

Town of Royalton
Selectboard Meeting
Royalton Selectboard Office

October 23, 2012

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

Public present: Roger McCrillis, Rose Hemond, Karmen Bascom, Noel Cirasan, Stuart Levasseur, and Nathan Cleveland

Vice Chairman E. Amsden opened the regular scheduled Selectboard meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Public Concerns

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland reported that concerns have been raised about the cross walk on VT Route 14 at the intersection of Chelsea St. The State has responded to requests for improved signage by reporting that a center marking sign may be purchased and maintained by the town as there are no additional crossing warnings that can be placed by the State of Vermont as the intersection has stop signs at the end of Chelsea Street and VT route 110.

FEMA

Randolph National Bank: Line of Credit Report from Financial Manager

Financial Manager Rose Hemond presented a report on the Randolph National Bank line of credit that the town approved to cover expenses related to Tropical Storm Irene. Discussion ensued on the remaining projects and reimbursement to be expected from FEMA. It was noted by Administrative Assistant that the approved federal buyout of 4 properties was estimated to cost \$775,691.00 (75% reimbursable, with the remaining 25% to be made up through CDBG funds). Outstanding projects that need to have construction completed or have final closeout approved by FEMA total \$777,609.44 (reimbursable up to 90% from state and federal disaster relief funds)

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to renew the entire \$2,000,000.00 line of credit at 1.25% interest with Randolph National Bank. Motion passed unanimously.

R. Hemond also prepared a spreadsheet to show the fund balances for the Royalton Revolving Loan Fund, and the Sewer Facility Capital Improvement fund. She also reported on property taxes collected to date.

The Selectboard scheduled a highway budget meeting for Tuesday, October 30, 2012.

Foxstand Bridge

Plans for reconstruction of the access and retaining wall were discussed including the option of including a detour in the construction plans to allow the bridge to remain open to traffic throughout the construction project. A detour will increase the cost and increase the amount of time to complete the project. Also discussed was bidding the project with an alternate bid to allow for a poured in place retaining wall opposed to the block wall that Dubois and King has prepared.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to bid the project as prepared by Dubois and King, Inc. with no bid alternate poured in place wall, no detour (road will be closed during construction) and to extend the paving to the railroad right of way. Motion passed 4-0

Perley Farm Rd.

Discussion ensued on the ability on a bid alternate which would include relocating the road to the temporary location and include rip rapping the river bank. FEMA has indicated that the town will have to apply for an improved project if the project were to be changed from the approved project. If an improved project is applied for FEMA will not cover the cost of the riprap. The Selectboard asked to get cost estimates for the rip rap portion of the project prior to requesting an improved project.

Lovejoy Bridge

Discussion ensued on the need to request an improved project for the bridge project as the scope approved by FEMA does not cover the required scope for the stream alteration permit issued by the VT Agency of Natural Resources. **Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to request an improved project for the Lovejoy Rd. Bridge project worksheet. Motion passed 3-0**

Selectboard minutes of October 9, 2012 and October 16, 2012

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to approve the minutes of October 9, 2012 and October 16, 2012 as amended. Motion passed 3-0

Request for Sign Installation

Discussion ensued on a request by Ms. McDermot to have a no outlet sign installed on a private road off of Johnson Hill Rd. Road Foreman R. McCrillis noted that he has other town maintained roads that will require no outlet signs.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Ainsworth to purchase 12 plastic no outlet signs with retro-reflective coating and allow Ms McDermot to purchase a sign for the private road at the towns cost. Motion passed 3-0

Contested Parking Ticket

The Selectboard received a request for a hearing on a contested parking ticket. The Selectboard invited the individual to attend a meeting to contest the ticket in person.

HMGP

N. Cleveland presented the grant agreement for the Federally funded buyout of 43 Royalton Hill Rd. which was substantially damaged by the flooding event caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to approve the grant agreement and authorize Vice 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.

Crawford Autoland – BRELLA application

The Selectboard discussed applying for BRELLA protection which is similar to liability insurance and allows for cleanup funds for potential contamination. The Selectboard noted that

the BRELLA application will not be submitted until a rendering and master site plan are received.

Additional Business

Town Clerk Karmen Bascom reported that she would be interested in having a link to on the town's webpage to provide regular Town Clerk updates. She also reported the Town Clerk's office will begin to scan and electronically backup and store vital records and recorded documents.

Road Foreman R. McCrillis requested authorization to purchase a new sidewalk tractor from LF Trottier and Sons. He reported that quotes have been received from Harvest Equipment and ??? which were both higher than the quote from LF Trottier and Sons.

Motion by J. Goldstein, second by P. Gates to approve the purchase of a 1023E John Deere tractor from LF Trottier and Sons for a total cost of \$11,600 with trade in of our current machine. Motion passed 3-0

Accounts Payable and Payroll

The Selectboard reviewed and approved accounts payable and payroll.

P. Gates reported that the sewer department has purchased required equipment to comply with OSHA standards.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland