

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
April 25, 2017 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Cynthia Dalrymple, Greg Tisher, Josh Walker, Jayne Sullycole, Peter Varkonyi

Town Staff: Town Administrator Rose Hemond, Royalton Police Officer John Breault.

Larry opened the meeting at 7pm

Josh Walker, Jayne Sullycole and Peter Varkonyi introduced themselves to the Selectboard. They discussed the restaurant they will be opening at the location of the former Fox Stand Inn. It is called Wild Roots and will focus on serving locally grown food. They were not certain of the opening date, but hoping for mid May 2017.

Liquor License Wild Roots LLC. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the Wild Roots Liquor License. Motion passed 4-0

They inquired as to getting an amber light placed on Route 14 between the parking lot and the restaurant. Patrons have to cross Route 14 to get to the restaurant. The speed limit on this road is 40mph. The town will look into what can be done.

Engineers, Jason Booth and Joe Krupa, from Aldrich and Elliot were present to discuss modifications to the Royalton Waste-water project. The Royalton Wastewater bids came in \$186K higher than the engineer's estimates. Jason presented a list of value engineering options. He said that perhaps some costs can be cut from the project and also perhaps the Rainbow Street bid alternate can be done as a separate project. The lowest bidder is Neil H Daniels Inc. at \$1,496,525. **S. Conrad motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to concur with the recommendation of Aldrich and Elliot to award the low bidder Neil H Daniels Inc, the Royalton Wastewater Refurbishment contract for \$1,496,425 contingent upon successful negotiations of value engineering options. Motion passed 4-0.**

Library Bond Vote: Cynthia Dalrymple and Greg Tisher, spoke to the Selectboard about the condition of the library building and the need for money for renovations. Sandy Conrad reminded Cynthia that the taxpayers were told at Pre-Town meeting a couple of years ago, that this project would be funded without taxpayer money. Sandy said she supports the library but not the debt. Tim mentioned the library is not open at night and only briefly on the weekends. The Selectboard told Cynthia the library would have to get a petition if they wanted a bond vote. The Selectboard alone were not in favor of doing a bond vote and would like to see if there is support for the bond from the Royalton taxpayers.

Request use of South Royalton Green: P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve use of the South Royalton Green on May 4, 2017 from 10am -4pm for National Day of Prayer sponsored by the Red Door Church. Motion passed 4-0

Request for Use of the South Royalton Green: S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve use of the South Royalton Green for the Vermont Law School graduation on May 20, 2017. Motion passed 4-0

Sidewalk Discussion Agreement for sidewalk ownership. Tim drafted an agreement and the Selectboard would like it reviewed by Attorney Paul Giuliani.

Inter-local Agreement: Gidget Lyman will present to the South Royalton School Board on 05/17/2017.

T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the following Excess Weight Permits Eric Thorp and Romano Trucking. Motioned passed 4-0

K. W Smith was incomplete and not approved.

Local Emergency Operations Plan was completed by Gidget Lyman and presented to the Selectboard. It has to be submitted to the state and Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission by 05/01/2017. **P. Ainsworth motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve the LEOP and authorize Gidget Lyman to sign. Motion passed 4-0.**

Review Expense Request the Selectboard approve the Recreation Commission requests for \$300 for baseball supplies, \$1600 for fencing near the new playground structure, timbers around the structure \$550.00. Mulch is donated but if more is needed not to exceed \$1,000 and an invoice for Cal Ripken for \$110 Motion passed 4-0

Reviewed estimate for approximately \$2500.00 for new computer in the listed office. The Selectboard would like to see if better pricing can be found. They did not approve this purchase.

Anne Karsh spoke with Larry about the sidewalk by her home. The water department dug up a piece and it is uneven and she asked what the town will do. The town will have someone look at it and get some suggestions for repair.

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

P. Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the 04/11/2017 meeting minutes with minor corrections. Motion passed 3-0.

Royalton Police Department Discussion: Royalton Police Officer John Breault spoke with the Selectboard. He met with the new constable, Marc Preston, and requested some new items for him. **T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to permit Officer Breault to spend \$125.00 on items for the constable. Motion passed 4-0.**

Officer Breault reviewed the Royalton Spring and summer 2017 events with the Selectboard and said that the department is currently shorthanded. The Selectboard suggested that Office Breault write an ad and hire a per diem police officer. **T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to give Officer Breault permission to run an ad for a part-time/temporary officer for 20 hours a week Motion passed 4-0**

Tim suggested having a Selectboard Special Meeting at the Royalton Academy building to hear from the public what they want for police coverage. He will coordinate and ask Alison Fulcher to moderate.

Sandy reported there are 150 bats living in the attic of the Academy building. She would like to have them humanely moved to another location. She has a contact from the state.

Meeting adjourned 10:35pm

Respectfully submitted

Rose Hemond Town Administrator