

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
May 9, 2017 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Brad Aldrich, Joe Krupa, Dave Kimball, Mary Gavin, Corrine Ingraham, Dave Whitney, Keith Grimes, Seth Stoddard, Don Lovejoy, Paul Brock, David Palmer, Kyle Jones, Brenda Field, Becky Owens, Nathan Potter

Town Staff: Town Administrator Rose Hemond, Royalton, Royalton Road Foreman Roger McCrillis

Brad Aldrich and Joe Krupa from the Engineering firm of Aldrich and Elliot discussed Royalton Wastewater Project modifications. Brad Aldrich presented the costs of value engineering alternatives for the Royalton Wastewater Project. The project bid was over the estimate by \$184,474.00. The Selectboard was presented with 5 items totaling \$219,500.00 that could be removed from the project. **T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to accept all the reduction alternatives recommended by the engineers totaling \$219,500.00 from the Royalton Wastewater Project. Motion passed 4-0.**

Royalton Rescue Squad Advisory Board: Dave Kimball from the Royalton Rescue Squad Advisory Board started the discussion by stating they would like the town to take over the governance of the Royalton Rescue Squad. Peggy inquired as to the reason for the request. She was told the Prudential Committee no longer wanted it. Peggy went on to say how the Rescue Squad is currently functioning well and has managed to overcome a lot of past difficulties with staffing and finances. She was still unclear as to why the board wanted to transfer governance to the town of Royalton. Tim explained that the town staff is small and their time is already taken up with current projects. The Selectboard gave permission for the Rescue Squad Advisory Board to research what needs to be done to make this transition.

Request Use of South Royalton Green Royalton Boy Scouts 05/21/2017 S. Conrad motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve use of the South Royalton Green by the South Royalton Boy Scouts. Motion passed 4-0

South Royalton High School Class of 2017 Graduation 10am on 06/10/2017 S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve use of the South Royalton Green for the South Royalton High school Class of 2017 Graduation. Motion passed 4-0

Yoga Classes Monday or Wednesday Nights 5:30pm to 7:00pm: The Selectboard stated they had no problem with the yoga class being held on the South Royalton Green on the grass, but felt there should be a charge if the bandstand is being used for commercial purposes. **T. Dreisbach motioned**

and P. Ainsworth seconded to have the Town of Royalton charge a \$25.00 fee for use of the bandstand for commercial purposes. Motion passed 4-0.

Harpoon Brewery Point to Point Bike Race 08/12/2017 8am to noon: T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve use of the South Royalton Green for the Harpoon Point to Point Bike Race. Motion passed 4-0

Discussion of Meeting with Sharon Selectboard Royalton Police Coverage: Tim and Sandy attended a Sharon Selectboard meeting on 05/01/2017. At this point in time the Town of Sharon is not interested in contract police services from the Town of Royalton at \$60.00 per hour. Tim and Sandy both felt the Town of Sharon will continue researching other options.

S, Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve Letter of Support for Grant Town Forest Recreation Planning Community Assistance Program. *The Program is seeking to work with 10 communities to support the development of town forest recreation and stewardship plans. This program will provide technical planning assistance to Vermont communities interested in addressing issues and opportunities in the use and stewardship of their town forest, a value of up to \$10,000 per town. Participating communities will receive technical assistance from a multi-disciplinary consultant team for the development of a town forest action plan.* **“ Motion passed 4-0**

P. Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approved the following Excess Weight Permits and authorize Rose to sign them K. W. Smith, Montgomery Logging, JB Webster Construction. Motion passed 4-0.

Federal Awards Conflict of Interest Policy: The Selectboard was informed of a desk audit performed by the state, of several of the FEMA Home Buyout Property transactions. One of the findings s that needed to be addressed as part of the audit was the Town of Royalton does not have a written conflict of interest statement which is in compliance with federal and state regulation. This is a written code of standards for conduct regarding employee performance while engaged in selection, or in the award administration of a contract supported by federal funds (if a conflict, real or apparent) Rose created one based on the Federal Standards and it was approved by the state. The Selectboard reviewed and added language for clarity. It will be modified and presented at a later meeting.

Expense Request \$600.00 for Mulch for Town Properties S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman to approve purchase of mulch. Motion passed 4-0

Recreation Expense requests are as follows: \$50.00- Grass seed for Carpenter field, areas near ball fields need to be patched, \$90.00- New Baseballs for the program, \$200.00 Expenses for Flags for Memorial Day, \$600.00 for Picnic tables for the new playground area, \$300.00 for landscape roll covering needed for playground before mulch is down, \$175.00 for Established Rules sign for liability of the town for the playground, i.e. uses, hours, safety. **P. Ainsworth motioned and L Trottier seconded to approve all**

expense except the picnic table. More information was needed for approval of the picnic table expense. Motion passed 5-0.

Accounts Payable as prepared by Town treasurer LuAnn Bingham were reviewed and Approved by the Selectboard

Meeting Minutes 04/25/2017 P. Ainsworth motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve the meeting mantis for 04/25/2017 Motion passed

Roger spoke to the Selectboard about town paving to be done this summer. He recommended the town pave Bridge Street Bridge approach and deck. And the Fox Stand Bridge approach and deck of bridge. Roger will obtain a quote for the paving and present at a later meeting.

Roger will be retiring the end of 2017. The Selectboard will start working on a job description for a Road foreman and discuss advertising at the next Selectboard meeting.

Rocky Hull asked Larry if he could clean out a culvert on a Class 4 road (Near Otto Merrill). Rocky told Larry a neighbor has been filling the culvert with rocks. The Selectboard approved Rocky Hull to clean out the culvert. The town will send a letter to the neighbor stating the culvert should remain unrestricted.

Roger suggested to the Selectboard to get rid of the unloading zone on Chelsea Street because it is too close to the cross walk. This may take amending the town traffic ordinance. More research will have to be done on this issue.

Tim suggested a special Selectboard meeting to prioritize all the various projects and tasks that the Selectboard has been asked to do. Sandy said this was a good idea and that they should take three items and work on them to complete and not add any more. Time felt there was too much to consider and without any effect plan in place nothing was going to get done.

Gidget announced the merger of Stagecoach and ACTA to be called Tri Valley Transit.

Sandy updated the Selectboard on the bat issue at the Academy. She is still researching how to get rid of them with the state and pest control.

Meeting Adjourned 10:00pm

Respectfully Submitted By

Rose Hemond Town Administrator