

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Meeting  
September 8, 2015 8:35 pm  
Royalton Academy Building**

**Royalton Selectboard:** Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Peggy Ainsworth Sandy Conrad, Joan Goldstein

**Town Staff:** Administration and Finance Manager; Rose Hemond,

**Larry Trottier opened the Selectboard Meeting at 8:35 pm**

**Royalton Memorial Library requested** permission to apply for Accessibility Modification Grant (Vermont Community Development Program) for the Royalton Memorial Library building renovation and expansion project. This grant is only available to municipalities. The town would be the applicant with the Royalton Memorial Library Association DBA Royalton Memorial Library (a 501c3 nonprofit corporation) as partner. The grant (\$75,000) would fund building ADA (handicapped access) upgrades, e.g., an elevator. The library has the required matching funds in the bank. Library trustee Theresa Manning and library director Greg Tisher will "write" the grant, complete all required paperwork, etc. It is anticipated there would be limited time commitment required of Rose or other town employees. The library would like to try for the early December 2015 grant deadline for a funding decision to be made in February 2016. The Selectboard asked Rose if she had time to work on this grant. Rose explained she can only offer minimal participation since she is already very busy with many other projects and job obligations. **P. Ainsworth motioned and L. Trottier seconded to approve the town applying for the grant. Motion passed 3-0 with one recusal (Phil Gates).**

**Royalton Police Department:** Officer John Breault requested a change in status to become a full time police officer for the Town of Royalton. The Selectboard approved this request with the condition that he work Friday and Saturday nights. They also would like the Royalton Police Department staff to discontinue overlapping hours. They should not have more than one police officer in the office at one time. They would like more coverage in Sharon since they contract our service for about 20 hours a week. The Selectboard also requested that the RPD work nights and patrol more often in Royalton. Phil mentioned a complaint from a resident in regards to an incident that occurred on a weekend night and there was no Royalton Police coverage to handle the matter. Other residents have come forth with issues in town that require more weekend and night coverage by the RPD. The Selectboard would like to have more input in regards to the police schedule. Overall they want more of a police presence in the town. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to change Officer John Breault to full time status with the Royalton Police Department as long as he meets the conditions they requested. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Community Fellowship Church requested use of the South Royalton Green for outdoor church service on 09/20/2015. P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to allow the Community Fellowship Church use of the green on 09/20/2015 from 9-11:30am for outdoor service. Motion passed 4-0**

**Sandy Conrad** reminded the Selectboard of some electrical work that will be done at the Royalton Academy Building on 09/16/2015. This was part of the project that was approved last fiscal year for the current fiscal year.

The Selectboard discussed the Royalton Wastewater Facility Bond and the financing of the project. They all agreed the informational meeting went well and appreciated all the comments and input from those who attended.

The Selectboard discussed the possibility of extending the mowing contract for two years. They decided they needed to continue to advertise the request for proposals for mowing on an annual basis.

**The Selectboard reviewed and approved Royalton Accounts Payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham.**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:45pm**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Rose Hemond**