

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
April 26, 2016 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Regrets: Joan Goldstein

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager: Rose Hemond, Emergency Management Coordinator Gidget Lyman, Planning Commission Chairman Tim Dreisbach, Conservation Commission Members Brad Salzman and Mike Bald

Public Present: Peg Elmer

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7pm

Approve Royalton LEOP: The Selectboard reviewed a draft of the Local Emergency Operations Plan. Gidget explained she is still updating a list of at risk population in Royalton. She also discussed emergency alert systems such as Vermont Alert that can be used by the public. The Selectboard thanked Gidget for all her hard work. **S. Conrad motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the Royalton Local Emergency Operations Plan with Changes. Motion passed 3-0.**

Request for Use of the South Royalton Green for South Royalton High School Graduation on 06/11/16 P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the request for use of the South Royalton Green on 06/11/2016 for graduation. Motion passed 3-0

Revolving Loan Fund Committee Reappoint Lincoln Clark P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to reappoint Lincoln Clark to the Royalton Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Motion passed 3-0

P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to accept the resignation of Joan Goldstein from the Royalton Revolving Loan Fund Committee with regret. Motion passed 3-0

P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to appoint Larry Trottier to the Royalton Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Motion passed 3-0.

Excess Weight Permit Hutch Crane and Pump Rental P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the excess weight permit. Motion passed 3-0

Vermont Arts Council Cultural Facilities Grant; The Royalton Memorial Library requested a letter of support from the town for the Vermont Arts Council Cultural Facilities Grant, Greg Tischer, Royalton Memorial Library Director, was present at the meeting via phone and answered questions from the Selectboard about the grant. The maximum grant amount is \$30k and it is a 1:1 grant in which the library has funds in reserve for match. The grant will be used to replace the heating system in the old part of the building. The grant expires in two years. Greg spoke about the renovation and construction of the new addition occurring in phases. **S. Conrad motioned and P.**

Ainsworth seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the letter of support for the Vermont Arts Council Cultural Facilities Grant Motion passed 3-0.

Workers Comp Insurance Discussion: The Selectboard reviewed information from the town workers comp audit completed in March of 2016. They were informed that hiring contractors that do not carry workers comp insurance will cause the town's workers compensation premium to increase. The Selectboard will take all this information under advisement and discuss at a later meeting.

Buyout Park Discussion. A Phase 1 Environmental Review was completed on two properties that received grant funds to develop into parks. There was a reasonable environmental concern found at 43 Royalton Hill Road which will require a Phase 2 environmental study to be completed prior to developing. Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning will provide funding for the Phase 2 study and some clean up funds if there is any contaminants found. **S. Conrad motioned to move forward with the Phase 2 on 43 Royalton Hill Road, P. Ainsworth seconded to proceed with the Phase 2 environmental study after an inquiry is made as to whether the study needs to be completed if the entire property is not to be developed. The Phase 2 will be paid for by Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission. Motion passed 3-1.**

S. Conrad motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to sign the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission Facilities Reuse Program Site Access form for 43 Royalton Hill Road. Motion passed 3-0

Peg Elmer showed a Power Point Presentation to the Selectboard about CROS. (Community Resiliency Organizations.) "Community Resilience Organizations (CROs) are local teams, appointed by the Selectboard, that engage residents and town leaders in tasks aimed to lessen losses from climate adaptation, disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation, while strengthening local collaboration and social cohesion. CROs build connections between the community silos of passionate volunteers in conservation, emergency response and social services, by bringing them together to build collaborative projects. By leveraging resources and gaining wider community participation, their impact is magnified. Through an annual Day for CROing, teams engage youth and the broader community to collaborate on critical projects that will make the town stronger and safer, while simultaneously including celebration to add fun and build community. The CROs organization provides backbone support to local teams. We share resources, provide technical assistance and capacity building, help fundraise, and host an annual statewide summit for cross-fertilization of ideas between town CROs teams across the state."

There will be a Resiliency Festival on 08/28/2016, (the fifth anniversary of Storm Irene) on the South Royalton Green. This event will combine a work day of town projects followed by a gathering on the South Royalton Green which will have displays from various organizations involved in emergency preparedness and resiliency. Discussion ensued about the various projects that the residents can participate in.

Meeting Minutes 04/12/2016 P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve 04/12/2016 meeting minutes Motion passed 3-0

Special Meeting 04/18/2016 P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 04/18/2016. Motion passed 3-0

Expense Submissions P. Ainsworth motioned and P, Gates seconded to approve the purchase of \$500.00 of mulch for the town properties. Motion passed 3-0

Expense Submission P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve \$50.00 for Green Up Day pizza on the green. Motion passed 3-0.

Police Chief Retirement Event Sandy would like to plan a retirement event for Royalton Police Chief Bob Hull. She will get together with Bob's wife and work out the details.

Public Service Awards: Sandy mentioned how nice it was for some Royalton residents to be honored at a ceremony at Vermont Technical College on 04/28/2016 for their over 20 years of service to the town.

Phil mentioned that engineer John Todd is seeking private funding to pay for 100% of the living ecosystem project for Royalton. **L. Trottier motioned and S.Conrad seconded to authorize John Todd to seek 100% funding for this project. Motion passed 3-0**

Sandy Conrad will represent the Royalton Selectboard at the Public Service Awards Event at Vermont Technical College on April 28, 2016. This event will honor those who have served the Town of Royalton for at least 20 years.

Tim Dreisbach, Chairman from the Royalton Planning Commission, spoke about the New Vista meeting that took place earlier in the week. He also asked the Selectboard if they were interested in the planning commission looking into zoning for the town. Larry said he thought there was not a lot of interest in zoning and Sandy agreed. They told Tim it would be helpful for the Planning Commission to create a land management plan for the former Crawford Property. Tim liked the idea and will bring this project to his board.

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm

Respectfully Submitted

Rose Hemond

Royalton Administration and Finance Manager