

Town of Royalton  
Regular Selectboard Meeting  
Selectboard Office

February 12, 2013

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

**Public present:** Rose Hemond, Cindy Gates, Judge David Singer and Judge Jack Andrew Asst. Judges from Windsor County Court, Stuart and Pam Levasseur, Noel Cirisian, Chad Ferrell, Frank Berk and Mike Bald

**Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Special Selectboard Meeting at 7:04 p.m.**

**Rose Hemond reported the Town Report** was delivered to the printers Spaulding Press on 02/05/13 and is currently being printed.

**Rescue Squad**, no further discussions in regards to the town taking over the Royalton Rescue Squad

**Chairman Trottier welcomed Windsor County Assistant Judges David Singer and Jack Anderson to the Meeting**  
The judges began by discussing the FY 13/14 budget for Windsor County. Royalton share of the Windsor County Budget is 2.8%. Operating costs for FY12/13 were under budgeted. Royalton paid \$7,487.00 in 2012. The budget request for FY 13/14 has doubled to \$15,289. The judges also discussed the plan to upgrade the court building in Woodstock Vermont. The renovation includes an addition at the back of the building to provide an elevator, handicap accessible bathrooms and a rear exit. Royalton's share of this renovation will be 2.8% of the \$2 million dollars. The cost to the over 10 years (about \$228K per year at a quarter cent per \$100 evaluation) puts Royalton's per capita share at \$6.413 per year. There will be a bond vote at the annual Royalton Town Meeting on 03/05/13.  
The judges were thanked for all the information they have shared with the Selectboard.

**The Selectboard welcomed Chad Ferrell from Encore Redevelopment** who discussed the potential for putting a solar array on the Crawford Property.

**The Selectboard** signed the new library lease that was presented by Library Trustee Cindy Gates.

**Mike Bald** spoke to the Selectboard about presenting a survey at Royalton Annual Town Meeting. The survey will ask residents about their interest in having conservation and energy committees. The Selectboard was supportive of Mike presenting the survey at Town Meeting.

**The Selectboard adopted** Town Road and Bridge Standards. The Selectboard signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage and the Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards

**The Selectboard approved** the following 2013 Liquor and Tobacco License Applications

- South Royalton Market
- R&B's Deli
- McCullough Quick Stop

**The Selectboard approved** Excess weight permits

Contested parking tickets were reviewed and no action was taken

**Announcement that Royalton** was accepted into the BRELLA which will allow the town to apply for clean up funds for the Crawford Property.

**Eric Urch from ECS** inquired about the possibility of storing contaminated soil on site at Crawford. The Selectboard agreed this was possible but not sure if that is what they wanted to do.

**The Selectboard reviewed RFP's for Legal Services on 4 HMGP properties.** Alison Gravel proposed \$500 per property and Frank Berk proposed \$600.00. **J Goldstein motioned to hire Alison Gravel, P Ainsworth Seconded. Motion passed 4-0 to hire Alison Gravel.**

**There was an inquiry to the Selectboard** office asking if any approval was necessary to construct a playground for the preschool that will locate at the South Royalton School. The Selectboard said since it is school property that needs to be addressed by the school.

**At 8:55pm** the Selectboard entered into Executive Session Frank Berk and Rose Hemond were invited to stay.

**At 9:50** the Selectboard exited executive session.

No action taken

**Accounts Payable and Payroll were approved.**

**Meeting Minutes for 01/22/13 and 01/31/13.**

Motioned to approve by E Amsden, seconded by Phil Gates

**2 abstentions Motion passed 2-0**

**Delinquent Tax Update.** The Delinquent Tax Collector prepared a list of 28 Royalton properties for Tax Sale on May 1, 2013. The taxes on these properties have been outstanding for 2 years and they have no payment plans in place.

J Goldstein moved to approved tax sale list and P. Gates seconded.

**Motion to approved Tax Sales on 05/01/13 passed 4-0.**

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rose Hemond