

Town of Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

May 22, 2012

Public Present: Mr. Paul Harwood, Mr. Donald Lovejoy, Mr. Joe Duncan and Mr. Andrew Legg (Aldrich and Elliot), Royalton Town Treasurer Theresa Harrington, Gidget Lyman, Stuart Levasseur, Administrative Assistant to the Royalton Selectboard Nathan Cleveland, and Road Foreman Roger McCrillis

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

Chairman Trottier welcomed Mr. Harwood to the meeting. Mr. Harwood was present to request permission to cut brush within the town right of way along TH #105 (Bloss Ballou Rd.) in preparation of logging property located adjacent to the class 4 highway.

Motion by E. Amsden, second by P. Gates, to approve the cutting of brush roughly 3-4" in diameter within the town right of way along TH #105. The motion approved 4-0.

Chairman Trottier welcomed Joe Duncan and Andrew Legg from Aldrich and Elliot Engineering, Inc.(A&E). Mr. Duncan and Mr. Legg presented the final draft of the sewer system study and preliminary sewer rate structure study to the Selectboard. (copies of both reports are available for review at the Selectboard office) The proposed upgrades and required maintenance are estimated to cost \$1.6 million. The town is eligible for up to 75% funding through the USDA Rural Development program. Funding would most likely be split between a grant and a loan (30-40% grant at best and 60-70% loan). Before eligibility for the grant and loan the town must bond for the full amount and then apply for funding through USDA Rural Development. To be ready for construction in the spring of 2013, a bond vote would be required by November 2012. Discussion ensued on the proposed upgrades and rate structure changes. A&E was asked to present an equivalent unit rate structure. No further action taken.

Public Concerns

Town Treasurer Theresa Harrington was present to discuss the part time accountant position and the need for the town to receive estimates on an electronic scanner for the purpose of retaining town records in an electronic PDF format. The State of Vermont is no longer microfilming town records. Funds from the record restoration fund will be used to purchase the equipment. She expects to receive multiple estimates on the scanning device and associated software. She reported that she has received 5 or 6 applications and would like to be able to begin conducting interviews within the next week or two.

Attorney Joseph Andriano was present to request that the town sign a quit claim deed associated with 785 Happy Hollow Road, releasing town tax lease rights that go back to colonial land grants. **Motion by P. Gates, second by E. Amsden to authorize the law office of Berk and Andriano to draft a quit claim deed for 785 Happy Hollow Rd., authorizing Chairman Trottier to sign the documents if the party requesting the quit claim deed will pay for the legal expenses. The motion passed 4-0**

Selectboard Minutes of May 8, 2012

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to accept the minutes of May 8, 2012. Motion passed 4-0

Request to use the South Royalton Village Green

Old Home Days (July 19 – 21), South Royalton High School Graduation (June 9), Journey Church – concert (June 15), Royalton Town Band (July 6, August 5 and Thursdays beginning June 21st) and a Zumba Fundraiser for breast cancer (June 16).

Motion by P. Gates, second by P. Ainsworth to approve the use of the South Royalton Village Green on July 19, 20, and 21st for Old Home Days, and to lift the alcohol ordinance from July 19th – 21st. The motion passed 4-0

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to approve the use of the South Royalton Village Green as requested by the South Royalton High School, Journey Church, and the Royalton Town Band. The motion passed 4-0

Royalton Fire District #1: Board Appointment

The Selectboard read a letter from the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Board requesting that Dr. Jerry Barcelow be appointed to the Prudential Board. The Selectboard must make the appointment as the Prudential Board has not been able to fill a vacancy on their board from within their district.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to appoint Dr. Jerry Barcelow to the Royalton Fire District #1 Prudential Board. The motion passed 4-0

E-911 – Rix Road and Happy Hollow Road

Administrative Assistant and E-911 Coordinator N. Cleveland presented a numbering problem on Rix Rd. 2359 Happy Hollow Rd. is actually accessed off of Rix Rd. and is not numbered correctly. Discussion ensued and it was noted by N. Cleveland that Happy Hollow and Rix Rd. are named and numbered differently on the AOT highway map and the E-911 map. This discrepancy will require the Selectboard to take action to rename one section of the road so that the 2 maps are not conflicting. The Selectboard authorized N. Cleveland to contact the resident and renumber the 2359 Happy Hollow Rd. residence so it is in line with the E-911 numbers on Rix Road.

Lovejoy Bridge – Contract Award

The Selectboard reviewed a memo prepared by Jeffrey Tucker, president of Dubois and King, Inc. (D&K) that summarized the bid tabulation of the 3 low bidders on the bridge

construction project. It is the recommendation of D&K that the town contract with the lowest bidder, Michael Hansen Construction, LTD for a cost of \$289,258.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to award the Lovejoy Bridge contract to Michael Hansen Construction, LTD, authorizing Jeffrey Tucker of Dubois and King, Inc. to execute the notice of award and contract documents as an authorized agent of the town of Royalton. Motion passed 4-0

Excess Weight

Motion by P. Ainsworth, second by P. Gates, approving excess weight permits for Richard Sargent, Farrar and Son Logging, Eric Thorp, and Hutch Crane and Pump Rental Corporation. The motion passed 4-0

Highway Codes and Standards

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland distributed copies of the town's current highway codes and standards that need to be certified as meeting or exceeding those set by the State of Vermont. He also distributed the current town of Royalton Highway Policy which needs to be updated. He requested that the Selectboard review both documents in preparation of adoption at the June 12th meeting.

Other/New Business

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland reported on potential funding from NRCS (Emergency Watershed Protection program, aka: EWP) for woody debris cleanup within channels of the streams and rivers. The debris must pose a danger to infrastructure. Discussion ensued. **Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth, to apply for funding through NRCS - EWP to address woody debris in the rivers and streams. Motion passed 3-2 (E. Amsden and P. Gates opposed)**

Adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland