

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
May 23, 2017 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Regrets: Gidget Lyman

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Brad Aldrich, Harry Dodge, Marc Preston

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

Brad Aldrich from Aldrich and Elliot presented and updated Royalton Wastewater Budget to the Selectboard. Last meeting the Selectboard cut \$219,000.00 from the project. Brad informed the Selectboard that there was grant money still on the table after these items were removed. He asked if they may consider adding a component of the project back. **After some discussion T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to addback the reconfiguration of the airlines at Lagoon #1 valued at \$41,000.00. Motion passed 3-0**

Royalton Officer John Breault from the Royalton Police Department; The Selectboard discussed police vehicles and where they should be parked. Tim felt driving the police vehicle home was not the same as using it for personal use. It is a matter of convenience for the officer when they get called out for an emergency. Sandy felt that since they have to drive to Royalton for the emergency anyway, the vehicles should stay at the town office building.

The Selectboard was informed that there was not much of a response to the police officer ad for a temporary officer. It was decided to move past this notion of hiring a temporary officer and start looking for a permanent officer.

Discussion ensued about Royalton Constable Marc Preston carrying a firearm when he is conducting town business. The majority of Selectboard had no problem with this despite residents voicing concerns. Marc told the Selectboard if people knew him and his qualifications they would feel more comfortable with him carrying a gun. Tim felt this is more a matter of public perception than qualifications. Sandy asked Jojo to do a story in the Randolph Herald about the constable.

There will be a Special Selectboard meeting on 05/31/2017 at 7pm at the Royalton Academy Building to discuss the Royalton Police Department. The Selectboard will use this information to determine what type of law enforcement position they will be looking to hire.

The Selectboard was informed that the Foxville buyout parks construction are almost complete. The park structures will be delivered on 08/27/2017. The park before the Fox Stand Bridge needs to be mowed. **S. Conrad motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to add the Foxville Park (Marx) to the mowing contract for \$85.00 per mowing not to exceed one mowing per week. Motion passed 3-0.**

Discussion of email from Steve Judge: Royalton resident Steve Judge contacted the Selectboard about mowing a section of land near the end of Lyon Road between Route 14 and the railroad tracks. He has been mowing this for years and said he could not find anyone this year to mow. He offered the town a donation of

\$200.00 to offset the cost of mowing if the town would take it over. The Selectboard decided to advise Steve to contact an available mower directly.

P. Ainsworth motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to give permission to use South Royalton Green for the Overland Bike race on 08/27/2017 from 9am to noon. Motion passed 3-0

Review Public Sidewalk Agreement: The Selectboard reviewed an agreement drawn up by Attorney Paul Giuliani. Sandy will contact the business and building owners to sign.

Royalton Conflict of Interest Policy for Federal Funds **T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve and sign the Royalton Conflict of Interest Police for Federal Funds. Motion passed 3-0**

Picnic Tables for Carpenter an estimates was presented for tables for the playground at Carpenter Field. More research will be done to find better pricing and present at another meeting.

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

P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes for 05/09/2017 with minor edits, Motion passed 3-0

Next Selectboard Meeting (Reschedule 06/13/2017) The Next Royalton Selectboard meeting will be moved to Tuesday 06/20/2017.

Highway Department Painting at Royalton Town Garage the town will advertise for painting bids to paint the salt shed, the rood of a storage shed and the exterior walls of another storage structure.

Royalton Road Foreman Job Description: The Selectboard discussed the job description for the Royalton Road Foreman. This will be a working road foremen. The Selectboard wants to include some computer skills and managerial experience in the job description. Sandy will work on a draft of the job description and present at a later meeting.

Larry mentioned a portion of North Windsor Street sidewalk that is in disrepair. The town received an estimate for 50 feet of concrete sidewalk for \$5,000.00. The Selectboard felt this was too expensive. Larry is going to research what can be done and contact some contractors.

Gary "Boonie" Caron will also be working to fix the Chelsea Street Lights in the next week or so.

Peggy said the Royalton sign on Route 107 needs to be straightened out. The sign from Route 110 was repainted by a student at the South Royalton School. They did a wonderful job.

Discussion ensued about Act 46 and the upcoming vote on 06/13/2017

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted

Rose Hemond Town Administrator