

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
September 10, 2013
17 North Windsor Street**

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

Public present: Rose Hemond, Stuart Levassuer, Sandy Manouvelos, Richard and Carol Dermody, Roger McCrillis, Karmen Bascom, Thomas Evers, Vermont State Police Lt Jenkins, Bob Hull, Heather Huntley,

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

Traffic Ordinance Police Chief Bob Hull requested the stop sign at the intersection of Christian Hill Road (TH#79) and Route 107 **P.Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to amend traffic ordinance. Motion passed 4-0.**

Inter-municipal Police Agreement FY13/14: The town of Sharon contracts the RPD to patrol Sharon Vermont. The contract is renewable each year. **P.Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded. Motion passed 4-0**

Perley Farm Road: Mary Andes and Jeff Tucker spoke about where they stand with Perley Farm Road. Submit a plan that includes moving the road and reinforcing the embankment for around \$300K. Mary will pursue this option with FEMA. Mary discussed Lovejoy Bridge and how it went over budget by \$90K due in part to a \$52K pedestrian bridge. FEMA. If Jeff Tucker can get AOT to support his plan, FEMA may pay more on this project. FoxStand needs additional work (guardrail, grout bags, and twisted members.)(FEMA will probably will only cover grout bags)

Urdstadt Culvert FEMA increased the obligated amount from \$46K to \$112K to replace culvert P. Ainsworth motioned and P.Gates seconded to install a new culvert at Urdstat Road Motion passed 4-0.

Lieutenant Jenkins spoke to the Selectboard about the law enforcement issues in Royalton. He said he did think one particular issue that stood out. Ernie spoke of a complaint the Selectboard received about the Royalton Police Department and inquired as to some kind of procedure how to handle it. Joan Goldstein asked about guidance as to how to handle a complaint. Lt. Jenkins said he is hesitant to get involved in town matters. There was more discussion about the future of the RPD. Lieutenant Jenkins was thanked for his time.

Carol Dermody presented a problem to the Selectboard about drainage on Happy Hollow road. She claimed water goes into her hay field and it makes it swampy. She is asking for some suggestions on how to fix this problem. The Selectboard said the town will remove over burden by excavating on Rix Road.

Heather Huntley asked the Selectboard if her new rubbish removal business can have a drop off location on the former Crawford Property. The Selectboard supports their business but is hesitant on the fairness of allowing people to use the town property for business. Phil recommend she use private property for their drop off point.

Thomas Evers asked permission from the Selectboard to gate (unlocked) TH#39. He explained how there is continuous “mudders” and delivery trucks making their way up and running a private field. The Selectboard gave approval for him to place a gate TH#39 and designate it a “pent road” **L.Trottier motioned and J Goldstein seconded to put an unlocked gate across TH#39. Motion Passed 4-0**

Karmen Bascom (911 Co-Ordinate) updated the Selectboard on some changes to private VLS 911 addresses. Cameron Way and Cornell Road. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve VLS private road updates. Motion passed 4-0.**

Karmen Bascom asked for approval for use of the Town Green 09/19/13 for a Republican Caucus. **J Goldstein** motioned and **P. Ainsworth** seconded to allow the Republican Caucus use of the Town Green on 09/19/13. Motion passed 4-0

Mowing RFP the Royalton Selectboard listened to emailed requests from the Recreation Committee Chairperson Bridget Barry. The Selectboard decided to discontinue use of the ball fields and mowing at the former Crawford Auto-land from now on. No actions were taken on the Recreation requests. The Selectboard decided to add mowing around the building and the parking lot to Route 14.

Brownfield Clean up RFP Rose asked the Selectboard some questions about the details in the RFP. Due date 10/08/13. They reviewed a list of consultants.

Discuss Noise Test for the for the ACT 250 permit **J Goldstein** motioned to allow **RSG** to conduct simple noise test at the former Crawford Auto land **P. Gates** seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Sign resolution for 2014 Municipal Planning Grant **J Goldstein** to sign the resolution to apply for the MuniPG **P Gates** seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Carpenter Closure letter Selectboard signed a letter to remove the town from Land Use Permit #3W0946.(Carpenter Pit

Request for Funds for Royalton Academy to Generator Grant project Sandy Conrad contacted the Selectboard and inquired if the town would help pay for this project. **L. Trottier** motioned to pay the \$5K from the Community Betterment for the generator project at the Royalton Academy building **J Golsdstein** seconded 3-2 motion passed

Contested Parking Ticker # 5604 **P. Ainsworth** motioned **P. Gates** seconded to uphold the ticker #5604 Motion passed 4-0

Approve 08/24/13 Meeting Minutes **P. Ainsworth** motioned with approve with an amendment **J Goldstein** seconded to approve meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0

Review Sewer Abatement Policy Selectboard reviewed a draft of the sewer abatement policy

Accounts Payable as prepared by Town Treasurer Theresa Harrington were reviewed and approved by the Selectboard

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Meeting Adjourned 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted

By Rose Hemond