

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting  
February 9, 2016 7:00pm  
Town Office on Route 14**

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

**Royalton School Board Members:** Tim Murphy and Chris Mabey

**Town Staff:** Administration and Finance Manager: Rose Hemond,

**Public Present:** Jojo Levasseur, Nareg Aghjayan (and his father), Wanda Knudson, Sean Reeve-Lynch, David Barker

**Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:05pm**

**South Royalton School Board Chair** Tim Murphy passed out a flyer to the Selectboard summarizing the changes in the South Royalton School Budget. There was a small increase this year to health insurance costs. They have cut in some areas of curriculum and added to others. Tim said the school board felt prepared to answer questions from the public about the school budget. They have been very responsible. Sandy praised the work that the school board has done to make certain they can answer the Royalton Taxpayers questions about the school budget. Tim and Chris went on to speak about the consolidation that is taking place on the supervisory level

**Evidence of Community Support:** The Vermont Law School is applying for a \$775,000.00 USDA loan. The loan funds will be used to replace the heating and air conditioning system. **J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to support and authorize Larry Trottier to sign the evidence of support document. Motion passed 3-0**

**Certificate of No Appeals or Suits Pending. P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to sign the certificate of no appeals or suits pending against the Royalton Town Listers. Motion passed 3-0**

**Excess Weight Permits for Bethel Mills and Mosher Excavation. S. Conrad motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve the excess weight permits. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Royalton Municipal Town Office Building Key Policy:** Sandy mentioned she had key policy that can be customized for Royalton. This key policy will be reviewed at the next Selectboard meeting.

**Knox Box for the new town office building.** Joan asked if the building requires a knox box. Joan suggested a lock box that would allow others to access the key in case of other issues not requiring the fire department. This matter will be researched further and discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

**Use of Carpenter Barn to store recycling.** Boy Scout troop # 205 (out of Sharon with boys from Royalton) would like to use the Carpenter barn to store bottles and cans they will collect around Sharon and Royalton. They will bring them to the redemption center once a month. This is an ongoing project. The Selectboard will inspect the Carpenter Barn to determine safety and if there is adequate space for storage.

**Discussion of Pre-Town Meeting:** The Selectboard discussed how to address the increase in tax revenue requested for the General Fund. They were informed they could return part of the Highway Fund surplus to Royalton taxpayers to offset the increase. The Selectboard requested a flyer to hand out at Pre-Town meeting that will summarize all the changes in the FY 16/17 General Fund and Highway Fund budgets.

**Meeting Minutes: J. Goldstein Motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the special hearing meeting minutes for 01/26/16 and 02/02/2016 and the meeting minutes for 01/16/2016 and 02/02/2016. (Special) Motion passed 3-0.**

**Accounts payable that was prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham was reviewed and approved by the Selectboard.**

**Adjourn 9:10 pm  
Respectfully Submitted  
By Rose Hemond**