

Town of Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

May 29, 2012

Public Present: Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hodgdon, and Selectboard Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

Chairman L. Trottier opened the special Selectboard meeting at 5:38 p.m. Chairman Trottier noted the main purpose of the meeting was to conduct discontinuance proceedings on two Town Highways (TH#105 aka Bloss Ballou Rd., and TH# 52 aka Upper Lea Rd.) To allow for potential interested parties to attend/arrive, Chairman Trottier opened discussion on agenda items after the scheduled discontinuance proceedings.

Appointments - none

Dump truck replacement bids

Chairman Trottier read the bids that were received for a new 10 wheel dump truck. The bids received were as follows:

Patriot Freightliner	\$108,000 with \$28,000 trade in, net bid of \$80,000
RR Charlebois	\$116,000 with \$20,000 trade in, net bid of \$96,000
Clarkes Truck Center	\$120,000 with \$18,000 trade in, net bid of \$102,000

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to award bid and purchase new 10 wheel dump truck from Patriot Freightliner for a total cost of \$88,000, and authorizing Road Foreman Roger Roger McCrillis to execute the contract. Motion passed 4-0

Parking signs

Discussion ensued on the need to replace a no parking sign on North Windsor Street. Road Foreman R. McCrillis was seeking clarification of where the sign should be placed. The Selectboard noted that the sign needs to be placed just north of the last parking space (eastern side) on North Windsor St.

Public Concerns

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland reported that Keith Grimes, a manager of the private Branch View Cemetery is interested in the town taking over the management of the cemetery. Discussion ensued on the process that must be followed for the town to take control of the Branch View Cemetery. The Selectboard asked that the Royalton Cemetery Commissioners and the managers of the Branch View Cemetery be invited to

the June 12th meeting to further discuss the possibility of the town managing the Branch View Cemetery.

Request to use the South Royalton Green

The Selectboard received requests from the Red Door Church (August 4, 2012), and the Journey Church (June 6, 2012) to use the South Royalton Village Green.

Motion by P. Gates, second by J. Goldstein to approve the requests by the Red Door Church (August 4, 2012) and the Journey Church (June 6, 2012) to use the South Royalton Village Green. Motion passed 4-0

Discontinuance Proceedings

At 5:55 p.m. Chairman Trottier called to order the discontinuance proceedings for Town Highway #52 (Upper Lea Rd.) and Town Highways, known or unknown on the lands of Carol and Perry Hodgdon other than TH#9 (Post Farm Rd.) and TH# 105 (as described in a stipulated amended declaratory judgment in Benson et al. V. Hodgdon et al., Windsor Superior Court Docket No. 291-6-04 Wrev). He invited the attendants to the site visit at the land of the Hodgdon located on Post Farm Rd. and noted that following that site visit there would be a site visit at TH #52 (Upper Lea Rd.)

The Selectboard heard testimony from Mr. and Mrs. Hodgdon concerning the discontinuance of the known or unknown roads on their land. They did not oppose the discontinuance of these roads (excluding TH#9 and TH# 105).

The discontinuance proceedings were recessed at 6:15 p.m. to allow for a site visit of the two locations.

Chairman Trottier reconvened the discontinuance proceedings at 7:16 p.m. following site visits of the roads (known or unknown on the lands of Perry and Carol Hodgdon) and the road known at TH#52 (Upper Lea Rd.)

A letter from landowner Dr. Nils Daulaire was read as Dr. Daulaire was unable to attend the proceedings in person. The letter asked that the town discontinue Upper Lea Road but retain ownership/responsibility for maintaining the culvert at the intersection of Royalton Hill Rd.

Discussion ensued on the potential discontinuances.

Town Highway #52 (Upper Lea Rd.)

Motion by P. Gates, second by J. Goldstein to reclassify Town Highway #52 (Upper Lea Rd.) from a Class 3 Road to a Class 4 Road. Further discussion ensued.

Motion by P. Ainsworth to table the motion to reclassify Town Highway #52 (Upper Lea Rd.) until the July 11, 2012 Royalton Selectboard meeting. Motion passed 4-0

Town Highways, known or unknown on the lands of Carol and Perry Hodgdon excluding TH#105 and TH#9)

Motion by P. Gates, second by P. Ainsworth to discontinue Town Highways, known or unknown on the lands of Carol and Perry Hodgdon other than TH# 9 (Post Farm Road) and TH# 105 (as described in a Stipulated Amended Declaratory Judgement in Benson et al. V. Hodgdon et al., Windsor Superior Court Docket No. 291-6-04 Wrev). Motion passed 4-0

Selectboard meeting and discontinuance proceedings adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland