

**Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
Town Office 2460 Vermont Route 14
7pm Tuesday October 11, 2016**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Sandy Conrad, Phil Gates,

Regrets: Joan Goldstein

Public Present: None

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

Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Rita Seto from Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Planning Commission presented the National Organization of Development Organizations Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for the Gilman Road Project to the Royalton Selectboard. Rita thanked Rose for all her help on this project.

Public Concerns: Larry mentioned the Royalton Food Shelf is still looking for a location. The Red Door Church in town may sponsor the food shelf, but it would need to be at the church itself not at another location.

Peggy mentioned that town clerk, Karmen Bascom, was looking for qualified help for the upcoming election. It was suggested that something be put on the town website.

Highway Department Salt Shed Discussion: Currently highway equipment is stored in the same structure that salt is stored. This arrangement has caused the equipment to rust. The back loader cost \$11,000.00 to repair, Roger has requested approval to seek out estimates to build a standalone salt shed by the town garage. **P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize Roger to seek out bids for design and construction of a new salt shed. Motion passed 3-0.**

Sign Bond Anticipation Note for the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility. P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to sign the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility note. Motion passed 3-0. Rose will take the note to Bethel town office and drop off for the Bethel Treasurer to pay out of the Solid Waste Facility funds.

FY 17/18 Mowing Contract: At the last Selectboard meeting it was suggested that the current town mower be asked if mowing costs for 2017 would increase. The Selectboard was informed they would not. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to extend the mowing contract with Jason Caron for one more year. Motion passed. 3-0,**

Letter from the South Royalton Area Senior Citizens which requests a decrease in monthly rent from \$641.00 to \$600.00 per month due to costs of the lunches served. Sandy mentioned that the South Royalton Area Senior Citizens are able to use the Academy Building for events free of charge, Sandy used an upcoming event as an example and pointed out the town could possibly have earned up to \$600.00 if rented to another party. Larry suggested counter offering at \$620.00 a month **S. Conrad motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to offer the South Royalton Area Senior Citizens a reduced monthly rent of \$620.00 a month effective October 1, 2016. Through June 1, 2017.**

Motion passed 3-0. . Sandy will be in attendance of the next senior's board meeting on 10/13/2016 and will make them the offer.

Discussion ensued about offering a reduced hourly rental rate for the Royalton Academy Building for any church or not for profit fundraiser that benefits an organization in Royalton. The discounted rate will be \$12.50 per hour and no deposit will be required effective January 1, 2017. **P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the reduced hourly rate for not for profits and churches and the waiving of the deposit for any church or not for profit fundraiser that benefits an organization in Royalton effective 10/11/2016. Motion passed 3-0.**

Sandy discussed the Otis Elevator contract for the Royalton Academy Building. And how it auto renews unless the town contacts them at least 90 days in advance of the contract expiring. She wants to make sure the town keeps this information available for when the contract renews in 2019. Sandy is creating a maintenance binder to keep track of all the various maintenance needs of the Royalton Academy Building.

Solid Waste Facility Meeting 10/13/2016 at 7pm Royalton Town Office Three of the Selectboard members agreed they were able to attend this meeting.

VCDP Hearing Vermont Law School 10/13/2016 1pm Letter of Support. The Selectboard is unable to attend this hearing and signed a letter of support for the Veterans Legal Clinic Project at the Vermont Law School.

Request from South Royalton Middle School for a service project Sandy passed this request along to the Central Vermont Senior Organization.

Expense Submissions were reviewed by the Selectboard. .

FY 17/18 Budgets Reports for Town Clerk, Meetings and Elections, Treasurer, Listers, Delinquent Tax Collector and Selectboard were handed out. Departments that chose to level fund their FY 17/18 budgets did not have to present to the Selectboard at a budget meeting. No one showed up to speak with the Selectboard about their budgets.

P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes for 09/27/2016 and 10/05/2016 with minor edits. Motion passed 3-0.

It was suggested that a report of Royalton highway equipment be maintained and notes on the condition and useful life be recorded.

Sandy spoke about contacting mediator Neal Rodar from State and Main Mediation Services, to mediate a personnel matter regarding the Royalton Police Department. There will be a special Selectboard meeting on 10/13/2016 to have a conference call with Neal to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Phil discussed a 30% design meeting with the engineers from Aldrich and Elliot about the Wastewater refurbishment project.

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm

Respectfully Submitted

Rose Hemond

Town Administrator