

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

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

Late: Joan Goldstein 7:10

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Carol Monroe EC Fiber, One Planet Carrie McDonnell

Town Staff: Rose Hemond Town Administrator, Royalton Fire Chief Paul Brock

Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Carole Monroe CEO EC Fiber: A revised EC Fiber Hub Lease Agreement was presented to the Selectboard to be signed. Peggy asked about the auto renewal in 25 years. Carol explained this lease would be recorded in the land records and would follow the property like an easement.

P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to sign the hub agreement between Valley Net Inc (EC Fiber) and the Town of Royalton. Motion passed 4-0

Carol mentioned a new EC Fiber representative for the town of Royalton was needed. The Selectboard suggested Dan Kinney be contacted.

Public Concerns Larry was contacted by Tammy Blakeney. Sarah Buxton told Tammy the Town Health Officer has water testing kits. Larry will look into this and get back to her.

Roger Vesper called Sandy about 13 vehicles parked overnight on the Chelsea Street business block. Sandy will contact Chief Jim Beraldi to ticket these vehicles.

One Planet Director, Carrie McDonnell, presented a FY 17/18 One Planet Budget to the Selectboard. She explained how enrollment is up for the afterschool program and the summer program. The summer program runs for 6 weeks and has an average daily attendance of 40 children. There is two weeks of swim lesson at UVAC in White River They also take numerous field trips such as Whales Tale Water Park and Squam Lake. Carrie explained other sources of revenue from the program such as parent fees and subsidies from the state. Carrie said the \$6,000.00 Royalton appropriation is sufficient and earmarked for the summer program. Joan asked about having a larger program and Carrie said they are limited as far as space and staffing.

Royalton Fire Department: Royalton Fire Chief Paul Brock presented the Royalton Fire Department FY 17/18 budget to the Selectboard. Paul spoke of replacing equipment and buying a new truck. Paul said the Fire Departments appropriation request will be increased to \$77,250.00 for the FY 17/18 budget year. Joan asked if the fire department requests donations from business like GW Plastics. Paul said no. Joan offered to put him in touch with someone at GW Plastics. Paul said that the amount of calls from GW Plastics has gone from 1-2 a year to 5-10 times a year. There was discussion about a satellite fire station near exit 3.

Royalton Academy Building Sandy Conrad (Interim Academy Building Manager) presented a FY 17/18 budget for the Academy Building. She cut some costs and anticipates the building to be able to fund itself with revenue from rentals. There is a \$24K deficit in the Academy Building fund. There will be \$3000.00 included in the budget to start paying down the deficit.

Sandy also discussed using Academy Capital Reserve Funds to purchase tables that can be moved out of the way easier so the space can be used for dance and exercise classes. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to allow Sandy to use funds from the Academy Capital reserves. Motion passed 4-0.**

Appoint member to TRORPC Clean water Advisory Committee (ACT 64) J. Goldstein Motioned and P. Gates seconded to appoint Rose Hemond to the TRORPC Clean water Advisory Committee Motion passed 4-0.

Resignation of Town Health Officer Dave Palmer: This was tabled for discussion at a later meeting.

FEMA Storm Irene FEMA Debris Removal Expense: The Selectboard was presented with a spreadsheet that showed that the Royalton Solid Waste Facility was paid twice for tickets that were generated during the aftermath of Storm Irene. Sandy will bring the data before her solid waste board for review. The Selectboard will send a formal letter to the Town of Bethel outlining this issue.

Meeting Minutes 10/25/2016: P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 10/25/2016 with minor corrections. Motion passed 3-0. (Joan abstain)

The Selectboard discussed the upcoming meeting between Officer John Breault and Royalton Police Chief Jim Beraldi and Mediator Neal Roder. There was discussion as to making it a requirement for Officer Breault to attend the police Academy and become full time certified. Peggy suggested that attending the Police Academy be a recommendation of the Selectboard and not a requirement.

J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to enter executive session to at 8:48pm discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed 4-0

J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to exit executive session at 9:10pm Motion passed 4-0

Action taken: Sandy will follow up with Neal Roder in regards to the upcoming mediation on 11/22/2016.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted

Rose Hemond

Royalton Town Administrator