

**Town of Royalton  
Regular Selectboard Meeting  
Selectboard Office  
June 11, 2013**

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

**Public present:** Sandy Conrad, Sandy Manouvelos, Dell Cloud, Roger McCrillis, Stuart Levasseur, Listers Bruce Washburn, Walter Hastings and Jeff Barcelow, Town Treasurer Theresa Harrington, Chief Bob Hull, School Board Chair Tim Murphy, Rose Hemond

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

**Sandy Conrad presented to the Selectboard an America Red Cross Shelter Agreement.** The Town agrees to have the Royalton Academy Building as a Red Cross Shelter. J Goldstein Motioned to approve American Red Cross Shelter Agreement and authorize Larry Trottier to sign P. Gates seconded Motion Passed 4-0.

**Dell Cloud Town Manager from the Town of Bethel** discussed the Royalton Bethel Transfer Station. At first he presented a chronology that led him to his current presentation to the Selectboard. His discussion included creating a joint board, hiring a bookkeeper and establishing by-laws. Peggy Ainsworth requested updated financial information on the transfer station. Dell responded there have been issues in regards to the audit firm hired by the town and he hoped they would be resolved soon. He said at the 06/26/13 Transfer Station meeting he would have some to present. Dell would like to see transfer station separated from the Town of Bethel financially and become a free standing entity.

**Sandy Manouvelos and Tim Murphy** Tim spoke of Sandy Manouvelos' petition to have the school meeting and the town meeting on the same day. Tim tried to clarify what the intent behind the petition was. Sandy said she wanted the school budget vote to be held by Australian ballot and the school budget meeting the same day as town meeting. Larry explained that you cannot have both. You cannot discuss the school budget on the same day as Australian ballot is being held. The budget discussion will have to happen prior to the vote. Joan said she did not know that Sandy's petition was for having the meetings on the same day. Sandy said she turned her petition into the Town Clerk but directed the Town Clerk not to record it until after the Selectboard meeting. The issues need to present separately. The Selectboard expressed that the appropriate action needs to come from the School Board.

**Jeff Barcelow spoke to the Selectboard** about the inconvenience of the listers moving out of the Town Clerks office and into the log cabin. The Listers files are needed by researchers and the Town Clerk. It would create a hardship. Walter said it is important to get town offices built. We need more space for offices and storage. Theresa suggested using the log cabin for storage and she moves the Treasurer's office to the Police Department office. Chief Hull spoke of modifying the office space so there would be two separate offices. The Police Department would have a larger space. Jeff spoke to the need for storage. Larry said to clarify, Theresa will come up to the Police Department, the log cabin would be used for storage and the Listers will stay where they are. Chief Hull said that the log cabin may not be suitable for a public office. Walter said he would move into log cabin if needed. Bruce Washburn said the Selectboard needs to make a decision and know that not everyone is going to be happy with the decision Chief Hull there would be plenty of room for Selectboard meetings to continue being held at North Windsor Street. The listers said if they had to move into the cabin if necessary.

Larry thanked them for voicing their concerns.

**Sandy M asked when the Selectboard is going to hold hearings on the new town offices.** Chief Hull mentioned that there is already enough money built in the General Fund budget for the debt service on the bond for the rehabbed Crawford building for Town Offices due to the fact we will not have to purchase gravel. Chief Hull said the Selectboard needs to sell the residents on the new town offices. Joan said the ACT 250 permit and the clean-up will take time.

**Phil Gates discussed a slightly scaled down renovation** of the Crawford Building for Town Offices. He suggested the entire exterior renovated and the interior renovated but not finished with all the original office space. He seemed to think this would cut the cost of the project to about \$1 million. Joan would like to go for the bond vote this fall. Discussion ensued about the debt service on a 30 year bond of various cost ranges. Ask David Laurin reduce estimate to 4500 renovated interior square feet and the entire outside renovated. To have specs and blueprints for contractors it would cost \$80K. The Selectboard does not want to spend the money for blueprints. They would like David Laurin to come up with a cost estimate for 4500 square feet. **P. Gates motioned to ask David Laurin for a cost estimate on the entire exterior of the Crawford Building renovated and the interior renovated but not finished. Only 4500 square feet of office space completed inside and all the flooring. (Change of scope) J Goldstein seconded Motion passed 4-0.**

**Discussion of Timetable for Crawford Property.**

- **June 2013** Purchased Property, Submit the Community Relations Plan
- **July 2013** Application for funding reviewed, Approval by EPA of Community relations Plan
- **August 2013:** Learn the status of clean up funds. Enter into Public Comment period
- **September 2013** Put Clean -up project out for bid
- **October 2013** Clean up of property commences
- **November 2013** Test for Final Certificate of Completion

**Resignation of 911 Rose Hemond presented a letter of resignation from 911 Coordinator Pam Levasseur.** Joan asked what other towns do. Rose is to research this and get back to the Selectboard.

**Request use of the Town Green on 08/03/13** for red Door Church Town Wide Yard Sale P. Ainsworth Motioned and J Goldstein seconded Motion Passed 4-0.

Jonathon Offensend Driveway Permit 13-01 **P Gates motioned to approve permit subject to recommendations J. Goldstein seconded Motion passed 4-0**

**Library Chimney Repair Norman** Hebard and Enright Masonry were contacted for estimates to repair (reflash) the chimney on the library building. Hebard Masonry responded with an estimate of \$1250.00 **J Goldstein motioned to have library repair work done according to estimate. P Gates seconded. Motion passed 4-0**

**Recreation Committee Appointments,** Lisa Southworth, Jenn Morse and Billie Jean Vesper all submitted letters to be appointed to the Recreation Committee. **J Goldstein motioned to accept all three requests for appointments P Gates seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Perley Farm Road Discussion:** Rose presented two estimates for Perley Farm Road (a FEMA Project not completed) from the engineers. The cost estimate to move Perley Farm Road permanently and to reinforce the river embankment will cost \$308K. To put the road back to its original location and reinforce the river embankment will cost \$508K. FEMA only approved \$189K for this project because the material cost was underestimated. Mary Andes, who works for the state of Vermont, has been in discussions with FEMA to get one of these projects approved. Mary informed Rose that FEMA is aware of the project and will not make any decisions. Joan asked Rose to prepare a timeline for Perley Farm Road project and where we stand now. We will try to get some more involvement on the state level.

**Bicycle Pedestrian Program** Rose presented grant information on this program. She asked the Selectboard if she should apply for this grant. Peggy, Phil and Larry expressed there were enough projects the town was currently involved in. The Selectboard decided to pass on applying for the grant this year.

**WI Fi Launch (Royalton Connection) on the Town Green June 13, 2013.** Sponsors for the landing page are the South Royalton Market (\$30 per month) and the Five Olde Tavern (\$30 per month). Rose will get one more advertiser to cover the landing page. Rose will bill them quarterly.

**Meeting minutes 05/14/13 P Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve meeting minutes for 05/14/13 Motion passed 4-0**

**Pike industries Correspondence** A letter from Pike Industries saying they are taking responsibility for the failures in the paving project from last Fall 2013.

**Roger McCrillis presented bids** on the truck bodies Tenco is the lowest bidder at \$64,000.00 **P Gates motioned to accept bid for Tenco body and P. Ainsworth seconded Motion passed 4-0.**

**Roger discussed with the Selectboard** the idea of investing in a gate at the Crawford Property to keep people from dumping trash or trespassing on the property.

**Meeting Adjourned 10:20 pm**  
**Respectfully Submitted by**  
**Rose Hemond**