

Royalton Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Town Office Safford Street  
February 11, 2014

**Selectboard Present:** Larry Trottier, Ernie Amsden, Peggy Ainsworth, Joan Goldstein, Phil Gates

**Public Present:** Greg Eplerwood, Tony Campos, Rose Hemond, Stuart Levasseur and Bob Hull

**Chairman Larry Trotter called the Meeting to Order at 7pm**

**Chairman Trottier welcomed Greg Eplerwood and Tony Campos from CVTV to the meeting.** Tony explained to the Selectboard what CVTV is. It is nonprofit public access television based out of Barre Vermont and funded by Charter Communications. Tony and Greg discussed the possibility of taping the Royalton Selectboard meetings and broadcasting them up to 3 times a week on their station. They explained the benefits of this kind of exposure. It will attract those who are interested in town government but are unable to attend the meetings. They spoke of various towns in Vermont that broadcasts meetings has helped with passing budgets and keeping the public informed. They passed out a survey and asked if the Selectboard was interested in taping their meetings. The Selectboard said they were interested. Greg and Tony said they would be in touch with more information.

**Sign No Appeals or Suit against Town Listers P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to sign the No Appeals or Suits against Town Listers document, Motion passed 4-0**

Personnel Policy review. Tabled until future meeting

**Sewer Abatement policy:** After some discussion it was decided to revise the policy to be called the “Sewer Adjustment Policy” as to not cause any confusion about the purpose of the policy.. Revisions will be made and presented at next Selectboard meeting for adoption,

**Vermont Health Connect Discussion** Rose Hemond informed the Selectboard of yet another change in enrolling the town into Vermont Health Connect. The town will directly enroll with the provider and employees can only choose between two plans on the Health Exchange. The town will only pay toward the chosen plan a maximum of contribution amount approved by the Selectboard in October 2013. This will remain the same regardless of which plan the employees have chosen. Rose must enroll all town employees by 02/17/14.

**P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to offer a choice of either the Blue Cross/ Blue Shield Silver Standard Plan or the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Blue Rewards Gold plan. Motion passed 4-0**

**Perley Farm Road Grant Agreement Letter. E. Amsden motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize LarryTrottier to sign the FEMA grant agreement letter to accept funding for Perley Farm Road in the amount of \$403,883.00. These funds will be used to reinforce the White River embankment. Motion passed 4-0**

**Happy Hollow Culvert Structures Grant.** Rose presented a completed grant agreement from the State Of Vermont worth \$88,200.00 to replace a culvert on Happy Hollow Road. Dubois and King have completed the survey for this project.

**FEMA approved \$83,286.00** to replace Urstadt Culvert on Broad Brook road. Dubois and King completed the survey for this culvert.

**The Selectboard reviewed the Royalton Wastewater report for Dec 2013.**

**Budget Summary as of 01/31/14.** Rose presented a budget analysis to the Selectboard through 01/31/14.

**FY 14/15 Proposed Budget Summary:** The Selectboard was presented with a comparative summary analysis of FY 13/14 budget and proposed budget FY 14/15 to help prepare the Selectboard for Pre-town Meeting.

**Town Office Discussion.** The Selectboard discussed ways to promote the town office funding vote. Rose will prepare a flyer for pre-town meeting. Stuart will write a piece for the Randolph Herald.

**Meeting Minutes for 01/28/14 J. Goldstein approved with small revision and P. Gates seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 01/28/14.**

**The Selectboard approved payroll and accounts payable as prepared by the Town Treasurer.**

**P. Gates motioned and E. Amsden seconded to enter into executive session at 9:10pm to discuss labor relations agreement, Bob Hull and Rose Hemond were invited. P. Gates motioned and E. Amsden seconded to come out of Executive session at 9:25pm**

**P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to research a way to reimburse Bob Hull for health care costs not to exceed his allotted approved contribution from the town. Bob Hull is ineligible to enroll in the Vermont Health Connect because he is enrolled Medicare. Motion passed 4-0**

Meeting adjourned at 10:25pm  
Respectfully Submitted  
Rose Hemond