

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
December 27, 2016 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Sandy Conrad

Regrets: Joan Goldstein and Peggy Ainsworth

Town Staff: Town Administrator, Rose Hemond,

Larry opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Public Concerns:

Larry informed the Selectboard about a site visit at Trescott Lane to inspect the pig situation. Doug Johnstone and Dave Huber from the State of Vermont attended as well as Police Chief Jim Beraldi. Larry said all the pigs are gone. There is a pile of pig intestines on the premises which Doug said must be removed this winter. The landowner was informed of this matter.

Royalton Memorial Library Roof: The roof on the Royalton Memorial Library is in need of repairs. A quote from Bruce Jones was for \$4,000.00. (\$400 to repair a 10"by 10" square not including rotted wood replacement) Patrick Redden from Upland Construction will provide a quote to the town for the work. It is urgent that this repair get done immediately or there will be more damage to the roof and attic.

S. Conrad motioned and L. Trottier seconded to approve the lowest bid for the Royalton Memorial Library roof repair. Motion passed 3-0.

The Bethel Royalton Transfer Station will be leasing new equipment over 5 years. Payments will be made to State Bank Baystone Government Finance. The lease payments will be paid out of the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility budget. The Selectboard agreed it was less expensive to make the first payment of \$52,035.70 at closing to save money on interest. **S. Conrad motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the formal proposal for the leased equipment from State Bank for the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility. Motion passed 3-0**

School Land Lease Quitclaim: As per the request of Attorney Jeff Lewis. **S. Conrad motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the School Land Lease quit claim for a parcel of land on Deer Haven Road in South Royalton. Motion passed 3-0**

Town of Sharon Inter-municipal Police Contract. At an earlier meeting the Selectboard decided that \$60.00 an hour is a fair cost for police services for the Town of Sharon. The Sharon Selectboard counter offered with a cost of \$54.00 an hour. Chief Beraldi via email recommended for \$54.00 an hour the Royalton Police Department will only provide traffic control for the Town of Sharon. The Sharon Selectboard office will be contacted and asked to make a decision before 01/10/2017. Sandy offered to attend a Sharon Selectboard meeting if necessary.

The Selectboard reviewed drafts of the FY 17/18 General Fund Budget and the Highway Budget. Modifications were made.

Accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer was reviewed and approved by the Selectboard. Sandy has some questions about the town Mastercard bill. A more detailed breakdown will be provided at future meetings.

Sandy updated the Selectboard on the changes and improvements being made at the Royalton Academy Building.

Meeting minutes S. Conrad motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the meeting minutes from 12/13/2016 Motion passed 3-0

S. Conrad motioned and L. Trottier seconded to enter into executive session at 8:35pm to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed 3-0.

S. Conrad motioned and L. Trottier seconded to exit executive session at 8:47pm Motion passed 3-0.

Action taken the Selectboard will provide a letter of recommendation to a town employee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted

Rose Hemond Town Administrator