

**Town of Royalton
Regular Selectboard Meeting
Selectboard Office
May 28, 2013**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Ernie Amsden, Peggy Ainsworth and Joan Goldstein
Phil Gates arrived 7:10pm

Public present: Walter Hastings, Jeff Barcelow, Bob Hull, Peg Elmer, Bob Slattery, Cathy Hazlett, Frank Berk, Sandy Manouvelos, Stuart Levassuer, Rose Hemond

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 7:00pm

Frank Berk announced the closing for the Crawford Property would be Wednesday June 5, 2013 at 10:00am

**P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, inviting R. Hemond and F. Berk.
Motion passed 4-0**

Entered executive session at 7:05 p.m.

**Out of executive session at 7:17 p.m. J Goldstein motioned, P.Ainsworth seconded to amend the final judgment from VLS and authorize Larry Trottier to sign once amendments have been completed.
Motion passed 3-0 P. Gates abstain due to lateness.**

Cathy Hazlett presented the results from her smoking survey. She asked if people were interested in Smoke Free areas in town. Cathy said her goal was to reduce smoking all together. The Selectboard thanked Cathy for her presentation.

Jeff Barcelow and Walter Hastings asked the Selectboard to sign an extension to give them more time to prepare the Royalton Grand List to June 30, 2013 **P.Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded
Motion passed to sign Lister Extension to prepare the Royalton Grand List.**

Jeff Barcelow and Walter Hastings presented a floor plan for new town offices at Crawford Property. They had several proposals on various ways to get the town offices over at the Crawford Building completed by December 2012. Walter and Jeff were able to view a trailer and a log cabin that they could use for their office. They both agreed the log cabin looked nicer and may be easier to sell when the town no longer needed it. They also mentioned the difficulties with having the files away from the town clerk. Larry asked them if the town should proceed with the purchase of the log cabin and Walter and Jeff agreed they should and it would be fine for the short term.

Peg Elmer spoke to the Selectboard about the town requesting from V-trans “no parking between signs” signs at the pull-off by the Pinch Rock swimming hole on Rte 14. She presented a letter that she would like the Selectboard to sign which states the town supports putting up signs at this location on Rte 14. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to sign the letter and send to V Trans. Motion passed 4-0.**

Public Concerns:

Sandy Manouvelos: Inquired as to Pike Industries repairs to the Oxbow Road. No response yet. Sandy also mentioned she is petitioning to have the school budget voted on by Australian ballot.

Hank Dimuzio letter to the Selectboard due to continuous paving of North Windsor Street the several inches of pavement that creates a 5 inch ledge onto his driveway. Roger McCrillis and Larry Trottier will visit Hank to discuss this matter.

State of Vermont purchase use of easement on Route 14 by Spaulding Bridge. **P Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded. Motion passed 4-0 to sign agreement for use of easement on Route 14.**

Tree Trimming on Royalton Common: Trees on Royalton Common in the way of town groundskeeper. He has requested to trim the trees that are in his way mowing. Invoice for tree trimming to be paid from Community Betterment Fund **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve tree trimming on the Royalton Common. Motion passed 4-0**

Review Bid Request for Royalton Academy Building. Rose Hemond was contacted by Sandy Conrad to create an RFP for the purchase and installation of a generator at the Academy Building. The Selectboard proceeded to advise Rose on what to include in ad to be placed in the Randolph Herald.

Excess Weight Permit W.B. Rogers P. Gates approved and P Ainsworth seconded to approve overweight permit Motion passed 4-0

Jonathon Offensend Driveway Permit application. Roger McCrillis inspected the proposed driveway. He documented his recommendations on the permit application. The Selectboard will review again after the Planning Commission has reviewed the application.

South Royalton Band Schedule the Selectboard was notified of the Royalton Band Schedule for 2013.

Town Office Discussion Phil Gates stated to the Selectboard that the Crawford Buildings' entire exterior should be rehabbed and to defer some costs, leave part of the interior to be finished at a later date. The entire concrete floor would be replaced as well. Discussion ensued about the future Town Offices located on the Crawford Property. Phil said the Selectboard had three choices. 1) Implement Walter and Jeff's plan of renovating only part of the interior and exterior of the building. 2) Phil's suggestion of renovating the entire exterior and the entire interior but not put in all the offices. 3) The original plan of renovating the entire building inside and out. Larry mentioned how there are many issues that need to be resolved before they can move forward with building renovations. Some of them are: The property needs to be purchased. The clean up funds and clean up needs to be completed and the ACT 250 permit to extract gravel need to be in place.

Chief Hull Spoke about renovating the office space at 17 North Windsor Street to accommodate police equipment that needs to be locked away. They discussed hiring a carpenter to get some estimates. Ernie recommended Jacob Goulet who did work on the Academy building. Rose will make contacts.

Larry further discussed ideas about the log cabin. He suggested Lucky's delivering it. He will contact them. Larry had contacted the owner of the log cabin and mentioned the town was interested in the purchase of the log cabin. Discussion ensued about heat and electric being hooked up to the cabin.

Review Budgets Selectboard reviewed budget to actual numbers through 05/15/13 for General and Highway Fund.

Accounts Payable Royalton Selectboard members reviewed and approved payables as prepared by the town treasurer.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rose Hemond