

January 08, 2013

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

**Public present:** Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond, Andy Legg and Joe Duncan (Engineers from Aldrich and Elliot,) Noel Cirisan, Stuart Levasseur, Roger McCrillis, Gail Trostin,(Royalton School Principal) David Bickford,(School Superintendent) Geo Honigford, Tim Murphy, Chris Hudson, Laurie Smith, Frank Berk

**Chairman Trottier opened the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

**Appointments:** Chairman Trottier welcomed Andy Legg and Joe Duncan from Aldrich and Elliot Water resource Engineers. Discussion ensued about a sewer restructuring study that was presented by Mr. Legg and Mr. Duncan. It was discussed that 80% of the existing sewer budget are fixed costs and 20% of the sewer budget is variable costs. A rate structure was presented which fixed costs are based on Vermont Environmental Protection Rule. There was further discussion on how EPR's were determined to calculate the EU (equivalent unit) The Selectboard questions how much detail was necessary to accurately calculate EU's. The simpler the classification the easier it is to consistently classifies a dwelling. It was decided one apartment will be calculated as one EU. Chairman Trottier thanked Andy and Joe for their time.

**Public Concerns**  
None

**Selectboard Board**

**Motion by Phil Gates, second by J Goldstein to approve Selectboard Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2012. Motion passed 3-0**

**Accounts Payable reviewed and approved.**

**Reviewed letter about contested parking ticket from Jamie Kinnarney. No action taken**

**Discussion about snow removal from sidewalk in front of the businesses on Chelsea Street.** It was suggested the building owners create mounds off the curb instead of a ridge. Notify business owners to create mounds of snow off the curb and within 24 hours it will be cleaned up by the highway department. Rose Hemond will draft a letter to mail to business owners to create mounds of snow. **J. Goldstein motioned P. Gates seconded. Motion passed 3-0**

**BRELLA Application.** Motion made to sign application by **P.Gates, seconded by J. Goldstein. Motion passed 3-0**

**Rescue Squad:** Dave Palmer contacted Larry Trottier to ask if the Rescue Squad could become a municipal Department under the Town of Royalton. Larry asked if other Selectboard Members would attend the Fire District Annual meeting on 01/14/13 at the school at 7pm. Selectboard members are not part of the water district. They will attend the meeting as part of the general public.

**Russell Patton pruning crabapple trees;** E Amsden recommended consulting with the Tree Warden: Frank Lamson . Frank will be contacted in regards to the tree pruning.

**Health Officer:** Chief Bob Hull current Health Officer **P. Gates Motioned, E Amsden Seconded Motion Passed 3-0 to appoint Chief Hull Royalton Health Officer**

**Tax Appeal outcome on Broadbrook Mountain Barn** Due to the change in Land Use credit on the adjusted real value of the property, the total taxable value of parcel E -740 only change by \$46.05. If the town agreed to the valuation the landowners suggested, the town would have lost \$2792.64 in tax revenue.

**Re enactment of the Suffrage Parade:** Claire Epchook, a Middle School teacher at South Royalton, requested permission to hold a parade on Mother's Day 05/12/13 at 2pm. The parade will start at Crawford Auto Land and proceed across the bridge and around the Green and end up at the school. The town will inform Ms. Epchook to contact the state to get permission for the parade to cross over State Road 14.

**J Goldstein motioned, E. Amsden seconded to approve parade in town. Motion passed 3-0**

**Law Enforcement request for data entry clerk for the Spillman database.** Clerk needs to be certified through the state. Will not exceed more than 4 hours per week. Cost to be added to Law Enforcement Budget \$3300.00 **P.Gates motioned, E. Amsden seconded Motion Passed 3-0**

**Computer Work for summer 2013 at Town Clerks Office** Three estimates were obtained Simple Sharepoint \$30K, Paradigm \$10K (not comprehensive does not include all software) Systems Plus (all inclusive offsite storage) \$14.9K **J.Goldstein motioned P.Gates seconded to contract Systems Plus upon estimate reviewed by Town Treasurer Theresa Harrington**

**Town Taking over Branchview Cemetary:** Contact Town Attorney Frank Berk to handle legal documentation in regards the town taking over the cemetery.

**Town Report Cover:** Selectboard decided on photo for Report

**Royalton School Board** discussion ensued about the FY13/14 School Budget. School budget is up mostly due to increases in healthcare, grounds maintenance and a decrease in state aid. Town Budget is as well due to increases healthcare costs, fuel and energy costs that cannot be controlled. The Royalton Preschool will be moved from the Academy Building to the South Royalton School. Discussion about the school and towns liability from Storm Irene. The town and school financial responsibility are both around \$75K **Chairman Trottier thanked the School Board their attendance and all the information they shared with the Selectboard.**

**Delinquent Tax Update** Rose Hemond updated the Selectboard on the status of delinquent taxes through 01/04/13.

**Keeping Vermont Tar Sands Free, to be warned in the Town Report** **Mike Bald** needs 5% of the signatures of registered voters in Royalton to sign petition to get article on warning for Town Meeting.

**Crawford Property** Discussion about timeline for CAP. Further discussion with Frank Berk about the Royalton Fire Truck currently parked at the Crawford Auto-land.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rose Hemond