

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
March 8, 2016 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager: Rose Hemond, Royalton Road Foreman Roger McCrillis

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur,

Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Selectboard Chair: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to nominate Larry Trottier to be Chairperson of the Royalton Selectboard. Motion passed 4-0. Larry expressed his acceptance and gratitude.

Selectboard Vice Chair: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to nominate Peggy Ainsworth for Vice Chair of the Royalton Selectboard. Motion passed 4-0.

Selectboard Clerk: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to nominate Sandy Conrad for Selectboard Clerk. Motion passed 4-0.

P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to:

- **Designate the public notice locations to be: the bulletin board inside the South Royalton Post Office, the bulletin board located by the Laundromat on Chelsea St., the outside bulletin board on Safford St, the bulletin board outside the Royalton Academy Building at 4266 VT Route 14, inside the Royalton Town office Building at 2460 Vermont Route 14, Front Porch Forum, and Upper Valley listserv.**
 - **Designating regular Selectboard meetings to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Royalton Town Office Building at 2460 Vermont Route 14 South Royalton Vermont.**
 - **Declare the Randolph Herald the official newspaper of record for the town.**
- Motion passed 4-0**

Sandy read a letter from Lowell Jourg from Stockton California who sent a postcard of the South Royalton Village from 1903 that he found at an antique shop in Stockton California. The Selectboard would like a letter sent thanking Lowell. Sandy and Phil gave money to reimburse his expense. A postcard with the new town office building will be sent to him as well.

Appoint Officers: Commission and Committee Appointments: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approved the following appointments: Transportation Advisory Rep: Rose Hemond, Transportation Advisory Alternate: Roger McCrillis, Town Emergency Coordinator: Gidget Lyman, Health Officer: Robert Hull, Town Service Officer: Sandra Conrad, Solid Waste Alliance Grace Adams, Joshua "Bushrod" Powers and Sandra Conrad, Advisor to the Selectboard "Lovejoy" Trust, Sandra Conrad, Fire Warden: Donald Lovejoy, Tree Warden: Frank Lamson, Deputy Tree Warden: Paul Brock, Inspector of Lumber: David Lyman, Pound Keeper: Country Animal Hospital, Fence Viewers: David Lyman, Peter Chapman, **Motion Passed 4-0**

Liquor License Applications J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve liquor licenses for South Royalton Market, Royalton Village Pizza, and Worthy Burger motioned passed 4-0.

Excess Weight Permits P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve excess weight permits for Blaktop, Gurney Brothers and Camp Precast Concrete. Motion passed 4-0

VLCT Workers Comp Audit: The Selectboard was informed that Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns will no longer accept Hold Harmless Agreements in lieu of workers comp insurance for independent contractors that work for the town. All labor hours charged for services to the town will be added into the workers comp wages and the town will pay insurance on these wages. This year it was at 30% of contracted labor hours. Next year it will be 100% of the labor hours will be added. The Selectboard office will contact each of the independent contractors they work with by mail and inform them they need to break out on their invoices labor hours and equipment rental in order to be paid. The Selectboard may consider in the future requiring all contractors to carry their own workers comp insurance. The Selectboard would like to see the workers comp insurance rates for the town and how much they are paying in workers comp for private contractors at the next Selectboard meeting.

Pinch Rock Discussion: The Selectboard reviewed the warranty deed for Pinch Rock and discussed some recommendations Town Agent Tavian Mayer had for revisions. The Selectboard would like Tavian to ask for a revised deed to be presented at the next Selectboard meeting.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund: Subsidy funds through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund were discussed. This funding was not available at the time applications for USDA and CDBG grants were applied for it. Applying for a subsidy now would delay the other grants and jeopardize funding. The Selectboard decided not to pursue. They discussed the CDBG board meeting on 04/14/2016 and who will attend.

GW Plastics Tax Stabilization Discussion: The Selectboard reviewed a draft of the GW Plastics Tax Stabilization Agreement. They decided to add some items to it. Another draft will be presented at the next Selectboard Meeting. Sandy asked for a copy of the tax stabilization agreement GW Plastics has with the town of Bethel (one from the 80's). Rose Will

Harlow Road Discussion: Larry mentioned a complaint he received in regards to a residence that has a lot of junk around it. Absent of any ordinance there is nothing the Selectboard can do in regards to this matter.

Apartments on the Green: The Royalton Health Officer received a complaint about a neighbor in an apartment building. The Health Officer determined there were no laws being broken and no action can be taken in regards to this matter.

Water Trough: The Selectboard decided to find out the cost for replacing the granite tub which is badly cracked. L. Trottier motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to replace the water trough tub. Motion passed 4-0.

Letter from Tunbridge Selectboard: The Tunbridge Selectboard would like to meet to discuss police services with the Royalton Selectboard. The Royalton Selectboard will invite them to the next Selectboard meeting on 03/22/2016.

Expense Submissions: The Selectboard reviewed expense requests from various town departments. Joan suggested reminding the Recreation Department about expense memo. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve expenses submissions. Motion passed 4-0**

Meeting Minutes 02/23/2016 J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the GW Plastics Informational Hearing Minutes on 02/23/2016 and Pre-Town Meeting Minutes 02/23/2016. Motion passed 4-0.

Accounts Payable: The Selectboard reviewed accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham. Rose will post a list of approved payables on the website. Joan would like to see more detail on the solar power invoice and a comparison what was paid last year fiscal year for electricity prior to the solar agreement. This will be presented at the next board meeting.

Highway Department: Roger asked the Selectboard about spring road postings and his authority to waive them for special circumstances. The Selectboard granted him authority. Roger also spoke about one of the town dump trucks. It was having motor problems that were only going to escalate with time. He was authorized to start getting bids on a new truck to replace this one. Sandy asked why the town has so many large trucks. Roger said he and his crew can have roads cleaned in 4 hours. He said other towns take much longer. Joan asked Roger to attend Pre-Town and Town Meeting next year.

At 9:44pm P. Gates motion and P. Ainsworth Seconded to enter into executive session in regards to a personal matter. Motion passed 4-0

At 10:10pm P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to exit executive session at Motion passed 4-0. Action taken Sandy will speak with Chief Hull.

Meeting Adjourned 10:10pm

Respectfully Submitted

Rose Hemond

Royalton Administration and Finance Manager