed the ongoing environmental assessment of the former Crawford Autoland property. The phase 2 assessment is completed and a corrective action plan is being developed to address the identified hazards.

Additional Business

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to enter executive session for the purpose of negotiating of real estate transfers, inviting Mr. Rick Small, Winston Sadoo, and Nathan Cleveland). Passed 4-0

Entered executive session at 8:09 p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:29 p.m. with no action taken. (PA/PG)

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to offer the field portion of the Sarnoff property to Nava Bio-Energy for a price of \$66,500 (including a town retained right of way for access to the remaining property to be retained by the town of Royalton) and to authorize Chairman Larry Trottier to execute the warning and required public notice of the sale. The motion passed 4-0

Carpenter Recreation Field (equipment shed/cook shack)

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by P. Gates to authorize the Recreation Commission to hire a contractor and to manage the reconstruction of the storage shed on the Carpenter Recreation field damaged by flooding caused by Tropical Storm Irene. Passed 4-0

Motion by P. Gates, second by P. Ainsworth to enter executive session for the purpose of employment evaluation of an employee. Passed 4-0

Entered executive session at 9:10 p.m.

Exited executive session at 9:24 p.m. with no action taken. (PA/JG)

The Selectboard asked that Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland draft a letter to town highway employee Corey Rogers to outline the change of his employment status from

full time to seasonal employee. This change will set his term of employment from November 1st to April 30th with no employee benefits.

South Royalton Village green

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by P. Gates to hire North Star Tree Service to remove a dead maple tree on the South Royalton Green, and to prune the two crab apple trees for a price not to exceed \$1,000. Passed 4-0

Adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nathan P. Cleveland