

**Town of Royalton
Special Royalton Selectboard Meeting
October 8, 2013
Town Clerks Office Safford Street**

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

Public present: Tess Gauthier, Ena Backus (Snelling Center for Government), Cyndy Gates, Greg Tisch, Stuart Levasseur, Sandy Manouvelos, Gidget Lyman, Bushrod Powers, Tim Dreisbach, Mike Bald, Mark Corliss, Jason Caron, Walter Hastings, Rose Hemond, Karmen Bascom.

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Tess Gauthier and Ena Backus from the Snelling Center for Government asked questions of those in attendance about Royalton and what they would like to see on the town website.

Walter Hastings updated the Selectboard on the status of the home buyouts.

Award Brownfield Cleanup contract, Three proposals were received for the Crawford Brownfield cleanup. KAS/Paul Daly \$148,318.00, ECS \$165,875.00 and Weston and Samson \$156,058.16. **After review J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to award the contract to KAS/Paul Daly. Motion passed 4-0.**

Award 2014 Mowing Contract Bids from Mark Corliss (Weekly Mowing \$600, Spring Cleanup \$950 and fall cleanup \$850) and Jason Caron (Weekly mowing \$580.00 Spring Cleanup \$300 and Fall cleanup \$300). **E. Amsden motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to award the contract to Jason. P.Gates stated he thought Mark did a good job. Motion passed 3-1.**

Sewer Abatement Policy: A draft was reviewed by the Selectboard.

Sewer abatement policy draft a letter from Cheryl Morrill was read to the Selectboard in which she requested a sewer abatement. Phil Gates the Royalton Wastewater Fancily Manage will investigate the situation.

The Town has applied to VEDA for a loan for the purpose of redevelopment of the Crawford Auto land as contaminated property with the characterization, assessment and remediation of the site as provided by Vermont law. Upon that application VEDA has issued a loan commitment for \$85,000.00, which commitment has been approved and accepted by the Town. Furthermore, authorization is needed to appoint an individual, or individuals, to act on behalf of the Town to execute the loan closing documents and to take such other actions as may be required under the Loan Agreement.

It was moved by J. Goldstein and seconded by P. Ainsworth to authorize the Town to conclude the transaction with VEDA and Joan Goldstein Royalton Selectboard Member is to be appointed to execute any and all documents on behalf of the Town. Motion was approved and passed 4-0.

South Royalton Principal Gail Trotin requests a crosswalk from Hope Property and sidewalk. **J. Goldstein motioned to approve the crosswalk and P. Ainsworth seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**

Transfer Station Renewal Note: P. Gates motioned and P Ainsworth to sign renewal note. Motion passed 4-0.

Approve meeting minutes 09/24/13 P. Ainsworth motioned and P.Gates seconded to approve meeting minutes for 09/24/13 Motion passed 4-0

Approve Meeting minutes 09/30/13 P. Ainsworth motioned and P.Gates seconded to approve meeting minutes for 09/30/13. Motion Passed 4-0

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

Payroll as prepared by Town Treasurer was reviewed and approved by the Selectboard.

General Fund Budgets FY 14/15 for Town Clerk, Listers, Planning Commission, Parks and Streets, Meetings and Elections and Town Report, were reviewed and discussed by the Selectboard.

Zoning Bylaws Joan opened a discussion with Selectboard members about working with the Royalton Planning Commission on a zoning ordinance for Royalton. J. Goldstein made a motion that asked if the Royalton Selectboard was interested in working with the Royalton Planning Commission on a zoning ordinance And L. Trottier seconded. **Vote outcome was 2 negative, 2 abstentions and 1 yes vote**

Meeting Adjourned 10:00pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond