

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
January 12, 2016 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Sandy Conrad, Peggy Ainsworth

Regrets: Joan Goldstein

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager: Rose Hemond, Royalton Police: Chief Robert Hull,
Royalton Town Treasurer: LuAnn Bingham

Public: Jojo Levasseur, Pam Levasseur

Selectboard Chair Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00

Correspondence from Royalton Police Department: Royalton Police Chief Robert Hull submitted his letter of resignation. His last day as Royalton Police Chief will be May 27, 2016 **P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to accept, with regret, Chief Hull's resignation. The entire Selectboard thanked him for all of his years of service to the Town of Royalton.**

Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectboard decided to begin forming a Police Chief Search Committee. This committee will include Selectboard Members Sandy Conrad and Peggy Ainsworth. Chief Bob Hull was invited to be part of the search committee. The Selectboard would also like to invite Orange County Sheriff Bill Bohnyak, a Vermont State Trooper and Windsor County Sheriff Vick Fullerton.

Adopt Resolution for VCDP Grant Application Authority Royalton Wastewater Facility Refurbishment L. Trottier motioned and P. Gates seconded to adopt the Resolution for the VCDP Grant Motion passed 3-0 D

Discuss Public Hearing: There will be public hearing on 02/02/2016 at the Town Office at 7pm to discuss the Community Development Block Grant for the Royalton Wastewater Refurbishment at a Special Selectboard meeting on 02/02/2016 at 7pm at the new town office building.

Library Discussion: Larry opened the discussion by informing the Selectboard that the Royalton Memorial Library Trustee President, Cyndy Gates, contacted him in regards to matters involving the library and the town. These matters include the new library lease drawn up by Municipal Attorney Paul Giuliani, the town contact for the building issues at 23 Alexander Place, Sandy Conrad, and an invitation for all Royalton Library Trustees to attend the 01/12/2016 Selectboard Meeting. Sandy offered to step down as the building contact. Peggy said that as long as the town owned the building, a contact person is necessary. Discussion ensued about selling the building (23 Alexander Place) to the library. Phil mentioned the library owned the building back in the 1970's and sold it to the town because they could not afford the expenses. The Selectboard thinks this transaction would be in the best interests of the library. A letter will be sent over to the Royalton Memorial Library mentioning this offer to purchase the building and to invite the Royalton Memorial Library Trustees to attend the 01/26/2016 Selectboard Meeting.

Treasurer Discussion: At a previous Selectboard meeting Larry had suggested twice a year property tax billing. Town Treasurer, LuAnn Bingham, spoke of the difficulties that would arise from billing twice a year. Appropriations and school budget were concerns for her. Late payments that were not delinquent would require monthly statements and assessing penalties which would require a lot of time and would increase labor hours. She was not certain the accounting software would accommodate all this work needed. She suggested extending the due date to later in November. Luann will contact the school in regards changing the due date and how this will affect the school. Luann recommends staying with the once a year billing of property taxes

Royalton Bethel Solid Waste Facility Sandy Conrad a member of the Royalton-Bethel Solid Waste Board. She spoke about having the facility being a separate entity from the Town of Bethel. Currently all the financial information for the Solid Waste Facility and the Town of Bethel are co-mingled. The board she is on was supposed to be the governing body for the facility and separate from Bethel. That was the original intention of the Selectboard.

Discuss when to meet with South Royalton School 02/09/2016. The Selectboard will have a meeting with the South Royalton School Board on 02/09/2016 at 7pm.

Planning Commission Appointment: This was tabled for a future meeting.

Liquor License Corner Stop Mini Mart: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the Corner Stop Mini Mart Liquor License. Motion passed 3-0

Overweight Permits: Excess Weight permits were submitted from Rodney Rainville and St Onge Transport. S. Conrad motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve excess weight permits. Motion passed 3-0

FY 16/17 Budgets the Selectboard reviewed a draft of the FY 16/17/ budgets

Meeting Minutes 12/22/2015* P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the 12/22/2015 Selectboard meeting minutes with corrections. Motion passed 3-0

Phil spoke about the Royalton Rescue Squad Tri Town Committee. This is currently being formed and will be a subcommittee under the Prudential Board

South Royalton Green Request: South Royalton United Church member Bonnie Kenyon requested use of the South Royalton Green on 08/06/2016 for a town wide yard sale. **P. Gates and P. Ainsworth seconded use of the So Ro Green for the Town Wide Yard Sale. Motion passed 3-0**

Handy Memorial is in need of repairs. John Dumville will get estimates from Green Valley Memorial.

Accounts Payable: The Selectboard reviewed Accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

**Respectfully Submitted by
Rose Hemond**