

Royalton Selectboard Meeting  
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

January 24, 2012

Public Present: Judith Sanders, Bea McCullough, Clarence Sanders, Judy McCullough, Shawn Dohan

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

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

### **Public Concerns**

#### **Contested Parking Tickets**

**Ticket # 5783** The Selectboard discussed the contested parking ticket. **P. Gates made a motion that P. Ainsworth seconded to uphold parking ticket # 5783. E. Amsden recused himself from the decision. The motion passed.**

#### **FEMA update**

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland updated the Selectboard on FEMA projects. Discussion ensued on the hazard Mitigation Grant Program (home buyout program). He noted that 4 properties are interested in the program and have asked that an application be submitted on their behalf.

#### **Additional Concerns**

Letter from South Royalton Market requesting handicapped parking space designated in a central location on the "store side" of Chelsea Street. Discussion ensued, and it was noted that there must be a curb cut for a legal handicapped parking space. It was also noted that the Town does not maintain or own the sidewalk in front of the "Chelsea St. business block", and that an amendment to the traffic ordinance would be required. It was requested that a representative from the market attend a future meeting to discuss the feasibility of establishing a handicapped parking space. .

#### **Highway**

##### **Annual Mileage Certificate**

Discussion ensued on the need to add the amended location of the northern section of the Bloss Ballou Road to the highway certificate. No action was taken. Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland was asked to confirm questions from the board and place the subject on the next agenda for the next Selectboard meeting.

##### **Annual Weight Restrictions**

Discussion ensued on the annual weight restriction report. No additional restrictions were identified for town highways and bridges.

**P. Gates made a motion that P. Ainsworth seconded authorizing Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland to sign and submit the annual highway weight restriction report. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Selectboard**

##### **Minutes of January 10, and 17, 2012**

**P. Ainsworth made a motion that E. Amsden seconded to approve the minutes January 10 and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Liquor License Renewal Application – South Royalton Market**

**P. Ainsworth made a motion that E. Amsden seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for South Royalton Market. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Bethel/Royalton Combined Selectboard Meeting**

The Selectboard requested that a meeting be scheduled before Town Meeting to discuss operations at the Bethel – Royalton Transfer Station.

### **Town Report - Warning**

**P. Ainsworth made a motion that E. Amsden seconded to place an article on the warning for the annual town meeting, requesting approval of a tax exemption for the Paine’s Beach Recreation Area owned by the Lion’s Club. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **ACT 250 Applications**

#### **Dollar General**

Discussion ensued on the Act 250 application submitted by DG Strategic II, LLC (Dollar General). J. Goldstein spoke in favor of supporting tax paying companies like Dollar General. It was noted that the property is jointly owned by Judith Sanders and Willow McCullough. Members of the audience noted that the proposed location on VT Route 107 was a favorable location for development. Additional comments in favor of the development were heard from members of the audience. Businesses are needed to help keep the tax rate down. E. Amsden noted that the Town Plan is used in Act 250 hearings, and he believes that the town plan prohibits this type of development on VT Route 107.

P. Ainsworth noted she is in favor of new business and new tax base and thus is leaning towards supporting the application. No action was taken.

#### **Family Dollar**

Discussion ensued on the Act 250 application to amend an existing permit for RSL, LLC (the former Lucky’s Motor Sports building) P. Gates noted that he is opposed to the proposed change of use and believes that Waterman Road can not handle the proposed daily traffic. No action was taken

#### **Accounts Payable**

The Selectboard reviewed the accounts payable vouchers as prepared by the town Treasurer.

#### **Additional Business**

Road Foreman McCrillis reported that the fountain for the South Royalton Village Green has broken and it would either need to be replaced or a new idea be developed for the location. He also noted that he would like the Selectboard to clarify the sand use policy.

**E. Amsden made a motion that J. Goldstein seconded that the town of Royalton sand use policy is; no privately owned equipment is authorized to access the sand or gravel stockpiles, and sand must be used for private, not commercial use. The motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nathan P. Cleveland