

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
April 12, 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, and Royalton Police Chief Robert Hull

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Emily Ballou Paige Ballentine, Eliza Mabey, Cameron Kimball, Laurie Smith, Danny Smith, Sean Smith, Hayden Mabey, Tyler Ballentine, Molly O Hara, Annie Luke, Gidget Lyman, Chris Mabey, Todd Ballentine, Sarah Ballentine, Jessica O'Hare, Jules Toraby, Mike Clark, Steve Libby

Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00pm

South Royalton School SADD Presentation South Royalton High School Student, Emily Ballou, began the presentation by describing what SADD is and why the students are making this presentation to the Selectboard. Cameron Kimball spoke about the hazards of second hand smoke and kids being exposed to this at the Carpenter Field or the South Royalton Green. He mentioned all the toxins in second hand smoke. He went on to describe health issues associated with second hand smoke. SADD is asking the Selectboard to consider banning smoking on Carpenter Field, Hope Field and the South Royalton Green. Eliza presented 144 signatures on a petition to ban smoking at these locations to the Selectboard. Hartford and Burlington have banned cigarette smoking in the parks. The South Royalton 5th grade class collected 788 cigarette butts. The ban would be for the fields themselves and not parking around the green. Larry said this topic will be discussed at another meeting. Laurie Smith mentioned this would only be in key recreation areas. Joan asked what the students thought the penalty would be. Laurie said this movement is being driven by students across Vermont. Larry said the town will research what Hartford does. Laurie offered to get signage if the ban passed.

Office Appointments J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the following appointments. Weigher of Coal; Sue Cain Civil Defense Chairperson: Gidget Lyman Stagecoach Town Rep: Gidget Lyman. Motion passed 4-0

Use of the South Royalton Green P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to allow the Vermont Law School use of the South Royalton Green on 05/01/2016 for the VLS Class of 2016 Gift 5K Motion passed 4-0 The race coordinator needs to contact Royalton Police Department and give them details of the event.

Use of the South Royalton Green P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve use of the South Royalton Green on 06/09/2016 for Valleyfest Motion passed 4-0.

Use of the South Royalton Green: Peg Elmer and Gidget Lyman spoke briefly about a Work fun day involve all the various services on the fifth anniversary of Storm Irene. J. Goldstein motioned and S.Conrad seconded to allow on 08/28/2016 the White River Flood Resiliency Festival. Motion Passed 4-0.

Highway Culvert Post Farm Road: Mike Clark from Winterset spoke to the Selectboard about some repair work that needs to be done at Post Farm Road this summer. A couple of years ago Winterset worked

on this section of road. Currently it needs some follow up maintenance due to a section of the culvert that has been crushed. **P. Gates motioned and S, Conrad seconded to hire Winterset to repair the culvert by removing the crushed part and installing gabion baskets to reinforce this area. Peggy asked for project costs before any work begins. Motion passed 4-0**

Royalton Highway Department Truck Purchase. Royalton Road Foremen Roger McCrillis presented truck bids to the Selectboard from Clark's Truck Rental, Freightliner of New Hampshire, J&BB truck Center. The lowest bid was from Clarks Truck Rental for a 2017 International Dump Truck for \$44,436.00. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to purchase the 2017 International Dump Truck from Clarks Truck Rental and a warranty to cover engine transmission and after treatment. Motion passed 4-0**

Tenco Truck Body P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to purchase the dump truck body from Tenco and authorize Larry Trottier to sign purchase agreements for \$56,444.00 Motion passed 4-0

Approval to apply for Highway Paving Grant: P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the town to apply for a paving grant from V-Trans. Motion passed 4-0

Excess Weight Permits J. Goldstein motioned and P, Ainsworth seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the following excess weight permits: K. W. Smith, Nicks Trucking and Logging, New England Quality Services Inc., G. W. Tatro, Eric Thorp, Griffin and Griffin, Limlaw Chipping, W. B. Rogers and Hartigan Company approved as amended Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Recreation Resignation P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to accept the resignation of Lisa Southworth from the Royalton Recreation Committee with regret. Motion passed 4-0

USDA Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized payments: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the USDA Authorization Agreement for preauthorized payments which allows the USDA to auto deduct the building loan payments from the town bank account. Motion passed 4-0.

VCDP Meeting 04/14/2016 (Postponed)

Royalton Wastewater Refurbishment CDBG Grant Revised budget: A new budget estimate for the Royalton Wastewater Refurbishment Project was presented to the Selectboard which is slightly higher due to a delay in construction. The Selectboard decided if the project costs more they will use loan funds from the USDA to cover any difference.

Liquor Licenses: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates sounded to approve and sign the following Liquor licenses Fitz Vogt Enterprises, 5 Olde Tavern and Grille, M&N's Mini Mart, The Fox Stand, Crossroads Bar and Grill Motion passed 4-0.

White River Discharge Detection and Elimination Study 2016 Authorize contractor's town to conduct storm water research in Royalton. The Vermont DEC has contracted with the Watershed Consulting Associates LLC to complete this field study. Royalton did not apply for this grant. It is being mandated by the state to have this study done. **P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to sign the acceptance for this grant to allow the contractors to do their study. Motion passed 4-0**

GW Plastics Tax Stabilization Agreement: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the final Tax Stabilization Agreement with GW Plastics. Motion passed 4-0.

SOS Wastewater Contract Discussion: This contract is up for renewal in July of 2016 and according to the towns purchasing policy this service needs to go out to bid. Mark Simon will be contacted to attend a future Selectboard meeting in which the Selectboard will discuss the current contract.

Discuss Property acquired in last year's tax sale: The Town acquired parcel E-790 located last year's tax sale. The Selectboard decided to seek out a buyer for the property located on Johnson Hill Road.

Buyout Property Parks: The two buyout parcels of land that received CDBG grant funding to develop parks, had a phase one environmental study recently completed. The results found that at 43 Royalton Hill Road there is an environmental concern. The Selectboard discussed what their options are to develop this property into a park. Inquiries will be made and reported back to the Selectboard at the next meeting.

Pinch Rock Discussion: A Warranty Deed was presented to the Selectboard to sign to take over ownership of Pinch Rock from the Vermont River Conservancy. Discussion ensued about liability and risks involved in taking over this site. Steve Libby from the VRC was on hand to answer any concerns. **S. Conrad motioned and L. Trottier seconded to sign the Warranty Deed for Pinch Rock and have the Town take over ownership. Motion passed 3-2 (P. Ainsworth and J/Goldstein against)**

Meeting Minutes 03/22/2016: P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the 03/22/2016 mee4ting minutes with changes. Motion passed 4-0

Expense submissions from various departments were reviewed by the Selectboard. All were approved except two requests from the Recreation Department for a shed and sign at the Community Garden and a fertilizer treatment for Carpenter Field.

Police Chief Search Committee Recommendation for Royalton Police Chief. Sandy Conrad informed the Selectboard that the Royalton Police Chief Search Committee recommends James Beraldi for the police chief position.

S. Conrad motion and P, Ainsworth seconded to enter into executive session at 10:15pm to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed 4-0

S. Conrad motion and P, Ainsworth seconded to exit executive session at 10:20 pm Motion passed 4-0

Action Taken. Sandy Conrad is authorized to make an offer of employment to James Beraldi.

Discussion ensued about the New Vista Foundation development.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45pm

Respectfully submitted by

Rose Hemond

Royalton Administration and Finance Manager