

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting  
May 10, 2016 7:00pm  
Town Office on Route 14**

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

**Late: Phil Gates 7:08pm**

**Town Staff:** Administration and Finance Manager: Rose Hemond, Royalton Police Chief Bob Hull and Royalton Police Chief James Beraldi, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis

**Public Present:** Carol Dermody, Jojo Levasseur and John Dumville

**Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7pm**

**Carol Dermody** spoke to the Selectboard about her property and issues she was having with her neighbor. The neighbors well cannot be capped and the excess water flows into the town ditch and makes Carol's hay field wet. Carol will be installing culverts to drain and divert excess water. She asked permission from the Selectboard to work in the town right of way. Roger McCrillis said as long as there was no digging close to the town road and everything was restored to the same condition as it was found, then there will be no issues. Carol asked the Selectboard for any kind of assistance in regards to this project. The town will provide 40 feet of culvert to Carol for this project. Carol thanked the Selectboard for their time and appreciated their help.

**Chief Bob Hull and Chief James Beraldi** gave the Selectboard an overview of what they have been doing for the past week. Chief Beraldi has taken over scheduling and has added more night hours. He has also been meeting people at the schools and doing some foot patrols. Chief Beraldi informed the Selectboard, the police vehicles will stay parked at the town building. He also mentioned that he would like to create a mission statement for the police department. Sandy told Chief Beraldi that the Selectboard expects monthly report as agreed by both the Selectboard and the Chief which would include date such as; information on crime in town and areas that have been targeted for increased patrolling due to crime. She asked for job descriptions for all the different positions within the police department. Discussion ensued about ways to improve law enforcement in Royalton. Chief Beraldi will be meeting with the Sharon Selectboard on 05/16/2016. Sandy announced the Chief Hull Farewell Gathering will be 05/27/2016 from 4-7pm. She suggested a cookout. There will be an event planned in June to introduce the Chief Beraldi to the community

**Royalton Police Department Purchase Request. S. Conrad motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve equipment purchases for Chief Beraldi totaling less than \$150.00. Motion passed 4-0**

**Animal Ordinance:** Chief Beraldi and Chief Hull informed the Selectboard of an ongoing violation to the Royalton Animal Ordinance. The limit of tickets on this matter have been written by the Royalton Police and the next step is to send a letter from the Selectboard which states if this person does not abide by this written order he will be subject to a fine of \$250.00 per day to or a \$75.00 fee by waiver. **J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to send this letter. Motion passed 4-0**

**S, Conrad motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize the town to apply for a Bullet-proof vest grant through the U.S. Department of Justice which will help pay for two new bulletproof vests for the Royalton Police Department. Motion passed 4-0**

**Excess Weight Permits J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the following excess weight permits: Roni Johnson Landscaping, Terry Rogers, and Cardinal Logistics. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Appoint a representative to the East Central Vermont Telecommunications Districts: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the appointment of Richard Dermody to the EC Fiber Board. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Recreation Commission Board J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve appoint Jessica Carpenter and Joseph Decoteau to the Royalton Recreation Committee. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Permission for Use of the South Royalton Green: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the request for use of the South Royalton Green by Royalton Fire and Rescue for Royalton Old Home Days 07/28-07/30/2016 Motion passed 4-0**

**Request to waive alcohol ban on green for 07/28/2016-07/30/2016 L Trottier motioned and Ainsworth seconded to waive the alcohol ban on the South Royalton Green for Royalton Old Home Days 07/28/2016-07/30/2016. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Water Trough Discussion** A landscape engineer will do a free site visit on 05/17/2016 and make a recommendation to the Selectboard on line the road in the area of the water trough and make travel more safe. An estimate for a new water trough was presented since the old one is badly cracked.

**John Dumville** informed the Selectboard that Norm Hebard offered to fix the Handy Memorial on the South Royalton Green free of charge. The Selectboard expressed gratitude for this kind offer.

**Review Letter from VLCT regarding Pinch Rock:** A revised recommendation letter was presented to the Selectboard from town insurer, Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT.) This revised letter stated that the town should make periodic inspections of Pinch Rock and make certain the area is kept clean. The Selectboard agreed this was a more manageable response than the original requests by VLCT.

**Royalton Memorial Library Update on Accessibility Grant:** An update from Royalton Memorial Library Director, Greg Fischer, was read to the Selectboard about the recently applied for Accessibility Grant. The grant application will be for \$17,000.00 and cover half the cost of the heating system in the building. The library should hear a decision on the grant by August 2016.

**Review Wastewater Funding Information:** CDBG board meeting will be 06/09/2016. No time has been set yet. The Selectboard requested an updated on the USDA funding. Inquiries will be made and reported back to the Selectboard.

**Tax Sale Property Update:** The Selectboard was informed of an interested party for the property the town acquired in the tax sale. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to sell the property to Bruce Griffith for an amount that will cover all expenses incurred on the sale. Motion passed 4-0**

**Meeting Minutes 04/26/2016 P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve meeting minutes for 04/26/2016. Motion passed 3-0 (Joan abstained)**

**Office Expense Submissions: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve office expense submissions and \$50.00 for Memorial Day flags for the Royalton Recreation Department. Motion passed 4-0.**

**2001 Ford Dump Truck Phil spoke about an old dump truck that the town can sell for parts on Craigslist. P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to sell the 2001 Ford Dump truck for parts on Craigslist. Motion passed 4-0.**

In order for Royalton to be compliant with Act 148, the town needs to provide dual (trash and recycling) receptacles for the South Royalton Green and Carpenter Field. Samples and costs of various receptacles will be brought to the next Selectboard meeting.

Sandy introduced the topic of enforcement of the Royalton Animal Ordinance which bans dogs on town property. She wanted to make certain that Chief Beraldi was aware the Selectboard wants this ordinance to be enforced. Discussion ensued about the South Royalton Green. The Selectboard thought it was a good idea to place cigarette butt receptacles on the South Royalton Green and “Thank you for not smoking” signs on Carpenter field. Receptacle ideas and costs will be presented at another meeting.

**Highway: P. Gates motion and P. Ainsworth seconded to accept the repair proposal from Winterset LLC (Mike Clark) of \$8,946.39 to repair Post Farm Road culvert. Motion passed 4-0**

**S. Conrad motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to enter Executive session at 9:05pm to discuss a town legal matter Motion passed 4-0**

**P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to exit executive session at 9:11pm Motion passed 4-0**

**No action taken.**

Larry said he thought the Community Fellowship Church in South Royalton would be a good location for the Royalton Fire and Rescue Department.

The Selectboard would like to know when the next tax sale will be. This information will be presented at a future Selectboard meeting.

**Meeting adjourned 9:30pm**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Rose Hemond**

**Royalton Administration and Finance Manager**