

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

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

**Public Present:** Jojo Levasseur

**Town Staff:** Town Administrator Rose Hemond, Royalton Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Royalton Police Officer John Breault

**Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00pm**

Peggy discussed the road conditions on Happy Hollow Road

Larry heard a complaint about the Royalton Rescue Squad vehicle being used as a “lunch wagon” Gidget is on the Rescue Squad Advisory Board and will look into this matter.

The Selectboard heard concerns about Riverbend Park on South Windsor Street. There were several requests made by Mary Jean Jennings who is a resident of Riverbend Park to: They are as follows: move speed limit sign; place guardrails in front of park and place a sign for a handicap child in front of the park. The Selectboard decided to place a handicap child sign in front of Riverbend Park.

South Royalton Green Maintenance Gidget spoke of several maintenance issues on the South Royalton Green, brought to her attention by a Royalton resident. The Selectboard decided to contact Jason Caron, the town mower, and ask him to fix the walkways on the green and divets.

Reschedule 08/08/2017 Selectboard Meeting: The Selectboard decided not to reschedule the 08/08/2017 meeting.

**P .Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve and authorize Larry Trottier to sign the 2017 V-Trans Structure Grant for \$140,000.00 what has a 20% match which will be paid out of highway funds. Motion passed 4-0**

**Review comments from Attorney Paul Giuliani about the Option to Lease agreement between the towns of Bethel and Royalton and Green Lantern Development. The Selectboard reviewed and edited comments about the lease agreement. T. Dreisbach motion and P. Ainsworth seconded to accept all of Attorney Paul Giuliani’s’ recommendations, except changing item #1 to read “no changes will be made to the property without the approval of the Bethel and the Royalton Selectboard. Motion pass3eed 4-0**

The attorney comments will be sent to the Bethel Selectboard and the Bethel Energy Commission for Review. A request will be made to Green Lantern to amend the contract.

The Royalton Selectboard proposed having a joint meeting with the Bethel Selectboard following the Solid Waste Facility meeting on 08/09/2017 at 8pm at the Royalton Town Office. This meeting will be

to discuss amendments to the inter-local agreement. This request will be sent to the Bethel Town Manager.

**S, Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the Royalton Selectboard Meeting Minutes for 07/13/2017 Motion passed 3-0 (Peggy recused)**

The Royalton Selectboard reviewed and approved accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasure LuAnn Bingham.\

Larry spoke about a stormwater issue for a Royalton business owner. (Corner Stop Mini Mart) He met with the business owner and several homeowners to work out a solution.

Sandy said the bats are back at the Academy Building. She is working with the state to make certain they have proper shelter if they are not to stay at the Academy Building.

Otto Merrill Road: The Selectboard decided to restore the original ditches and clean out culverts on the class 4 section of the Otto Merrill Road. A letter will be sent to Royalton resident Paul Kelley asking that there be no further disruption to this area or the town will seek legal action. Officer John Breault will accompany the Royalton road crew when they are working on this road.

**T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve to contract a person to screen sand for the Royalton Highway Department. Motion passed 4-0**

**T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve contracting for paving the decks of the Fox Stand Bridge and the Bridge Street Bridge this summer. Motion passed 4-0**

Candidates for the Royalton Road Crew Member will be contacted for interviews

Issue on Johnson Hill Road. Sandy and Gidget will investigate a large bush that may be in the town right of way.

FY 16/17 Evaluations: Tim suggested a stand -alone meeting to go over evaluations. No date set

Tim and Gidget met with Vermont State Trooper Roger Farmer. He made some suggestions and recommendations for the Royalton Police Department

Tim informed the Selectboard they did not move forward with hiring the applicant they met with previously. There was some matters that needed clarification.

The idea of a part time police department was discussed. No consensus on this matter. To be discussed at a future meeting.

**T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to enter executive session at 8:58pm to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed 4-0**

**S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to exit executive session at 9:55pm Motion Passed 4-0**

**Action taken T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to table the offer for a new police officer. Motion passed 4-0.**

Discussion ensued about police vehicles

**Meeting Adjourned 10:15pm**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Rose Hemond Town Administrator**