

**Town of Royalton  
Regular Selectboard Meeting  
Selectboard Office  
August 13, 2013**

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

**Public present:** Rose Hemond, Stuart Levassuer, Bob Hull, Dave Gray, Gidget Lyman, Ted Kenyon, Jojo Levassuer

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

**Chief Hull** reported to the Selectboard that the Royalton Traffic Ordinance needs to be updated. Article VI Stop and Yield Intersections needs to have the following intersections added:

Arctic Cat (TH97 and Route 107), State Highway 107 to Route 14, TH49 Rousseau Road entering TH 4 North Road from east, TH 49 Rousseau Road entering TH 4 North Road from west, State Highway 110 to 14.

**Gidget Lyman** spoke about scheduling D-Lan training Saturday October 5, 2013 9am-1pm at the South Royalton School. The Selectboard agreed for her to schedule the training.

**Ted Kenyon** asked to continue purchasing sand from the Crawford Pit the gravel is below the sand. Larry said they will ask the Act 250 consultant Robert Townsend if this would be possible.

**Jojo Levassuer** asked the Selectboard to approve matching funds for a municipal planning grant to help them update the Town Report which has to be re-adopted every 5 years. (Town Meeting 2015) Two Rivers will administer the grant.

**J Goldstein motioned to support RPC applying for the municipal planning grant, P. Ainsworth seconded Motion passed 4-0**

**Dave Gray came to speak to the Selectboard about the Royalton Police Department.** He spoke of speeding on Mill Road. Mr. Gray mentioned the response time of the RPD is inappropriate. Chief Hull was asked for an explanation and he defended his actions in regards to the incident. Dave Gray expressed his opinion that the RPD is too lenient on drugs and other illegal activities in Royalton. Larry said the Selectboard will discuss these matters.

**Set the 2013 Royalton Property Tax Rate,** The resident property tax rate \$2.0918, the nonresident property rate \$2.1053. **P. Gates motioned and P.Ainsworth seconded to set the 2013 tax rates. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Planning Commission Appointments P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to appoint Tim Dreisbach, Joshua Powers, and Elizabeth Wilhite to the Planning Commission for another term. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Mike Bald expressed his concern in an email** to the Selectboard about wild parsnip. The Selectboard suggested he speak to the Planning Commission who is currently working on a new Town Plan for 2015 and may want to include a section on invasive plants.

**Bloss Ballou Road.** The Selectboard listened to some questions from Carol Hodgen about Bloss Ballou Road and the Selectboard decided if there was any further inquiries in regards to this road, Ms. Hodgen should contact the surveyor.

**Heath Arnold** requested an abatement 3600 gallons on his mother's water bill due to power washing her home. The Selectboard decided since there was no advance notice of this washing they will abate 1800 gallons resulting in a credit of \$33.75 on her current waster bill. It will be the recommendation of the Board that the Royalton Waster Water Facility should be notified ahead of time of any future projects. **J. Goldstein motioned P. Ainsworth seconded approve abatement for half of the requested amount (1800 gallons) and require any future projects need to be reported to the Royalton Waste Water Facility. Motion passed 4-0**

**Royalton Rescue Squad** the Selectboard asked Rose to research when appropriation requests were required to be paid. The beginning of the fiscal year or when taxes are collected. If there is no set date to pay appropriations the Rescue Squad can apply for a loan through the Revolving Loan Fund to cover expense for the short term **P. Ainsworth motioned and J Goldstein seconded to find out the towns obligation on when to pay appropriations. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Branchview Cemetery P Gates motioned and J Goldstein seconded for the Town of Royalton to accept the ownership of the Branchview Cemetery. Motion passed 4-0**

**Branchview Cemetery P Ainsworth motioned and J Goldstein Seconded to allow Larry Trotter to sign any and all of documents to effectuate the transfer of the Branchview Cemetery over to the Town of Royalton Motion passed 4-0 .**

**Robert Townsend emailed ACT 250 permit questions.** Larry suggested setting a meeting with engineer Robert Townsend and Road Foreman Roger McCrillis to discuss questions.

**Brenda Cohen owner of RB's Deli** contacted the Selectboard Office about increased usage of her restroom at her deli when there are concerts on the green. The Selectboard decided to rent a Porta-Potty from May to October starting next year.

**Randy Leavitt** contacted the Selectboard in regards to the additional trash on the green. The Selectboard decided to have trash pick-up increase to twice a week from May to October starting next year. Suggested days Tuesday and Friday.

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2013 P. Gates motioned and E Amsden seconded to approve the meeting minutes from 07/23/13 Motion passed 4-0.**

**Larry** discussed a bill from Patriot to repair the rear end of the 2006 Sterling Truck and decided not to trade this truck in but perhaps trade in the 2004 truck instead. Since there were so many repairs done on the 2006 it should last for a while.

**The Selectboard** approved accounts payable and payroll as prepared by the Town Treasurer.

**Motion made by P. Ainsworth, seconded by P. Gates to enter executive session to discuss evaluation of a town employee. Passed 4-0 Invited Rose Hemond and Chief Bob Hull.**

**Entered executive session at 9:19 p.m.**

**Out of executive session at 10:04 p.m. with no action taken.**

Meeting Adjourned 10:04 pm

Respectfully submitted

By Rose Hemond