

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting  
November 22, 2016 7:00pm  
Town Office on Route 14**

**Royalton Selectboard:** Peggy Ainsworth, Phil Gates, Joan Goldstein

**Late:** Sandy Conrad 7:09

**Regrets:** Larry Trottier

**Public Present:** Jojo Levasseur, John Dumville, Peter Chap, Chet Brown (7:30pm)

**Town Staff:** Town Administrator, Rose Hemond,

**Peggy started the meeting at 7:08pm:**

**Public Concerns:** John Dumville mentioned that an engineer looked at the Handy Memorial and will create a plan for taking it apart and reinforcing it. It is safe for the winter. There are several ways to restore the monument. John will keep the Selectboard informed about this project.

**Appoint Dan Kinney EC as Fiber Representative:** P. Gates Motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to appoint Dan Kinney as Royalton EC Fiber representative. Motion passed 3-0

**Legal Services for The USDA Royalton Wastewater Loan Attorney Paul Giuliani/ Goldstein** motioned and P. Gates seconded to hire Attorney Paul Giuliani to handle the closing on the USDA Royalton Wastewater loan. Motion passed 3-0

**U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Grant (50% match).** P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to accept the Department of Justice grant to purchase two bullet proof vests for the Royalton police department and the match will come out of the general fund. Motion passed 3-0

**2017 Town Report Bids** Two bids from Spaulding Press and R.C Brayshaw were reviewed by the Selectboard

**Peter Chap spoke to the Selectboard about the school consolidation.** He is part of a group of residents trying to raise awareness and get information about the costs and impact of the unified district. Sandy and Joan both felt that there needed to be more publicity about the meetings and discussions regarding school consolidation. Peter said that there are 4 models being discussed but no costs associated with each. When asked about financial impact, Peter said not one has any answers to give him. Joan suggested to create a list of what South Royalton School has now and what South Royalton School will have after the consolidation. How does Royalton benefit from the consolidation? The Selectboard expressed interest in the meetings and being part of what is going on with the school. They would like to hear more about it. They thanked Peter for speaking with them. Peter also asked about a light in the underpass that goes under the interstate. Phil suggested a sign that tells people to turn on their headlights.

**Chet Brown Manager of the Royalton Solid Waste Facility** presented the FY 17/18 Solid Waste budget to the Selectboard for review. Sandy explained to the Selectboard how the Royalton Solid Waste Board is making progress in getting financial information. Joan expressed concern that there was

still no accurate accounting of assets and cash. Chet asked permission to enter a lease to own agreement for a John Deere bucket loader and an excavator. It will be a lease to own contract for both pieces of equipment for an annual payment of \$55,411.00 a year for 5 years. **P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the lease and purchase of the equipment by the Royalton Solid Waste Facility. Motion passed 3- with one abstention.**

**Kerosene for the Library: P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to purchase kerosene from Kevin Rogers which is cheaper than from Rymes. Motion passed 3-0**

**Library Roof Repair: Phil will speak with Bruce Jones about getting the Library roof leak repaired. P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to hire Bruce Jones to repair the leaf in the library roof. Motion passed 3-0**

**Town Office Building Parking Lot Light: P.Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approved installing a parking lot light at the town office building for a costs not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion passed 3-0**

Discussion ensued about calling GMP about installing light on pole neat entryway to town office and a crosswalk across Route 14 from the bridge to the Town Office Building.

Water Trough Discussion: The Selectboard discussed working with an architect to come up with a plan to address the water trough issue and present to the town on town meeting day.

Royalton Conservation Commission: The Royalton Selectboard was informed the Bushrod Powers stepped down from being chairman of the Royalton Conservation Commission. Brad Salzmann informed the Selectboard he will take over as chairman of the Royalton Conservation Committee.

**FY 17/18 Budgets:** The Selectboard reviewed the following general fund budgets: town operations, town office building and parks and streets.

**Meeting Minutes 11/07/2016 P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 11/07/2016. Motion passed 3-0.**

**P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to enter executive session at 9:15pm to discuss a personnel matter and mediation. Motion passed 3-0**

**P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to exit executive session at 9:50 pm.**

**Action taken:** Each Royalton Selectboard member will take turns being a “Relationship Manager” for the Royalton Police Department. This would require contacting Chief Jim Beraldi and Officer John Breault every couple of weeks to get updated on the endeavors of the police department.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm**  
**Respectfully Submitted by**  
**Rose Hemond Town Administrator**