

Town of Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

June 26, 2012

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

Public present: Wendy Wilton, Chuck Wilton, Gidget Lyman, Stuart Levasseur, VLS student liaison Noel Cirisan, Kurt Lassard, Royalton Memorial Library Trustee Cyndy Gates, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

Appointments

Mrs. Wilton, Rutland City Treasurer, was present to discuss fiscal responsibility for municipalities. Discussion ensued on the tools that are available to municipalities through VLCT and the State Auditors website.

Ms. Gidget Lyman was present to discuss the BEOP and emergency management training. Discussion ensued on a web based program that can be used for emergency management. This program automatically updates officials about weather conditions and also allows for town documents to be stored in a secure internet based database.

Public Concerns

Minutes of May 30, 2012 and June 12, 2012

Discussion ensued on the draft minutes.

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by P. Gates to approve the Selectboard minutes of May 30, 2012 and June 12, 2012 as amended. Motion passed 4-0

Freight House sewer allocation application and Liquor license application

The Selectboard reviewed both applications and Mr. Lassard and Jason was present to discuss any concerns that the board may have. 1st class liquor license which is beer and wine that would allow for outside consumption of alcohol. Hours of operation will be Monday – Thursday 4 p.m. - close and Friday - Sunday noon – midnight.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to approve sewer allocation permit application submitted by Randy Leavitt (Freight House) and the liquor license application submitted by Worthy Burger. Motion passed 4-0

Tree work on the South Royalton Village Green

Discussion ensued on the mulching job that Russ Patton has done on the South Royalton Village Green. Sod was removed from around trees on the Chelsea St. side of the green and mulch was placed around them. Mr. Patton would like to know if the town is interested in having the rest of the trees on the green mulched. He has also recommended that a maple tree that has roots girdling the trunk be removed and replaced by a new nursery grown tree.

Motion by P. Gates, second by P. Ainsworth to request an estimate for the recommended mulching, removal of the dieing maple tree and replacement of a 15 foot maple tree. Motion passed 4-0

Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan and Basic Emergency Operation Plan

Discussion ensued on the two emergency management plans. The Selectboard provided information to be added to the BEOP prior to submission to the Regional Planning Commission.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to approve the traffic ordinance amendments. Motion passed 4-0

Bloss Ballou Rd.

Motion by P. Gates, second by P. Ainsworth to grant permission to Forester Paul Harwood to flatten the entrance to the Bloss Ballou Rd. at the intersection of Post Farm Rd. Motion passed 4-0

Transportation Enhancement Grant Program (TEGP)

Discussion ensued on the grant application process and the potential projects that the grant funds could be used for. Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland distributed a parking, traffic and pedestrian plan that was completed in 2001. He asked that the Selectboard consider applying for the TEGP to help pay for various traffic patterns, parking designs, and sidewalk repairs or improvements that the 2001 plan identified. He also reported that the estimated cost of constructing a new sidewalk from the South Royalton School to Caron circle would be \$20,000, removing the deteriorating sidewalk the estimate at least doubles to \$40,000. Discussion continued, with the Selectboard identifying the South Windsor Street sidewalk project as that the Transportation Enhancement Grant Program could be used for.

Motion by P. Gates, second by J. Goldstein, authorizing the submission of the letter of intent to apply for the Transportation Enhancement grant. Motion passed 4-0

Use of South Royalton Village Green

The Selectboard reviewed a request from Ms. Susan Laden to use the South Royalton village green on July 7th, 2012 as an aid station for runners in the Joseph Smith Memorial Marathon.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to approve the request to use the South Royalton Village Green on July 7, 2012. Motion passed 4-0

Driveway Access Permit Application –

The Selectboard reviewed a driveway access permit application received from Mr. Richard Sheaff. The application is for a change of use from commercial to residential.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to approve the driveway access permit application #12-01 received from Mr. Richard Sheaff. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Planning Commission

The Selectboard discussed a request to meet with the Royalton Planning Commission concerning commercial development. The Selectboard also noted that any potential term vacancies or reappointments will be advertised.

Highway Department

Road Foreman R. McCrillis reported on a beaver/muskrat problem on Johnson Hill road. Discussion ensued and the Selectboard asked that Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland contact the State Fish and Game Warden to seek advice on how to address the problem.

R. McCrillis reported that the Oxbow Rd. project will begin July 9th, and discussion ensued on the project. The Selectboard approved hiring an additional dump truck to haul material for the project.

Royalton Memorial Library

Mrs. Cyndy Gates was present to discuss property that the town owns.

Motion by P. Gates, second by P. Ainsworth to enter executive session for the purpose of negotiation of real estate purchase options (inviting N. Cleveland and C. Gates). Motion passed 4-0

Entered executive session at 8:58 p.m.

Exited executive session at 9:24 p.m. with no action taken (PA/JG)

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by E. Amsden, to have Town Agent Frank Berk draft lease for the Royalton Memorial Library property, between the town and the Library Board of Trustees with terms to be 99 years with town responsible for utilities and maintenance contingent upon the town vacating. Motion passed 4-0

Personnel

Motion by E. Amsden, second by J. Goldstein to enter executive session for the evaluation of employees. Motion passed 4-0

Entered executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Exited executive session at 10:07 p.m. with no action taken (PA/EA)

Motion by P. Gates, second by E. Amsden to set raises as follows: Seth Stoddard \$14.00/hour, Richard Bestenbostel \$14.75/hour, all other highway department employees and the Selectboard Administrative Assistant will receive a 3% wage raise. Motion passed 4-0

Adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nathan P. Cleveland