

**Town of Royalton  
Special Hearing  
Gilman Road Closeout Hearing  
08/23/2016 7pm  
Royalton Town Office on RT 14**

**Royalton Selectboard:** Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Phil Gates

**Public Present:** Jojo Levasseur, Chris Perry, Andy Puchalik

**Town Staff:** Town Administrator, Rose Hemond, Royalton Road Foreman  
Roger McCrillis,

Larry called the hearing to order at 7pm:

Rose read the following information about the Gilman Road Project:

The Town of Royalton received \$776,706 from the State of Vermont for a grant under the Vermont Community Development Program. The VCDP Funds received have been used to accomplish the following activities: The Town of Royalton received \$776,706 in CDBG-DR2 funds to relocate Gilman Road 40 feet from the existing alignment and stabilize the bank next to the White River. These two project scopes have been successfully completed. Information on this project may be obtained from and viewed during the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at 2460 VT Route 14, South Royalton, and VT.

No public Comments were made  
Hearing Closed at 7:05pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Rose Hemond  
Town Administrator

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting  
August 23, 2016 7:00pm  
Town Office on Route 14**

**Royalton Selectboard:** Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Phil Gates

**Late:** Joan Goldstein (7:27)

**Regrets:** Sandy Conrad

**Public Present:** Jojo Levasseur, Chris Perry, Andy Puchalik

**Town Staff:** Town Administrator, Rose Hemond, Royalton Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Chief Jim Beraldi (8:30pm)

Larry started the meeting at 7:07pm:

Royalton Road Foreman Roger McCrillis reported to the Selectboard the status of a culvert project on Post Farm road. The work was completed but the town should consider installing a sleeve in the culvert and placing a concrete header on one side to make the culvert last longer and avoid any road damage. The Selectboard said they would consider budgeting funds to save for this project. The town received a \$43,775.00 V-Trans paving grant and used these funds to pave a section of Broad Brook Road this summer. Also a portion of Old Route 110 was paved. Peggy asked Roger about Fixing or replacing posts on the Welcome to Royalton signs. Roger will make some inquires and get back to the Selectboard.

**Chris Perry and Andy Puchalik from Upper Pass Beer** requested approval for a Special Event Permit for 09/03/2016 from 10-2pm, to sell cans and cases of beer at 228 Chelsea Street. This will be the future home of First Branch Coffee Roasters. January of 2017 they will open a retail coffee shop, P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the Special permit pass

**Set the FY 2016 Royalton Municipal Tax Rate:** The Selectboard discussed the General Fund deficit. As of 06/30/2015 it was over \$200,000 and there will be more added to he deficit as of 06/30/2016. According to Vermont Statute:

**“1523. Tax bills; duties of Selectboard as to a deficit** (a) When a town at the end of the fiscal year contemplated by section 1683 of this title has a deficit, unless the voters of said town have voted a special tax to make up said deficit or unless said deficit shall have been refunded pursuant to the provisions of chapter 53 of this title, the Selectboard, when making up the next annual tax bill, shall add thereto a tax of five percent or such multiple of five in addition to the tax vote already authorized by law, to be levied upon the grand list of such town as will provide sufficient revenue to liquidate such deficit.”

It was suggested to increase the amount raised by taxes by 2.7% in the General Fund to address the General Fund Deficit. The Selectboard will discontinue budgeting delinquent taxes as revenue in the General Fund starting FY 17/18 budget year. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to set the Royalton Residential Property Tax Rate for 2016 at \$2.1026 Motion passed 3-0**

**Royalton Non Residential Property Tax Rate: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to set the Royalton Non-Residential Property Tax Rate for 2016 at \$2.1155 Motion passed 3-0**

**Sign Workers Compensation Paperwork (PACIF required documents)** The Selectboard was informed that Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns (PACIF) recommended having all independent contractors complete and sign forms that would essentially relieve the town of any responsibility for injuries that may be caused to them while working for the town. These documents would prevent the town having to pay workers comp insurance on independent contractor's labor wages. **P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to sign the PACIF documents. Motion passed 3-0**

**Royalton Tax Sale Town Office Building 09/28/2016 at 10am**

**Sharon Inter-municipal Police Contract: The Selectboard reviewed the Sharon Inter-municipal Police Contract. The Sharon Selectboard added to the contract they would like to be informed 6 months prior to any rate increase. P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gate's seconded to sign the Sharon Inter-municipal Police Contract Motion passed 3-0**

**Review Town Constable Submissions** There were two submission for Royalton Town Constable, John Leighton and Jess Rumberg. Both requests were read and discussed by the Selectboard. **J. Goldstein motioned and Ainsworth seconded to appoint Jess Rumberg as Royalton First Constable. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Academy Building Hourly Rental Rate:** Currently the rental rate per hour charged at the Royalton Academy Building is \$20.00 an hour and \$30.00 an hour if you use the air-conditioner. Sandy Conrad had suggested to charge a flat \$25.00 per hour rental fee. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to change the hourly rental fee at the Royalton Academy Building to \$25.00 per hour. Motion passed 3-0**

Discuss joint meeting with the Bethel Selectboard. Several dates in September were suggested. The Selectboard will contact Bethel to find a date that works for both boards. The topic of Discussion will be the Royalton Bethel Solid Waste Facility. Items to be discussed are the Inter-local Agreement (bookkeeping) and to consider move to a district\

**Royalton Recreation Committee Appointments J. Goldstein motioned and P, Ainsworth seconded to appoint Bridget Barry and DJ Craven to the Royalton Recreation Committee for another term. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Meeting Minutes 08/09/2016 P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 08/09/2016. Motion passed 3 to 0 with 1 abstention.**

Phil discussed his meeting with Beth Willhite, Tim Dreisbach (both from the Royalton Planning Commission) and Kevin Ellis about the New Vista Project. There will be a meeting 10/04/2016 at the Royalton Academy Building with Dave Hall.

**Accounts Payable** were reviewed and approved by the Selectboard.

**J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to enter into executive session at 8:14pm to discuss contracts. Motion passed 3-0**

**J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to exit executive session at 8:27pm. Motion passed 3-0**

**Action Taken:** The State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation is to be contacted in regards to the legality of having an unlicensed, uncertified person operating the Royalton Wastewater Facility unsupervised for 17 hours out of a 25 hour work week.

**Police Chief Jim Beraldi** informed the Selectboard of the recent activities of the Royalton Police Department. He discussed the ongoing heroin problem in the State of Vermont. He told the Selectboard that he and Officer Breault will be attending 4 hours of training on Narcan for overdoses. The Welch's burglary remains under investigation.

**J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to enter into executive session at 8:40 pm to discuss personnel matters with Chief Jim Beraldi. Motion passed 3-0**

**8:40pm Rose departed for rest of the meeting.**

**J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to exit executive session at 9:45pm pm. Motion passed 3-0  
No action Taken**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm  
Respectfully Submitted by  
Rose Hemond  
Town Adminstrator**