

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

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

Regrets: Larry Trottier

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager: Rose Hemond, Royalton Police, and Chief Bob Hull

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Dave Kimball, Brenda Fields, Amanda Naranjo and Narej Aghjayan

Vice Chair Peggy Ainsworth opened the meeting at 7pm

Dave Kimball told the Selectboard he was part of a committee from Tunbridge researching various law enforcement services. They are speaking with state, regional and local law enforcement agencies. Peggy mentioned Royalton Police Department is in transition. Chief Robert Hull is retiring the end of May 2016 and the town is currently doing a search for a new police chief. She said it would be difficult to take on more responsibility at this time. Sandy suggested that Dave review the inter-municipal contract Royalton has with the town of Sharon to give them an idea of costs and services.

Officer Appointments P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to make the following appointments; Green up Day Coordinator the Royalton Recreation Committee, Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Planning Rep David Brandau Motion passed 3-0

Request Use of the South Royalton Green 06/03-06/04/2016 Greater Upper Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited: S. Conrad motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to authorize use of the South Royalton Green for Trout Unlimited. Motioned passed 3-0.

Use of the South Royalton Green on 06/18/2016 Wedding/Reception 11am-7pm: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize use of the South Royalton Green with the stipulation it is left in the condition it was found. Motion passed 3-0

Town Highway Financial Plan: P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve and sign the Town Highway Financial Plan. Motion passed 3-0

Town Road and Bridge Standards P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve and sign the Town Road and Bridge Standards. Motion passed 3-0

Renew Lake Sunapee Bank LOC \$325K FEMA Storm Irene projects thru 08/28/2016 S. Conrad motioned and P. Gates seconded to sign the renewal for LSB LOC for FEMA Storm Irene for the amount of \$325K. Motion passed 3-0

Vermont River Conservancy Deed Pinch Rock Selectboard tabled this until the site was reviewed by the town insurance company.

Liquor License Fitz Vogt J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve and sign a Liquor License for Fitz Vogt. Motion passed 3-0.

Excess Weight Permits J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the following excess weight permits: Jonathon Beebe, Rock of Ages, LE Weed and Sons, Gillespie Fuels, Exide Technology, Noel Eastman Adam Gage, Harvey's plumbing. Motion passed 3-0

Excess Weight Permit P. Gates motioned and Sandy Conrad seconded for conditional approval for Winterset Inc. Several dump trucks listed do not have enough axles for the weight limit requested. Winterset will be contacted to inquire if there is a steering axle. If so then the permit is approved. Motion passed 3-0.

Royalton Wastewater Facility Refurbishment Project Reserve Funds: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve committing the Capital Improvement PAF Fund balance of \$171,687.75 as of 06/30/2017 and the Lagoon Reserve Fund balance of \$157,190.03 as of 06/30/2017 toward the Royalton Wastewater Project. Motion passed 3-0 (Phil abstained)

Meeting Minutes 02/23/2016 (SB Meeting) and 03/08/2016 J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve meeting minutes for 02/23/2016 and 03/08/2016 Motion passed 3-0

Sign Key Policies: Peggy Ainsworth signed submitted town key policies.

Expense Submissions: The Selectboard reviewed expense submission from various departments. The recreation committee wanted to purchase new base inserts and the Selectboard suggested they collect filed usage fees and use those funds to make the purchase. Other office supply requests were reviewed and approved

Royalton Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham requested approval to run an ad for two weeks to remind residents to file their Vermont Homestead Form on time. Sandy suggested for those that need help to contact VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) which can be located at the Royalton Academy Building or the Vermont Law School by appointment.

Additional /New Business: Royalton Selectboard Vice-Chair Peggy Ainsworth suggested an agenda change. She wanted to add a discussion about GW Plastics to the meeting. Selectboard reviewed a draft of the GW Plastics Tax Stabilization agreement. J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to send a draft, with suggested changes, of the tax stabilization agreement over to GW Plastics owner Brenan Riehl for review. Motion passed 3-0.

Recreation Commission resignation: Kim Hebard submitted her resignation from the Recreation Committee P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to accept her resignation with regret. Motion passed 3-0.

Vermont Law School Students, Amanda Naranjo and Narej Aghjayan, addressed the Selectboard about working with the town to publicize Vermont Law School Events. It was suggested to send announcements to the Selectboard office. They would also like to partner with the town to have a discussion about the sidewalks in front of the businesses in town. Sandy explained the sidewalks in front of the stores in the village are owned by the business owners, The town would be willing to work the businesses and apply for grants to repair the sidewalks and bring up to ADA standards.

Sandy spoke about the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility Public Hearing on 03/30/2016 at the town office building at 2460 Vermont Route 14 at 6pm. The purpose of the hearing is to take public comment on the Solid Waste Implementation Plan prior to final adoption.

P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to enter into executive session at 8:30pm to discuss personnel matters. Rose Hemond and Bob Hull were invited to stay. Motion passed 3-0

P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to exit executive session at 9:00pm Motion passed 3-0

Action taken: The Selectboard has accepted the recommended applicants for the Royalton Police Chief Position. The candidates will be contacted for background checks and interviews. Sandy suggested giving each applicant a copy of the personnel policy and the job description.

Phil spoke about the Royalton Wastewater Facility and some issues he is having with algae. He will treat with hydrogen peroxide.

Adjourned 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Rose Hemond

Royalton Administration and Finance Manager