

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
January 26, 2016 7:16pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager: Rose Hemond

Public: Jojo Levasseur, Municipal Attorney Paul Giuliani, Dennis Ives, Justin Ives

Selectboard Chair Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:16pm

Paul Giuliani, Municipal Attorney: Paul presented the USDA closing documents for the Selectboard to sign. Discussed closing on USDA loan. The entire Selectboard signed the loan documents.

Public Concerns: Dennis Ives mentioned part of the North Road is not cleared right away after a snow storm. He said it takes a couple days to be cleared. The Highway Department will be contacted in regards to this matter.

Set FY 16/17 Budget: J Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to set the FY 16/17 Royalton General Fund Budget at \$1,127,926.00 and the Royalton Highway Fund Budget at \$1,053,650.00. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to finalize the Warning for the Royalton Annual Town Meeting on 03/01/2016. Motion passed 4-0.

Excess Weight Permits: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the excess weight permits for Newport Sand and Gravel and Barrett Trucking. Motion passed 4-0.

USDA Assurance for Construction Programs for the Royalton Wastewater Facility Bond/Grant Application: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the USDA Assurance for Construction Programs for the Royalton Wastewater Facility Bond/Grant Application. Motion passed 4-0.

Approve the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Application: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to submit an application for the Clean Water State revolving Loan Fund. Motion passed 4-0

Sign Quitclaim Deed for Johnson Property: This property used to be part of the school leased land program and the quitclaim needs to be signed to correct the land records showing who the current owner is. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the Quitclaim Deed. Motion passed 4-0.**

Adopt Resolution for VCDP Grant Application Authority for Vermont Law School Legal Clinic Funding J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to adopt the resolution for VCDP Grant Application for the Vermont Law School Legal Clinic Funding. Motion passed 4-0

Meeting Minutes 01/19/2016 J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth Seconded to approve the 01/19/2016 meeting minutes with edits. Motion passed 4-0.

The Selectboard implemented a spending freeze for all municipal departments except highway. All purchases from 01/26/2016 forward will require prior approval by the Selectboard. A memo will be sent out to all the departments informing them of the spending freeze

It was mentioned that this is the last year that David Ainsworth will be town moderator. The Selectboard would like to recognize his 25 years as town moderator at this year's town meeting.

The Selectboard reviewed accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer Luann Bingham.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:10pm
Respectfully Submitted
Rose Hemond**