

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting  
July 12, 2016 7:00pm  
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Late Phil Gates 7:45pm

**Public Present:** Jojo Levasseur Stuart Levasseur, Jude Arbuiso, Cheryl Morrill, Tommy Blakeney, Paula Clark, Norman Hebard, Mark Simon, Lorraine Atwood, Sarah Buxton, David Ainsworth , Robin and Alex Perkins

**Royalton Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:06 pm**

**Lorraine Atwood Vermont Law School Loan:** Lorraine discussed the Vermont Law School Lease/Leaseback transaction with the Royalton Selectboard. VLS is applying for a loan through the USDA. There will be a public hearing at the Vermont Law School on 07/28/2016 at 5pm. This transaction will not impact property taxes or the Community Betterment Fund. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to sign the letter of community support for USDA loan. Larry signed the letter. Motion passed 3-0**

**Mark Simon SOS Wastewater Services Royalton WWF Contract:** Mark Simon presented documents to the Selectboard for review. Mark discussed the work that SOS has done for the town since 2001. Sandy asked about the reconciliation of the maintenance account from 2001 to the present. Mark insisted that they gave this information from 2001-2011, however they are unable to produce these reports because their office was flooded and the documents were destroyed. The Royalton Selectboard office contacted prior assistants and inquired as to the location of these reports and were told none were ever received. The Selectboard thanked Mark for coming and the town will continue to explore other options.

**Norm Hebard:** Handy Memorial: Norm Hebard updated the Selectboard on his concerns about the stability of the Handy Memorial. The memorial is leaning forward toward Red Door Church. John Dumville contacted the Selectboard office and said on 07/13/2016 there will be a site meeting with Eric Gilbertson from the Preservation Trust of VT. Norm summarized his concerns and said there are too many cracks in the foundation. He would like to wrap in cellophane.

Vermont Law School Veterans Group Christopher Grisham 9/11 Run did not attend meeting

### **Public Concerns**

Norm Hebard expressed concern about the Academy Building Electric bills being too high. Sandy said she would set up an energy audit for the Academy Building through Efficiency Vermont. She also wants the town street lights audited as well.

**Stuart Levasseur discussed being appointed to the Royalton Planning Commission and training. J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to appoint Stuart Levasseur to the Royalton Planning Commission. Motion passed 4-0**

**L. Trottier motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve \$50.00 for training for Stuart Levasseur and Nell Chap for the Royalton Planning Commission. Motion passed 4-0.**

Trescott Lane Residents updated the Selectboard on the situation involving the pigs in the Trescott Lane neighborhood. Cheryl Morrill lives on Pleasant Street and she heard about the concerns about

Trescott Lane residents and wanted the Selectboard to be aware that on Pleasant Street there is a similar situation behind her home where people are housing animals in a neighborhood. Sarah Buxton stated that she thinks it is something the municipality needs to address not the state legislature. The Selectboard will invite the land owners to meet with the Selectboard. Doug Johnstone from the Vermont Department of Agriculture and someone from the environmental department to speak about issue. Future discussion about zoning is possible.

Sarah mentioned speaking with Chris Herrick Director of Vermont Emergency Management, he will contact the town about outstanding FEMA funds from storm Irene.

**Sign Audit Engagement letter for Fothergill, Regale and Valley: J. Goldstein motioned and Ainsworth seconded authorize Larry Trottier to sign the engagement letter. Motion passed 4-0**

**Sign State of Vermont Financial Management Questionnaire Joan read aloud the questionnaire which addressed the town internal controls and accounting practices. J. Goldstein motioned and Ainsworth seconded to sign the form. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Library Discussion:** The library asked if the Royalton Highway Department will remove fuel tank near the library building on Safford Street. The Selectboard agreed they will not remove the tank. No other discussion at this time.

**FEMA Lovejoy Bridge Appeal tabled until 07/19/2016 meeting.**

**Motion to approve writing letter to Vermont AOT: P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to write to the Vermont Agency of Transportation to request a reimbursement of funds for the Lovejoy Bridge. 4-0**

**Selectboard Meeting Minutes 06/28/2016 P. Ainsworth motioned and L. Trottier seconded to approve meeting minutes with edits. Motion passed 4-0**

**Break at 8:40pm to celebrate Peggy's birthday with husband David and granddaughters; Robin and Alex.**

Highway Department Roger gave the Selectboard updates on Post Farm Road Culvert, Gilman Road. Gravel extraction and the Dermody project.

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

**Expense Submissions Approved**

**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  
Sandy Conrad  
Royalton Selectboard Clerk**