

Town of Royalton
Special Selectboard Budget Meeting
Town Clerks Office

December 18, 2012

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

Public present: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond, Chair of the Recreation Committee Bridget Barry, Jenny Lane, Town Attorney Frank Berk, Town Lister Walter Hastings, Town Lister Jeff Barcelow, and Stuart Levasseur

Chairman Trottier opened the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Appointments: Chairman Trottier welcomed Bridget Barry and Jenny Lane from the Recreation Committee to discuss the FY 13/14 Budget with the Selectboard. The Selectboard questioned the Repairs and Maintenance line item in their budget for \$16,000.00. Bridget listed the following items that money was allocated for:

- Maintenance for 4 balls fields (used to have 2 to maintain)
- Carpenter field still needs about \$5000.00 worth of fencing
- Aeration and Composting costs
- More Clay
- 4 dugouts need to be replaced.

Bridget mentioned they recycled as much as they could after the Storm Irene. She also mentioned the school use to pay for half of the mowing for Carpenter Field, but since the school no longer uses Carpenter field for any sports, the Rec is responsible for 100% of the mowing costs. There are also 2 additional fields put in on Crawford Property to maintain.

Larry asked about Community activities geared at all age groups and Bridget mentioned Recreation Committee will try to have a community event once a month. They have since sponsored a clothing swap, organized a holiday craft fair, and participated in Trunk or Treat on the green. They hope to create a town wide newsletter to keep the community informed of upcoming events.

Public Concerns

None

Selectboard Board

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to approve Selectboard Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2012. Motion passed 4-0

Accounts Payable reviewed and approved.

Reviewed letter about contested parking ticket from Eric Becker. No action taken

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to prepare a congratulatory letter for Duncan Hebard who earned his Eagle Scout Designation. Motion passed 4-0

Central Rail Coalition (Support reinstatement of passenger rail service along the Central Corridor. (Sign Resolution) Phil Gates questioned which rail line would supply service. If it was Amtrak he felt it was something the town could not support. Selectboard would like more information about coalition. Rose Hemond will call Blake Lamothe to find out which trains will provide service along this line.

At 7:30pm Joan Goldstein/E Amsden motion to enter into executive Session to discuss a lawsuit. The Board invited Frank Berk, Walter Hastings, Jeff Barcelow and Rose Hemond to stay for the discussion.

Entered executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:00p.m. with no action taken. (J. Goldstein, E. Amsden)

Walter Hastings reported to the Selectboard that the two attorneys that submitted bids for title work for the FEMA buyout properties did not offer a cap on their fees because research time may vary. **Motion tabled until more accurate bids can be submitted for the title work.**

Walter Hastings presented sub grant agreements from Two Rivers Ottawaquechee for the 25% of buyouts that are not covered by FEMA. Frank Berk to review agreements before Selectboard will sign.

Crawford Property: Rose Hemond will contact Encore Redevelopment in regards to possibly leasing land for Solar panels to generate revenue.

Selectboard reviewed Town Report cover photos submitted by Stuart and Pam Levassuer, Rose will convert some to black and white and present at the next meeting.

Selectboard reviewed Royalton Academy Budget. Discussion ensued about how costs of building use are not being covered by the leasing the space. Selectboard would like to invite building manager to a meeting to discuss possible ways to make the Academy Building break even.

Phil Gates reported the next meeting on 01/08/13 Aldrich and Elliot will present their final report on then rate structure for the towns sewer system.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rose Hemond