

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Special Meeting
June 20, 2017 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Regrets: Peggy Ainsworth

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Harry Dodge, Sam Carlson, Cathy Hazlett, Sean and Ryan Smith, Laurie Smith, Annie Luke, Ian Mackenzie, Chris Whidden

Town Staff: Town Administrator Rose Hemond

Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:05pm

Sam Carlson from Green Lantern Solar discussed constructing a 150kw solar array on the Bethel Royalton Landfill but not in the area where there is a CAP. In order to clear .8 acres of trees from the landfill property (to avoid the CAP) the state requires the town to put 3.2 acres of land in a conservation agreement. The Selectboard decided to use 3.2 acres of the Sarnoff property for this purpose. The town will be responsible for applying for the conservation easement. The state no longer allows construction of 500kw arrays. Green Lantern would pay Royalton \$3,000.00 a year to lease the land, plus the town can save on electricity by joining a net metering group. The solar array will also be taxed. Sam said they require a 1 acre lease agreement that shows the town has a commitment to this project. In a years' time they will work out the details of funding and construction. **T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to favor this proposal. Motion passed 3-0**

Vermont Kids against Tobacco: Ryan and Sean Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation about the dangers and effects of smoking and second hand smoke. They are asking the Selectboard for a smoking ban on the South Royalton Green, Hope Field, and Carpenter Field. **S. Conrad made a motion to review a draft of a smoking ordinance for the Town of Royalton.**

Motion passed 3-0.

Ian Mackenzie spoke to the Selectboard about creating an all-terrain vehicle trail system in Royalton. It was mentioned that according to the Town of Royalton Highway Policy. ATV's are banned from all class 2 and class 3 roads. Ian presented a draft map to the Selectboard. Larry asked Ian to create a trial system that was primarily on private land and very little on town roads and present to the Selectboard at a later date.

Request for no signs to be placed in the water trough Tim Dreisbach wanted to let the meeting minutes reflect that there will be no signs of any kind placed in the South Royalton water trough.

Request for use of the South Royalton Green 2017 Summer Brown Bag Series (7/11, 7/18, 7/25, & 8/1 all at noon) S. Conrad motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve use of the South Royalton Green for the Royalton recreation Summer Brown Bag series. Motion passed 3-0

Old Home Days 07/28-07/29/2017 request for use for use of the South Royalton Green and to waive Royalton Alcohol ban: T. Dreisbach motioned and G .Lyman seconded approval for use of the South Royalton Green for Old Home Days on 07/28/2017-07/29/2017 and waiving of the alcohol ban for 07/28/2017 and 07/29/2017 on the South Royalton Green. Motion passed 3-0

Request for use of the Hope Field by Red Door Church for a fundraiser on 08/19/2017: S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve use of the Hope Field for a fundraiser. Motioned passed 3-0

Vermont Law School Annual 9-11 Run Use of the South Royalton Green on Friday 09/08/2017 (Request Police Coverage) S, Conrad and G. Lyman approved use of the South Royalton Green from 2:30pm to 4pm on 09/08/2017 and police coverage for this event.

Motion passed 3-0

Beth Wilhite presented the V-Trans Bike Ped Grant application which is due on 07/14/2017. There was still some information needed before the Selectboard can approve. It will be presented at the next Selectboard meeting on 06/27/2017 for approval.

Painting Bids for structures at the Royalton Town Garage: Three bids for painting structures at the Royalton Town garage were received from: Angela Hood (\$3500.00 does not include paint) , Randy Loretta (\$5650.00 labor and materials) and Randall Hoyt(\$10,210.00 includes labor and materials) **G. Lyman motioned and S. Conrad seconded to award the painting bid to Randy Lorette. Motion passed 3-0**

Culvert blockage on Otto Merrill Road: It was brought to the attention of the Selectboard that a culvert on the class 4 section of the Otto Merrill Road is blocked after the town had made arrangements to clear it out. The Selectboard has authorized Rocky Hull to clean out the culvert again and restore the ditch to allow proper drainage. A letter will be sent from the Selectboard to a landowner where the culvert is located to make them aware of the situation. A copy of this letter will be provided to Rocky Hull.

Set the Royalton Sewer Rate for 01/01/2017-06/31/2017 S. Conrad Motioned and G. Lyman seconded to set the sewer rate at .0187 per gallon or 1.87 per 100 gallons. Motion passed 3-0

The Town Clerk emailed the Selectboard and asked them to make a decision about a scanner. The Selectboard decided to make the last payment and keep the scanner

S. Conrad motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve the following excess weight permits: Cure Property Management, Grizzly Mountain trucking and Rodney Rainville Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting Minutes 06/05/2017, 05/31/2017, and 05/23/2017: S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the meeting minutes 06/05/2017, 05/31/2017, and 05/23/2017. Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard reviewed and approved Accounts Payable as prepared by town treasurer LuAnn Bingham.

Summer Road Work Schedule (Royalton) (Toppin Road Incident) the Selectboard will strongly suggest the Royalton Highway Department make certain they contact all nearby residents before closing a road and post signs at least a day in advance.

G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to accept the resignation of Royalton Road Crew Member Steve Kondi. Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard discussed a full size refrigerator that was brought into the town office lunch area. The Selectboard felt they should have been asked permission first. T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to to move the refrigerator to the lister office, and turn the small refrigerator back on and place acrylic shelving on the wall to hold all the pamphlets and brochures located at entryway of the town office. Tim will speak to the necessary parties in regards to these matters. Motion passed 3-0

Larry informed the Selectboard that the Royalton Food Shelf was unable to find a new location and the last day will be 06/22/2017. Larry said they have looked all over town to find another space and was not successful. The Royalton Food Shelf has over 40 visitors a week.

Sandy informed the Selectboard that the bats were back at the Academy Building.

Police Department: Discussion ensued about compensation for the Royalton Constable. The Selectboard agreed this was not a paid position. They did agree to make a one-time payment to Marc for \$75.00 for providing coverage for the Bethel prom held in Royalton. These services were paid for by the Bethel Class of 2017 funds.

Tim mentioned the Royalton Police Department is advertising for a full time officer. He discussed police officer compensation and creating job descriptions.

Gidget informed the Selectboard that the Town of Sharon signed a contract with the Royalton Rescue squad with the stipulation that is runs on a fiscal year.

Meeting Adjourned 10:15pm
Respectfully Submitted
Town Administrator Rose Hemond