

**Town of Royalton
Special Selectboard Meeting
Royalton Town Clerk's Office**

December 4, 2012

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

Public present: Roger McCrillis, Rose Hemond, Architect David Laurin, Civil Engineer Rick DeWolfe and Walter Hastings

Chairman Trottier opened the Special Selectboard meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Public Concerns

None

Appointments – Architect: David Laurin

Chairman Trottier welcomed Architect David Laurin to the meeting. Mr. Laurin had presented three floor plans to the Selectboard in regards to the Crawford Property. Option A and Option B were renovations to the existing building. Option A allowed for the Police Department to be located in the back of the building with a separate entrance. Option B was considered more secure and had the vault located in the center of the building. There was also a New Option presented which was an entirely new building that could be built in front of the already existing building. This option allowed for part of the building to remain locked during meetings with a separate entrance for the Police Department. Joan Goldstein inquired as to the cost of each option. Mr. Laurin will work on those costs and report back to the Selectboard. Once the costs per square footage have been determined, all three options will be presented to the voters.

Appointments – Civil Engineer- Rick DeWolfe

Chairman Trottier welcomed Civil Engineer Rick DeWolfe to the meeting. Mr. DeWolfe presented a color coded map of the Crawford Property to the Selectboard. Findings include:

- 60 acres of the Crawford Property is a state declared deer yard. Discussion ensued on mapping deer yard. It may be smaller than 60 acres. Ernie Amsden commented there was no problem keeping property open. Part of the property can be used as recreation land and the town can put trails through the property.
- No more than 2 acres of the gravel pit will be open at a time. Phil Gates commented that there is 30-40 years supply of gravel on this property.
- There are some building lots on Mill Road that can be sold off.
- There is some timber that can be sold.

Rose Hemond will begin compiling the necessary documentation to apply for BRELLA funds for the Crawford Property. This will allow the funding to be in place when the state presents its corrective action plan for the property.

Payroll and Accounts Payable were approved

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**Motion by J. Goldstein seconded by P. Ainsworth to approve the minutes of November 27, 2012
Motion passed 4-0**

Love Joy Bridge: Findings concluded there are no concerns about cracking. No repairs necessary.

Town Report Cover 2013: Photo of Bridge Street Bridge. Rose will contact Pam Levasseur about taking photo.

Selectboard meeting Schedule: No meeting on 12/25/12. Next meeting for the new year will take place 01/08/13

Recreation Budget was not accepted. The Selectboard requested a member from the recreation Committee attend the next budget meeting on 12/18/12. Rose Hemond will contact some from the recreation committee.

Water rent to David Lyman- Motion to raise payment for water rent for the town garage from \$175.00 per year to \$400.00 Phil Gates motioned, seconded by Ernie Amsden. Motion passed 4-0

Phil Gates requested Royalton **Memorial Library Appropriation** be raised to \$54,355.00 for FY 13/14

Stagecoach requested an increase in their FY 13/14 appropriation from \$2025.00 to \$2360.00 for FY 13/14

Transportation Enhancement Grant. Rose Hemond will attend a meeting on 12/13/12 at VTC to find out how to apply for grant monies that will fund a feasibility study to prepare for construction of an "ADA compliant" sidewalk that would be located on North and South Windsor Street from Paines Beach to Stern Road

Discussion about delinquent taxes. The town has about \$450,000.00 in delinquent taxes from 2007 to current. The Selectboard will invite the Delinquent Tax Collector Llerdon Mayer to the next Selectboard meeting on 12/11/12.

Walter Hastings will be the new Flood Plain Administrator for Royalton. Phil Gates motioned, seconded by Peggy Ainsworth. Motion passed 4-0

Ernie Amsden requested a "Municipal Parking Only" sign on North Windsor Street. Ernie Amsden motioned, Joan Goldstein seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Peggy Ainsworth discussed removing old sign posts. Roger McCrillis will remove and replace old sign posts in town.

Rose Hemond presented the Selectboard a report showing General Fund actual expenses through 11/30/12 versus the General Fund 12/13 budgeted amount. She also included what percentage of budgeted amounts were already used 5 months into the fiscal year. This allows the Selectboard to better understand how well the budget is working and how each department is adhering to their budget.

Joan Goldstein was contacted by The Dollar General. They had called Joan and asked if the town changed their zoning or town plan to allow retail businesses on Route 107. Larry Trottier asked the Selectboard to give this option further consideration.

The Selectboard decided the town will continue to use Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont as its medical insurance provider for 2013.

Ernie Amsden will accompany Emma Zavez from Two Rivers Ottawaquechee on 12/10/12 in taking a Royalton street light inventory. Two Rivers has grant money to allow this study. They will provide a report to give to GMP. This should lead to overall electricity savings for the town.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Rose Hemond