

Royalton Selectboard Minutes
December 23, 2014

Selectboard Members Present: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Peggy Ainsworth, and Sandy Conrad

Public Present: Gidget Lyman, Mary Gavin, Kevin Blakeman, Jo Levasseur, Brad Salzman, and Dave Palmer

Meeting began at 7:05 PM

Ambulance Budget - Dave Palmer explained the reasons for the revenue and expense projections for the ambulance service. If the service is able to receive 55% of its billings, then there will be a surplus. It was suggested that if that occurs, the extra funds be set aside in a capital account for a new ambulance and the budget figures adjusted for the next fiscal year.

Police contract with Sharon – Chief Hull expressed a desire for a 3 year contract. Mary Gavin would like to see more clarity in the events log – especially the current fee schedules (reflecting things that Sharon does not get billed for like VIN checks) and more detailed location of calls. She would like to see grant funds identified and allocated to Sharon apportionately. Sandy explained the current budget increases.

Public Concerns – Gidget asked if the Local Emergency Planning Committee would be able to use the Academy Building for Incident Command System. The board decided not to charge any rent for this training course which is scheduled to take place Jan. 24th and 31st. Gidget will contact Christine to schedule.

Red Cross Shelter – Bob Hull, Tim Dreisbach, and Sandy Conrad all have keys to the building. Shari Collins, Bob, Sandy, and Brad Salzman have all been trained. Sandy and Gidget will take the lead in establishing contact info and protocols.

FEMA Easement to VHCB – This discussion was tabled due to lack of information.

Why do we need to sign an easement to Vermont Housing and Conservation Board? We already agreed to the conservation easements for all four properties through FEMA. Why are these two singled out for transfer to another organization? Concern was also

expressed about how the conservation easements will affect the Fox Stand Bridge replacement in the future. Kevin Geiger should be contacted to answer these questions.

Grand Prix – Peggy Ainsworth moved and Phil Gates seconded to approve the race being held in Royalton and also hiring the police department for coverage. Motion approved.

Parking Ticket – Chief Hull suggests that despite the person’s complaint about the overnight ticket, another ticket could have been issued for parking over two hours also. Instead he recommends that a letter be sent to this person and compromise on a reduced fine of \$25. Rose should contact Chief for wording.

USDA Loan Resolution – Phil Gates moved and Sandy Conrad seconded to sign the loan resolution paperwork. Motion approved. The Chair signed the papers and the Clerk attested to it.

Fire Marshall’s Report – Mr. Trottier and Mr. Gates met with the fire marshall and were able to come up with a workable plan that will work until the Selectboard moves into the new office building and the library begins its renovations.

Town Office Discussion – There will be a final meeting on January 6, 2015 at 7pm with Jay White to finalize the details of the new office building before the plans are put out for bid.

Minutes of Dec. 9th – Peggy Ainsworth moved and Phil Gates seconded to approve the minutes with one minor edit. Motion approved with Sandy Conrad abstaining.

Other Business – Everett Lyon sent a letter of resignation from the Transfer Station Alliance, Conservation Commission, and Buy-Out Properties Committee. Peggy Ainsworth and Phil Gates moved to accept the resignation with regret. Motion passed.

Sewer – A new flow meter had to be ordered for \$1200. Will be installed in the next 3 weeks.

Account payables were signed.

The rest of the meeting was spent going over the proposed town plan. See attached notes.

The meeting ended at 11:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Ainsworth, Clerk