

**Town of Royalton
Regular Selectboard Meeting
Selectboard Office
June 25, 2013**

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

Public present: Gidget Lyman, Tom Trottier, John Dumville, Sandy Conrad, John Mayer, Peter Schaal, Todd Schaal, Rose Hemond, Heather and Jeremiah Huntley, Bob Hull

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

Tom Trottier requested on behalf of the Fire Department for (1) use of the Town Green for Old Home Days 07/18/13-07/20/13.

(2) Lift the ban on alcohol on the town green for Old Home Days. (3) To park trucks and trailers at the Crawford Property. **P Ainsworth motioned and P Gates seconded all three requests. E Amsden wanted to go on record that he opposed lifting the ban on alcohol but was in favor of the other two items. Motion passed 4-0.**

John Mayer Asked to For the Cascadnac Fish and Game Club, make some repairs to a building way out in the back of the Crawford Property where equipment for the club is store. Larry said until further notice they are able to repair and use the building for storing equipment. **P. Ainsworth motioned and P.Gates seconded to allow the Cascadnac Club to repair and continue use of the building until further notice. Motion passed 4-0**

John requested something in writing from the town and Joan suggested the Cascanac Club submit something to the Selectboard for review. John agreed.

Gidget Lyman is working on the Emergency Plan for the town. Gidget will schedule a meeting with Rose to get the Selectboard's input on the plan.

Heather and Jeremiah Huntley spoke to the Selectboard about setting up a drop off point in town for customers to drop off their trash. Joan advised them to contact the small business center.

Generator Bid Opening; three bids were opened for the generator installation. Brookfield Service \$23,500.00 Smalley Contractors \$54,700.00 and Schaal Electric \$28,000.00 the bid was awarded to Schaal Electric. All the generators were the same kw but Schaals generator had a larger motor (5.7liter) and more horsepower (105hp). **E Amsden motioned and P. Gates seconded to award the contract to Schaal Electric. Joan disclosed that Pete Schaal is on her board. Motion passed 4-0.**

Discuss Academy Building Rent for White River Partnership. The Selectboard considered an offer for the White River Partnership to rent the space where the Royalton Preschool was located for \$5000.00 a year. Ernie said it was not good business sense to give WRP 3x more space for only \$1,100.00 more a year. **P. Gates motioned to accept WRP \$5000.00 rent for one year P. Ainsworth seconded Motion pass 3-1.**

Discuss 2013-2014 Academy Lease Agreements renewals. J. Goldstein motioned and P Ainsworth seconded to increase the annual rent for all Royalton Academy tenants by 3% for the FY 13/14. Motion passed 4-0.

Phil Gates discussed some ideas about town offices. Finishing off the Crawford Building or renting space at the Clifford Building.

Rent at the Clifford Property world is 35K-40K a year. Discussion ensued about the benefits of renovating or renting office space.

Journey Church request to use Town Green for Fall Festival on 10/26/13 **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded for the Journey Church to use the Town Green on 10/26/13 Motion pass 4-0**

CDBG Funding Disaster recovering funding. Rose was instructed by the Selectboard to submit a letter of intent for grant funds on several town projects that represent unmet needs by FEMA as a result of Storm Irene.

Special Meeting to award bid for Fox Stand Bridge Approach Special Selectboard Meeting to award bid to be held on 06/28/13 at 8am to take action on Dubois and King Recommendation.

Discussion of Royalton Transfer Station Meeting 06/26/13 Discussion about the expectations of the next Transfer Station Meeting.

Appoint Fire Warden Donald Lovejoy was appointed Royalton Fire Warden **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve Donald Lovejoy as Fire Warden Motion passed 4-0**

State of Vermont Letter on Maintenance Joan withdraws her motion and the Selectboard decided to table until more details are presented. Rose is to get more details on the projects.

Actual to Budget Reports The Selectboard reviewed FY 12/13 budget to actual operating statements for the General Fund and Highway Fund.

Meeting Minutes 05/28/13 P Ainsworth and J Goldstein motioned to approve meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0

Meeting Minutes 06/11/13 P. Gates and J Goldstein motioned to approve meeting minutes for 06/11/13 with amendment Motion passed 4-0

Appointment to the Royalton Recreation Committee John Scoskie **J. Goldstein motioned and P.Ainsworth seconded Motion passed 4-0**

Royalton Recreation hosting Rubber Ball Tournament weekend of old Home Days at the Carpenter Field.

Town of Royalton to provide Stagecoach a letter supporting Tim Dreisbach as Royalton representative on the Stagecoach Board. **J. Goldstein motioned and P Ainsworth seconded to provide Stagecoach a letter from the town. Motion passed 4-0**

The Selectboard reviewed and approved accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer.

Highway Department Larry mentioned that the Pomfret Road Crew is short staffed and the Royalton Road crew may help (and be paid by the (Town of Pomfret)

Larry Trottier requested to enter Executive Session at 9:50pm to discuss payroll matters. Rose Hemond invited to stay **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded Motion passed 4-0**

10pm P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to exit executive session. No action taken

P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to increase the Royalton Road Crew wages by 3% for FY 13/14 effective July 1, 2013. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Goldstein motioned and P Ainsworth seconded to increase the Royalton Law Enforcement wages by 3% for FY 13/14 effective July 1, 2013 Motion passed 4-0.

L. Trottier motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to hire Rose Hemond permanently. Motion passed 4-0. Rose thanked the Selectboard.

The Selectboard asked Rose to have the State Fire Marshall inspect the log cabin.

Meeting Adjourned 10:15 pm

**Respectfully Submitted by
Rose Hemond**