

Town of Royalton
Selectboard Meeting: Highway Department Budget
Royalton Selectboard Office

October 30, 2012

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

Public present: Roger McCrillis, Rose Hemond, and Nathan Cleveland

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

**Public Concerns – Request to use the South Royalton Village Green
Motion by P. Gates, second by J. Goldstein to allow use of the South Royalton Village Green for the annual Christmas Pageant on December 23, 2012. Motion passed 4-0**

**Letter of interest for appointment to the Royalton Recreation Commission
Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to recommend appointment of Vicky Braley to the Royalton Recreation Commission. E. Amsden noted his concern that the Recreation Commission should not focus solely on youth activities. Discussion ensued on what type of activities or programs could be offered to include adults. Motion passed 3-1, with E. Amsden opposed.**

Donna Carpenter Property Purchase Closing

Nava Bio-Energy – Property Sale Closing

N. Cleveland reported that the closing for the Carpenter land purchase has been scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. and the closing for the Nava Bio-Energy land sale is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by L. Trottier, second by P. Ainsworth to authorize J. Goldstein to represent the Town of Royalton at the closing for the land sale to Nava Bio-Energy and the purchase of land from Donna Carpenter. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Business

The Selectboard noted that the emergency meeting that was held on Sunday, October 28, 2012 in preparation of Hurricane Sandy was well attended but lacked representation from the Royalton Police Department. The board also noted that the meeting brought out many weaknesses that the town has including the need for backup generators Water District and emergency shelters.

Discussion ensued on the need to meet with the water district to discuss emergency situations. Board member P. Gates raised concerns with the private parking across from the fire station.

The Selectboard noted that the concern is with snow removal in winter, and asked that a letter will be sent to notify the property owner that the parking markers and stakes need to be moved out of the town right of way and to raise concern with snow removal.

Highway Department: Proposed FY 2013/2014 Budget

Town Finance Manager R. Hemond presented budget worksheets that included actual expenses and revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The Selectboard reviewed these worksheets and began working on the draft proposed FY 2013/2014 Highway budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland