

Town of Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

August 28, 2012

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

Public present: John Dumville, Royalton Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

Chairman Trottier opened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Public Concerns

Broad Brook Cemetery –

Cemetery Commission John Dumville reported that a dead pine tree needs to be removed from the middle of the Broad Brook Cemetery. Another pine tree needs dead limbs removed as well. **Motion by P. Gates, second by J. Goldstein to request an estimate from tree climbing company for removal of pine tree and dead limbs in another pine tree located in the Powers Cemetery located off of Broad Brook Rd. Passed 4-0**

Historical Preservation Grant

John Dumville requested that the Selectboard support a grant application for work on the “Old Town House” cupola located on the Royalton Village Common

Motion J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to apply for a historic preservation grant to help cover the expense of repairs at the Old Town House, and authorize Chairman to sign. Passed 4-0

Graffiti on Chelsea St. Bridge

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to hire Green Valley Monuments to clean graffiti from the Chelsea St. Bridge, with funds being used from the Community Betterment Fund. Motion passed 4-0

Contested parking tickets – (#5714 and #5715)

Discussion ensued on the request to waive parking ticket # 5714 and #5715. **Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by Chairman L. Trottier to forgive 2 tickets and send letter to church notifying the congregation of overnight parking ban. P. Ainsworth, and L. Trottier in favor of motion, J. Goldstein and P. Gates opposed (E. Amsden abstained). Motion did not pass.**

Request for donated material by contractor performing work at the Royalton Congregational Church

No action taken

Public Works Concerns

The Selectboard heard concerns about the mowing of town properties, street maintenance, crosswalk signage along South Windsor Street, and street sweeping. The board took the concerns under advisement and noted that the mowing would be put out to bid again this fall, and the street maintenance worker will be asked to work additional hours.

Pedersen/Frost Garage location (Southern end of the Bloss Ballou Rd.)

No action taken. The Selectboard noted that a site visit and more complete survey would be necessary to determine the location of the town right of way.

Use of the South Royalton Village Green (Vermont Law School VLS event)

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by E. Amsden to approve use of the South Royalton Village Green by VLS on October 19th. Motion passed 4-0

Highway

Lovejoy Bridge and Perley Farm Rd – Change of Scope Request

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland reported that FEMA will need to approve a change in the scope of work to the Lovejoy Bridge project as what was designed to meet State of Vermont permit requirements is larger than what FEMA has approved to pay for. He also reported that by relocating the Perley Farm Rd. away from its original location a change of scope request will be needed as well prior to construction commencing.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to request a change of scope on FEMA project worksheet #00072, to bring the Lovejoy scope of work to meet Vtrans standards. Motion passed.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to request change in scope to move road to temporary location and rip rap White River bank on FEMA project worksheet #00082. Motion passed 4-0

Paving bids are due by September 11th meeting

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Selectboard minutes of August 14, 2012

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by E. Amsden to approve Selectboard minutes of August 14, 2012. Motion passed (JG abstained) 3-0

Setting 2012 Tax Rate

Motion by P. Gates, second by E. Amsden to set the 2012 municipal tax rate as proposed by the Royalton Listers. Motion passed. Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to reconsider motion to approve municipal tax rate. Discussion ensued on the need for an explanation of the process to set tax rate. Motion to reconsider passed 4-0. Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by J. Goldstein to table motion to set tax rate and to request special meeting with Royalton Listers and Royalton Town Treasurer to set the 2012 municipal tax rate. Motion passed 4-0

Request to waive the open container ordinance

Discussion ensued on the request to waive the open container ordinance for the Tropical Storm Irene commemoration. **Motion by E. Amsden to waive open container ordinance. Motion was not seconded, no action taken.**

Vermont Law School (VLS) Sewer Line Easement

Discussion ensued on VLS Fitness Center proposed sewer line being changed to an 8 inch line under North Windsor Street. **Motion by J. Goldstein, second by E. Amsden, to accept maintenance of VLS sewer line provided the line is changed to an 8 inch line with an easement for maintenance of said sewer line being drafted by VLS. Motion passed 4-0**

Planning Commission Appointments

Discussion on PC request to move to 9 members from 7 members.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to increase Royalton Planning Commission membership from 7 to 9 members. The motion passed 4-0

Motion by E. Amsden, second by P. Gates to appoint David Brandau, Alison Gravel, Robert Slatery, Joshua Powers, and Roni Johnson to the Royalton Planning Commission, each for a term of three years per Royalton Planning Commission By-Laws (ending July 31, 2015). Motion passed 4-0

Crawford Property

Discussion ensued concerning the need for a master site plan for the former Crawford Autoland property. It was noted that the Royalton Planning Commission should be part of the process. Discussion ensued on the need of getting specific quotes/estimates on the cost to renovate the building to meet current office needs. The Selectboard requested that Roger Sheppard Construction, Estes and Gallop, Inc. and DEW Construction be contacted to complete cost estimates of the renovations that would be necessary to relocate town offices to the Crawford Autoland Building.

Accounts payable and Payroll

The Selectboard reviewed and approved payment of accounts payable and payroll vouchers as prepared by town treasurer.

Adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland