

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
June 28, 2016 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Sandy Conrad, Phil Gates, Joan Goldstein
Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager: Rose Hemond,

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Ian Mackenzie, Vermont Boy Scout Troop, James Tucker, Caleb Roylance, Alex Samuelson, Scott Myers, Lawrence Lobdell, Ethen Florian, Eli Jones, Hunter Pottor, James Picaro, and Ammon Yule

Royalton Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7pm

South Royalton Food Pantry: Cancelled

USDA Rural Development Evidence of Support for Vermont Law School Loan: The Vermont Law School is taking out a \$15 million dollar loan which will allow the Vermont Law School to defease its debt. VLS will save significantly on this transaction. The Selectboard had several questions about this transaction and wants to discuss it in further detail with the law school.

Resignation of Health Officer Bob Hull J. Goldstein Motioned and P. Gates seconded to accept the resignation of Health Officer. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton 1st Constable and Health Officer: Both of these positions will be advertised for.

S. Conrad motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to extend the Sharon Inter-Municipal Police Contract until 07/30/2016 at the current rate per hour. Motion passed 4-0

Tom Powers and Adam Smith South Royalton Chelsea Street Business Block Sidewalk discussion: Tom Powers spoke to the Selectboard about improving the sidewalks on the business block and making the entryways to the business handicap accessible. Adam Smith also spoke in support of this project. Ownership of the sidewalks was discussed. There is some uncertainty as to who owns the sidewalk. The Selectboard expressed support of this project and will consider what the next steps are in this process.

Discussion ensued about the sidewalk project after Tom and Adam left the meeting. Joan stated it does not matter at this time who owns the sidewalk. She said it is more important to know if the owners of the building and businesses are interested in this project. Once that has been determined the Selectboard can move forward with researching ownership. The Selectboard will ask the Planning Commission to meet with all the building, and business owners to assess the amount of interest in this project. Two Selectboard members will attend this Planning Commission Meeting.

Ian Mackenzie spoke to the Selectboard about hiking trails in Royalton. He is going to contact private land owners (Broad Brook LLC) and ask for permission to walk the property and flag a trail. He would like to be granted a conservation easement from the landowners to create these trails. He is following a process by contacting the Selectboard and establishing awareness of this project. Jojo spoke a bit about ancient roads to him.

Academy Building Leases: The Academy building Leases were reviewed for FY 16/17. There was an increase of 3% for all the renters. Letters and leases will be mailed out this week. Sandy questions why the rent increases each year. She was informed that the academy expenses increase each year. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the monthly rent increase and authorize Larry Trotter to sign the lease on behalf of the town. Motion passed 3-0 1 abstention (Sandy)**

Request use of the Ellis Bandstand 08/06/2016 4:30pm: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve use of the Ellis Bandstand for a wedding. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Wastewater Facility State Revolving Loan Municipal Funding Application J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve applying for a Clean Water State Revolving Loan to pay for the design plans of the Wastewater Refurbishment Project and authorize Larry to sign the application. Motion passed 4-0

Resumes were submitted for the job posting for the Royalton Wastewater Facility operator. Local resumes were reviewed but not discussed in detail. It was noted that none had the certification and would have to attend 10 weeks of classes to become certified. Sandy was confused as to why the Selectboard gave approval to run an ad if the candidates were not going to be seriously considered for the job.

Trash Receptacle Discussion: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to purchase 4 dual trash receptacles 2 for the South Royalton Green and 2 for Carpenter Field. Also 3 pole mount baskets for the business block with the funds being paid out of the Community Betterment Fund. Motion passed 3-1.

Meeting Minutes 06/14/2016 P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the meeting minutes with corrections for 06/24/2016. Motion passed 3-0 1 abstention.

Expense Submissions: The Selectboard reviewed expense submissions and suggested that the town open an Amazon Prime account to save money on office purchases. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the departmental expense requests. Motion passed 4-0.**

Accounts Payable: The Selectboard reviewed and approved accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham.

P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to enter into executive session at 9:15 pm to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed 4-0.

**P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to exit executive session at 10:45pm
Motion passed 4-0
No action taken.**

Meeting Adjourned 10:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Rose Hemond

Royalton Administration and Finance Manager