

Town of Royalton
Special Selectboard Meeting
Royalton Selectboard Office

September 25, 2012

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

Public present: Tim Dreisbach, Noel Cirasan, Sue Jones, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Stuart Levasseur, Chris Sargent, Peter Gregory, Peg Trombly, Alison Gravel, Jo Levasseur, Bob Slatery, Rebecca Beguin, and Frank Berk

Chairman Trottier opened the regular scheduled Selectboard meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Public Concerns

Flag replacement

Motion by E. Amsden, second by P. Ainsworth to take down all flags and replace for next season. Motion passed unanimously.

Royalton Energy Committee

Peg Trombly and Hoyt Bingham introduced themselves as members of the newly formed Royalton Energy Committee. They would like to be recognized like others in the town report. The regional planning commission has an energy report that was recently completed for the town of Royalton that may be helpful. After discussion, it was decided that the committee would be an independent advisory group.

Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) – Consultation Services (Peter Gregory and Chris Sargent)

Mr. Gregory and Mr. Sargent were present to discuss the role that the Regional Planning Commission plays in assisting the towns in our region their town plan and other long and short term planning goals. It was noted by TRORC that in the town of Royalton's Town Plan the utility and facility plan and energy plan are currently the weakest areas. Transportation and wetlands need more work also. TRORC has a template for the energy plan. N. Windsor Street and Foxville Hamlet need to be clarified. Local plans must meet regional goals or they cannot be approved. This would mean that the town would be ineligible for various development grant programs. C. Sargent asked for input for training needs. It was discussed that GMEDC could help with economic development promotion.

Brownfield Study is continuing with the final phase 2 report being reviewed by the State of Vermont, once approved a corrective action plan that will provide an estimate on the will hopefully be in place before winter.

It was noted that a follow up meeting would be scheduled with TRORC and the Royalton Planning Commission to discuss economic development planning.

Contested Parking Tickets

Motion by P. Ainsowrth, second by P. Gates to uphold ticket #5721. Motion passed (E. Amsden abstained)

Motion by P. Ainsowrth, second by P. Gates to forgive ticket #5723. Motion passed (E. Amsden abstained)

Motion by P. Ainsowrth, second by P. Gates to forgive ticket issued to Mrs. Laura Timian, Mr. Scott Puppalo, and Mr. Jerry Hendrickson. Motion passed (E. Amsden abstained, P. Gates opposed, L. Trottier and P. Ainsworth in favor)

Selectboard Minutes of August 28, September 4, and September 11

Motion by E. Amsden, second by P. Gates to approve the minutes of August 28, September 4, and September 11. Motion passed

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Grant Award

Motion by P. Gates, second by E. Amsden to accept buyout of properties (830 VT Route 14, 103 Bridge Street, 125 Gilman Road), authorizing Chairman Trottier to sign the grant award. Motion passed

Nava Bio-Energy

Motion by E. Amsden, second by P. Gates to extend the closing date by 30 days. Motion passed

Driveway Access #12-02

Motion by E. Amsden, second by P. Gates to approve driveway access permit #12-02. Motion passed

Utility Permit #12-02-UP

Motion by E. Amsden, second by P. Gates to approve utility permit #12-02-UP according to guidelines and recommendations from the town Road Foreman. Motion passed

Crawford Autoland

It was reported by L. Trottier that he and E. Amsden met with a Shepard Construction representative to get suggestions and cost estimates. Royalton Planning Commission member Bob Slatery suggested contacting architectural firms to give cost and use estimates. The Selectboard will invite Bob Slater and Architect David Laurin to come and discuss the Crawford property. E. Amsden, P. Gates, and B. Slatery will meet with David Laurin earlier. E. Amsden will schedule the initial meeting. The Selectboard would like to invite David Laurin to our next meeting.

Bloss Ballou Road – The Selectboard noted that the completed survey is needed as soon as possible in order to make a decision on the proposed Pedersen garage.

Motion by P. Gates, second by E. Amsden to enter executive session to discuss land negotiations, inviting Frank Berk. Motion passed

Entered executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Exited executive session at 9:40 p.m. with no action taken.

F. Berk will update the purchase and sales agreement for the land on Gilman Rd. owned by Donna Carpenter.

Additional business

The Selectboard noted that P. Gates will be paid the same salary as the Road Foreman when he replaces the manhole covers on the streets to be paved. P. Gates is doing this beyond his regular job with the sewer operating contractor S.O.S.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nathan P. Cleveland