

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
April 11, 2017 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Sandy Conrad, Gidget Lyman

Via Phone: Tim Dreisbach

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Cynthia Dalrymple, Greg Tisher, Lizzie Tisher, Paige Ballantine, Sarah and Todd Ballentine, Annie Luke, Cathy Hazlett, Addie and Mikaela Luke-Currier, Julie Mabey, Eliza Mabey, Marc Preston, Beth Wilhite, Stuart and Pam Levasseur, Gisèle Mac Harg, Theresa Manning, Dane Fulcher, Tom Powers, Adam Smith, Melissa Young, Clark Dalrymple,

Town Staff: Town Administrator Rose Hemond, Royalton Police Officer John Breault, Royalton Road Crew Member Steve Kondi

Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Royalton First Constable Candidate Marc Preston introduced himself to the Selectboard. He explained that he is a Royalton resident and felt he has the necessary qualifications for the position. Information about the duties of the first constable from Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns will be sent to Marc. Marc's contact information will be given to Selectboard member, Tim Dreisbach, who is the current liaison between the Royalton Police Department and the Selectboard. **S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to appoint Marc Preston as Royalton First Constable. Motion passed 4-0.**

Public Concerns: Tom Powers, Dane Fulcher and Adam Smith discussed the sidewalks along the business on Chelsea Street. The Selectboard informed them the town will apply for a planning grant for the village. The Selectboard would expect this plan will also address ADA issues and the water trough as well. Tim suggested to building owners and the town reach an agreement on ownership of the sidewalks. The Selectboard consulted with an attorney last year and was informed this land records research would be a costly endeavor for the town. It is important to determine if there is support for this project.

Presentation by South Royalton High School Royalton Chapter of SADD Paige Ballentine and Eliza Mabey proposed an ordinance prohibiting drug tobacco and vaping paraphernalia establishments and further prohibiting marijuana dispensaries. Tim found this draft, which was for the town of Ludlow VT, overreaching. Annie said that this ordinance will be revised and presented to the Selectboard at a later date.

Royalton Library Trustees Bond Request: Greg Tisher presented an overview of the Royalton Memorial Library renovation. Cynthia Dalrymple presented some financial information to the Selectboard. Since the library has fallen short of their financing goal, they would like the Selectboard to consider a bond vote for the library project. Larry said the Selectboard will discuss at another Selectboard meeting.

Tim Dreisbach was no longer participating via phone

Solid Waste Facility Discussion: Sandy Conrad, who is on the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Board, mentioned the town of Royalton taking over the bookkeeping for the Solid Waste Facility. Research needs to be done before a decision is made.

Royalton Planning Commission Chair Beth Wilhite discussed potential town owned property that would be available for solar arrays. The Royalton Bethel landfill was discussed and Sandy will present at the next Solid Waste meeting on 04/12/2017. There is also a piece of land over on Gilman Road.

Melissa Young, A Royalton resident introduced herself to the Selectboard and said she was interested in historic aspects of Royalton. She also would like more information on Royalton Events. Information will be passed along to Melissa.

Royalton Highway crew member Steve Kondi spoke to the Selectboard and said that all was well at the Highway Garage. The Selectboard thanked him for checking in.

Royalton Buyout Park S. Conrad motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to appoint Rose Hemond as authorized signer on contracts and other documents regarding the Royalton Buyout Parks Motion passed 3-0

Phone line for town office conference room: S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to have Key Communications install V-Tech Analog phone in the conference room at the Royalton Town office building for a total costs of \$377.00. Motion passed 3-0

Request by Ernie Amsden: A letter was presented to the Selectboard from Ernie Amsden. Ernie was following a town truck hauling gravel and a rock fell off the truck and cracked Ernie's windshield. The tarp was in place and it was an accident. **P. Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to reimburse Ernie \$230.98 for the new windshield. Motion passed 3-0**

Review Inter-local Agreement: A draft of an inter-local agreement between the South Royalton School and the Town of Royalton was reviewed. The Selectboard would like to make it clear in the agreement that the school will be paying \$12,000 a year toward the debt service on the wastewater bond and also be billed for usage fees.

Appoint EC Fiber Representatives P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to appoint Dan Kinney and Chris Noble as Royalton Representative for EC Fiber. Motion passed 3-0

Liquor License P. Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the liquor license for Five Olde Tavern and Grille. Motion passed 3-0

P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the following excess weight permits and allow Rose Hemond to sign them: Exide Technologies, Hutch Crane and Pump Rental, GW Tatro Construction, Hartigan Company, Camp Precast Concrete, Limlaw Chipping Motion passed 3-0.

P. Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to accept with regret the resignation from Royalton Planning Commission member Tim Dreisbach Motion passed 3-0

Recreation Expense Requests P. Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the expense requests from the Recreation for a \$250.00 EZ -up tent and \$300.00 for baseball supplies. Motion passed 3-0

Accounts Payable the Selectboard reviewed and approved accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham.

Meeting Minutes 03/25/2017 P. Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 03/25/2017 with revisions. Motion passed 3-0

Tim Dreisbach joined the meeting via phone Joined the meeting at 9:40pm

Highway Department Salt Shed Bid Six bids were received for the construction of a salt shed near the Royalton Highway Garage. The bids are as follows: P.M. B. Concrete \$32,600.00 Coniff's Custom Buildings \$41,732.00, Upland Construction \$46,600.00 All Seasons \$47,000.00, Hook Construction \$53,000.00 and Blow and Cote \$99,415.00 **T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to award the Salt Shed bid to P.M. B. Concrete for \$32,600.00. Motion passed 4-0.**

Royalton Personnel Issues Chief Beraldi: S. Conrad motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to accept the resignation submitted by Police Chief James Beraldi, Jr. to be effective beginning Thursday, April 13, 2017 Motion passed 5-0

Expense Requests Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve changing the locks on the police department doors for a cost of \$445.00 Motion passed 4-0

S. Conrad motioned a g. Lyman seconded to authorize Larry Trotter to sign VCJTC Employment registration Form which informs the VT Police Academy of any personal changes in the police department. Motion passed 4-0

P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to enter into executive session at 10:30pm to discuss personnel issues, Motion passed 4-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to exit executive session at 10:37pm Motioned passed 4-0

Action taken: To publicize the agreed upon Selectboard press release in regards to Chief Beraldi to the Valley News and The Randolph Herald.

Meeting Adjourned 10:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Rose Hemond Town Administrator