

Town of Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

June 12, 2012

Public Present: Mr. Cole Farrington, and Mrs. Trista Farrington, Mr. William Pedersen, and Mrs. Ellen Frost, Ms. Alison Gravel, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

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

Appointments

Mr. and Mrs. Farrington were present to discuss continued difficulty contacting the Royalton Fire District concerning issues with their water usage and billing at their building on South Windsor St. The Farmington's have had a plumber replace fixtures and a leaky hot water heater but their water bill continues to increase. Board member P. Gates volunteered to meet with the Farmington's to review the issues.

Mr. William Pedersen was present to discuss the southern end of the Bloss Ballou Rd., a class 4 road that connects Post Farm Rd. and Slack Hill Rd. A portion of this road is shown to be on the land owned by Mr. Pedersen. A garage that is falling into disrepair on Mr. Pedersen's property appears to be in the Bloss Ballou rd right of way. Discussion ensued on the location of the class 4 road and the potential issues with the garage being in the town right of way. **Motion by E. Amsden, second by P. Gates to hire Sunwise Surveying to survey the southern end of the Bloss Ballou Rd. (TH# 105) from the intersection of Slack Hill Rd. to a point approximately 200 – 400 feet past the location of the Pedersen garage. Motion passed 4-0**

Royalton Cemetery Commissioners and Branch View Cemetery Association managers Mr. and Mrs. Keith Grimes, and Mrs. Adrian Frary were present to discuss the potential of the town taking control of the management of the Branch View Cemetery. Discussion ensued and Mr. Grimes discussed the available plots and estimated fund balance that covers the maintenance costs of the Branch View Cemetery. **Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to accept management of the Branch View Cemetery. The motion passed 4-0**

Public Concerns

Sandra Conrad and John Dumville of the Royalton Civics Club were present to discuss a grant application that they wish to submit to pay for an emergency generator at the Royalton Academy Building. Ms. Conrad noted that the grant would cover 50% of the estimated \$35,000 cost of the purchase and installation of the generator. She noted that the Civics Club would cover the additional 50% of the cost as a gift to the town. She noted that a generator at the building would benefit the Senior Center and residents in the time of a disaster. Discussion ensued on the requirements associated with applying for

this grant, one of which is that the town adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and continue employee training with the NIMS system after its adoption.

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by J. Goldstein, authorizing Chairman Trottier to sign the NIMS adoption document and the emergency generator subgrant agreement. Discussion ensued. Motion passed 3-1 with E. Amsden opposed.

Ms. Conrad also spoke of concerns with the Academy Building upkeep. Discussion ensued and it was noted that many maintenance projects have been identified by the building manager and will be worked on throughout the summer.

Selectboard minutes of May 22, 2012, May 29, 2012, and June 5, 2012

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by P. Gates to accept the minutes of May 22nd, May 29th, and June 5, 2012. Motion passed 4-0

Request to use the South Royalton Village Green

The United Church of South Royalton requested to use the green on August 1, 2012.

Motion by P. Gates, second by P. Ainsworth to approve the use of the green on August 1, 2012 by the United Church of South Royalton. Motion passed 4-0

Contested parking ticket

Discussion ensued on the letter from Mrs. Brenda Cohen requesting two parking tickets be waived. **Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to waive parking tickets #7501 and #7502. Motion passed 3-0 with E. Amsden (parking ticket officer) abstaining.**

Inter-municipal Policing Agreement

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland presented the contract agreement for policing services with the town of Sharon to the Selectboard for review and approval.

Motion by P. Gates, second by J. Goldstein to sign contract agreement with Sharon to provide policing services for the period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. Motion passed 4-0

Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan and Basic Emergency Operation Plan

Discussion ensued on the two emergency management plans. No action was taken. Proposed plan updates will be presented to the Selectboard for approval and submission to the Regional Planning Commission at the end of the month.

Highway Department

Discontinuance order – Bloss Ballou Road

The Selectboard reviewed the discontinuance order for the roads that are known or unknown on lands owned by Perry and Carol Hodgdon (excluding TH# 105 and TH# 9).

PG/JG sign order of discontinuance concerning roads (excluding TH# 105 and TH#9) on the lands owned by Perry and Carol Hodgdon. Motion passed 4-0.

Excess Weight

The Selectboard reviewed excess weight permit applications received from David Lacasse and Huntinton Homes.

Motion by P. Gates, second by P. Ainsworth, to approve excess weight permit applications for Huntington Homes and David Lacasse. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Hill (reshaping 2,000 feet of ditch)

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland asked the Selectboard how to proceed with the bidding and construction process for work remaining on Royalton Hill Road. This work is a result of Tropical Storm Irene. The Selectboard asked for Dubois & King, Inc. to complete bid documents and manage bid and construction process.

Handicapped Accessible Petition

Discussion ensued on a petition received requesting the Selectboard designate handicapped parking spaces on the business block side of Chelsea St. Discussion ensued and the Selectboard asked that the Traffic Ordinance be updated to include two handicapped parking spaces on the northern side of Chelsea St. These spaces will be on both ends of the business block. Additional changes will include language changes to state that fines will be not more than \$50 and the proposed stop sign entering the Village on Chelsea St. is to be removed. Proposed changes will be presented to the Selectboard for approval on June 26th.

Other/New Business

Accounts payable, financial manager, and time off. The Selectboard reviewed and approved the accounts payable vouchers as prepared by the Town Treasurer and approved vacation time for the Administrative Assistant.

Adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland