

Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

March 13, 2012

Public Present: Mrs. Sandra Manouvelos, Mr. Brian Thomas, Mr. Stuart Levasseur, and
Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Public Concerns

Mr. Brian Thomas asked when the grading operations would begin as he had concerns with the muddy conditions on Whitney Road.

Chairman Trottier explained that the grading would be dependent on the weather conditions.

Mrs. Sandy Manouvelos asked about where the garbage goes to after it leaves the transfer station and how it is paid for. Board member P. Gates explained how the revenue to operate the transfer station is received. Discussion ensued on how the garbage will be handled once the two state landfills reach capacity.

Mrs. Sandy Manouvelos also asked how haulers will stay in business with the regulations to provide recycling services. It was unclear how the current operators would deal with the various regulations.

Another question she had was about the "Hope property". Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Sandy Manouvelos raised concerns with the condition of the Oxbow Road. It is very rough and needs ditching to help keep water off of the road. Discussion ensued on the condition of the road. Mr. Stuart Levasseur also noted that the condition of the road is very rough.

Handicapped parking

At the request of the South Royalton Market, discussion ensued on the potential to create one or two handicapped parking spaces on the northern side of Chelsea Street.

Contested Parking Ticket #5302

P. Gates made a motion, E. Amsden seconded, to uphold parking ticket #5302. The motion passed 4-0.

Pre-Town meeting minutes of February 28, 2012 – E. Amsden made a motion, P. Gates seconded, to approve the Pre-Town meeting minutes of February 28, 2012. The motion passed 4-0. P. Ainsworth made a motion, E. Amsden seconded, to approve minutes of regular Selectboard meeting of February 28, 2012. The motion passed 4-0

Carpenter Recreation Field – Reconstruction Bids

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland presented an addendum for the Carpenter Recreation Field reconstruction plans as prepared by the town's engineering firm Dubois and King, Inc.

P. Ainsworth made a motion, E. Amsden seconded to accept addendum for the Carpenter Recreation Field reconstruction plans. The motion passed 4-0.

Request to use the South Royalton Village Green

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland presented a request to use the green in the South Royalton Village for an event in support of victims of sexual violence. The event is being sponsored by the VLS group Law Students for Reproductive Justice. The event will be held on April 11, 2012 starting at 6:30 p.m.

P. Ainsworth made a motion, E. Amsden seconded to approve the event on the South Royalton Village Green on April 11, 2012. The motion passed 4-0.

Liquor License Renewal and Tobacco License Renewal Application – Green Groundhogs LLC (5 Olde Tavern and Grille)

The Selectboard reviewed the liquor license renewal application received from Green Groundhogs LLC.

P. Ainsworth made a motion, P. Gates seconded, to approve the liquor license renewal application for Green Groundhogs LLC. The motion passed 4-0.

Town property – mowing contract

Chairman L. Trottier opened discussion on the potential to create a public works position that would combine snow removal and potential mowing operations at the South Royalton School with the mowing and sidewalk snow removal in the town. No action was taken.

Selectboard Re-Organization

P. Ainsworth made a motion, E. Amsden seconded, nominating Larry Trottier as Royalton Selectboard Chairman. The motion passed 4-0.

J. Goldstein made a motion, P. Gates seconded, nominating Ernie Amsden as Royalton Selectboard Vice Chairman. The motion passed 4-0.

L. Trottier made a motion, J. Goldstein seconded, nominating Peggy Ainsworth as Royalton Selectboard Clerk. The motion passed 4-0.

E. Amsden made a motion, P. Gates seconded, to declare the White River Valley Herald the official newspaper of record for the town. The motion passed 4-0.

P. Ainsworth made a motion, P. Gates seconded, designating the public notice locations to be the bulletin board inside the South Royalton Post Office, as well as bulletin boards located by the Laundromat on Chelsea St., outside the Town Clerk's Office on Safford St, outside the Royalton Academy Building at 4266 VT Route 14, inside the Town Clerk's Office and inside the Selectboard office. The motion passed 4-0.

E. Amsden made a motion, J. Goldstein seconded, designating regular Selectboard meetings to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Royalton Town Clerk's office. The motion passed 4-0.

P. Gates made a motion, E. Amsden seconded, to appoint Nathan Cleveland as Royalton Floodplain Zoning Administrator to a 1 year term.

P. Gates made motion to amend the term to 3 year. This motion was withdrawn. The motion passed 4-0.

E. Amsden made a motion, P. Gates seconded, to appoint Nathan Cleveland as the town's Transportation Advisory Committee Representative, and appointing Roger McCrillis as an alternate. The motion passed 4-0.

White River Valley Solid Waste Alliance – no action taken.

Sewer Permit Application – Permit #12-01 (Holzer, North Street)

The Selectboard reviewed a sewer allocation permit application for a 9 unit development on North Street. The proposed development will include a 1 bedroom cottage and an 8 unit (one bedroom per unit) building.

J. Goldstein made a motion, E. Amsden seconded to approve acknowledgement of uncommitted sewer capacity for Ms. Sarah Holzer's project on North Street (contingent upon the confirmation of the correct gallonage). The motion passed 4-0.

Sewer Study

Board member and Sewer operator reported on the sewer refurbishment study and the rate structure study. Upgrades identified at the facility include safety improvements that would include removing confined space work locations, and lagoon/aeration/treatment improvements.

Discussion on Crawford Property

The Selectboard discussed the executive summary provided by ECS (the consulting firm conducting the phase 2 environmental site assessment on the Crawford Autoland property). Questions were raised about the next steps that must be followed to develop a corrective action plan, and who pays for the remediation of any contamination that may exist if the town is found to be a contributing party.

8:30 Appointment: Mr. Winston Sadoo, Nava Bio-Energy – Royalton Town Forest (Sarnoff Property)

Mr. Winston Sadoo and his business partner were present to discuss the survey of the field portion of the Royalton Town Forest (Sarnoff Property). They discussed potential issues that will have to be addressed. These issues included a deer wintering yard, water lines, and a possible right of way to the remaining property to be held by the town (who retains the right of way, town or Nava Bio-Energy), No action taken.

Excess Weight Permits

The Selectboard reviewed excess weight permit applications.

P. Gates made a motion, E. Amsden seconded, to approve all excess weight permit applications (CSE Inc, McCullough Crushing Inc., Rock of Ages Corp., SD Ireland Concrete, Langford Trucking LLC, New England Quality Services, Eastman Excavation, and GW Tatro Inc.) and authorizing N. Cleveland to sign. The motion passed 4-0.

Capital Projects

Highway –

Oxbow Road

Road Foreman noted Oxbow Rd. is in need of exploratory digging and find what is the cause of the frost heaves, and drainage issues. Discussion ensued on what to do concerning Oxbow Rd., and how to identify the underlying issues to the road through the services of an engineer. No action taken.

North Windsor Street

Discussion ensued on the need to address drainage and resurfacing on North Windsor Street, as well as the potential to extend the sewer line and sidewalk. No action taken.

Bloss Ballou Road

The Selectboard indicated that they would like to proceed with the discontinuance process within 30 days.

Sidewalks

The sidewalk maintenance worker also identified the Pleasant Street sidewalk as a potential project (extend the sidewalk to South Street, and delineate the sidewalk through the underpass) and extend sidewalk on South Windsor Street to Caron Circle. No action taken.

Highway – Truck Body Bids

The Selectboard opened bids for the truck body and plow frame to be built on the newly purchased Doge truck. Bids were as follows:

Tenco \$39,150 low bid (recommended by Road Foreman)

Fairfield \$40,800

Lucky's \$44,844

Osgoods \$42,969

P. Gates made a motion, E. Amsden seconded, to contract with Tenco Inc. to build the truck body and plow frame. The motion passed 4-0.

Additional Business

P. Ainsworth made a motion, E. Amsden seconded, to move into executive session for personnel issues, inviting N. Cleveland and R. Hull. The motion passed 4-0.

Entered executive session 9:28 p.m.

Out of executive session at 9:36 p.m. no action taken.

The Selectboard Authorized chief of Police discuss letter from the law offices of Decato with town agent Frank Berk to respond to the letter from Decato.

P. Ainsworth made a motion, P. Gates seconded to enter executive session, inviting N. Cleveland, to discuss contracts.

Entered executive session at 9:38 p.m.

Out of executive session at 9:41 no action taken.

Royalton Revolving Loan Fund

L. Trottier made a motion, P. Ainsworth seconded, to appoint Gregory Tisher to a 3 year term on the Royalton Revolving Loan Fund Committee. The motion passed 4-0.

Cohen Loan Application

J. Goldstein made a motion, P. Gates seconded, to approve the revolving loan fund application received from Brenda Cohen with the terms being a \$15,000 loan for a period of 5 years and interest set at 1% above the prime rate. The motion passed 3-0, with J. Goldstein abstaining.

L. Trottier made a motion, P. Ainsworth seconded to enter executive session for the purpose of real estate negotiations, inviting N. Cleveland)

Entered executive session at 9:49 p.m.

Out of executive session at 10:03 p.m. with no action taken.

Karmen Bascom – request to authorize signing for all catering permits for Fitz-Vogt Enterprises.

J. Goldstein made a motion, E. Amsden seconded, to authorize Town Clerk Karmen Bascom to approve all Fitz – Vogt Enterprises catering permits.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland