

August 1, 2017

Royalton Planning Commission

Meeting minutes

Members in attendance:

Beth Wilhite – Chair

Bushrod Powers

Nell Gwin

David Brandau

Roni Johnson

Jim Rikert

Mark Wood

Stuart Levasseur

The meeting was called to order by Chair Beth Wilhite, at 7:00 pm.

Wilhite called attention to a 16 year old committee called the Royalton Path Committee which had studied installing a Riverwalk between the high school and possibly Paines Beach. The study ended when a landowner (Button) refused to grant access. The land has since changed hands and may be worth investigating. RPC member Nell Gwin has been looking into a similar project. RPC member Bushrod Powers served on the Royalton Path Committee and recalled the issue as well as the various options the committee encountered.

RPC member Mark Wood reported on the past weekend's Old Home Days activities. This year the Fire Department scaled back their efforts opening up the planning and production to other organizations, Girl Scouts, 4H, Lions Club, Red Door Church, Civic club in an attempt to lessen the burden of preparation and staffing. Overall the event was a success. It seems that public approved of the local presentation of games instead of hiring an amusement company. Most of the food vendors sold out before the end of Saturday night.

The RPC reviewed a driveway access permit for Johnson Hill Road, after discussion a motion was made with the following stipulations: A 30' culvert 15" in diameter needs to be installed, a 15' reasonably flat staging area perpendicular to the road is required for safe stop and emergency vehicle access, cutting trees to the ledge on the south side and to the mature hemlock trees on the uphill side for sight directions.

The motion was made by Bushrod Powers, seconded by Mark Wood. The motion passed.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 4, 2017. Motion made by Mark Wood, seconded by Bushrod Powers.

Nominations for Officers for the RPC are the same as those currently held positions:

Jim Rikert, Nell Gwin and Mark Wood are up for reappointment,
Beth Wilhite, Chair,
Bushrod Powers, Vice Chair,
Stuart Levasseur, Clerk.

The State will put on a training on Required Agricultural Practices which will be held locally on August 7th and 10th, Beth and Nell plan to attend one meeting on the 10th at the Doten Farm in Barnard.

Nell Gwin indicated she would be interested in attending the municipal training in September put on by the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

Reminder to all RPC members- reply to all email discussions are not allowed by the Vermont open meeting law, the procedure is to reply to the chair who would issue a reply to the recipients.

Green Lantern Solar will be discussed at upcoming Selectboard meeting(s).

The Conservation Commission will be planning a walk on the hill above the Crawford lot.

The Library is petitioning for a bond vote to build the library addition. Fund raising is still just over half the goal at an estimated \$350,000.

The next meeting will be held on September 5th at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm, motion by David Brandau, seconded by Roni Johnson.

Respectfully submitted by Stuart Levasseur, clerk.