

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
October 13, 2015 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

Royalton Selectboard: Phil Gates, Peggy Ainsworth Sandy Conrad,
Late: Joan Goldstein 7:20pm
Regrets: Larry Trottier

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager; Rose Hemond, Town Treasurer, LuAnn Bingham, Police Chief Bob Hull, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Officer John Breault, Town Clerk. Karmen Bascom

Public: Pete Fellow Two River Ottauquechess Regional Planning Commission, Mike and Sandra Blake, Jim Rikert, Tim Dreisbach, Jojo Levasseur

Driveway Permit GW Plastics 15-09: The Selectboard reviewed a driveway permit from GW Plastics. P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve to approve the driveway permit 15-09. Motion passed 3-0

Gilman Road Bid alternate P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to post pone the Gilman Road bid alternate to spring of 2016. Motion passed 3-0

Perley Farm Road P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad second the seconded to have the Royalton Highway Department dig a swale to a nearby culvert on Perley Farm Road to help water drain off the road. Motion passed 3-0.

Town Office Building Roger spoke about building a 16ft x 24ft shed in back of the new office building. A proposal will be created and presented at a later meeting

Mowing bids for Spring/Summer 2016: Two mowing bids were received by the town, Mark Corliss and Jason Caron. Sandy spoke about what a great job Jason has been doing. The town gets many compliments on how nice the fields and the green looks. She felt it was important to have someone local doing the mowing. **S. Conrad motioned and P Ainsworth seconded to award the mowing bid to Jason Caron. Motion passed 3-0.**

Pete Fellows spoke about ACT 64: The Vermont Clean Water Act Stormwater Initiative.

He said the town will have to create a storm water management plan and identify troublesome areas in town. He also spoke about changes in flood insurance. Pete informed the Selectboard that changing the towns flood regulation to adopt stream corridors will allow the town to qualify for more emergency funding. On the other side, adopting these enhanced regulations will create limitations and additional 82 homes in Royalton.

Mike and Sandra Blake spoke to the Selectboard about an issue with some property they purchased. They paid less than the assessed value. Their property tax bill was based on an amount that was higher. Karmen offered to help them file a grievance.

J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to sign the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility Note. Motion passed 3-0.

FY 16/17 Budget Presentations

Royalton Town Clerk Karmen Bascom presented her FY 16/17 budgets for Town Clerk Office and Meetings and Elections. Karmen was seeking increases in both departmental budgets. Karmen is requesting an 11% increase for town clerk wages. She listed wages of other town clerks in similar size towns. Joan felt this was not an accurate comparison as the Selectboard did not know how long those clerks have been in that position. She was asked to do some more analysis and present to the Selectboard at a later date. Meetings and Election costs will rise due to the mandatory use of ballot tabulators for elections.

Royalton Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham presented the FY 16/17 Town Treasurer budget. She answered some questions about computer expenses.

Royalton Planning Commission Chairman Tim Dreisbach presented the FY 16/17 Planning Commission budget and requested additional budget funds for a village planning grant to be done in 2016.

The Delinquent Tax Collector and the Town Lister budget were also presented.

Officer John informed the Selectboard the Royalton Police Department has 668 cases this calendar year. The Selectboard mentioned that overnight parking needs to be addressed before it snows. Chief Hull spoke about the Royalton Police Department chase that led to one of our vehicles getting smashed into. It will cost \$2500 to fix the Crown Victoria. There will be no deductible because the other driver was uninsured. VLCT will cover the entire amount. Officer John spoke about the chase and they were questioned on protocol for high speed chase. John explained the story of how our police car ended chasing a stolen car. Sandy asked our officers if they have a pursuit policy. Vermont State Police tells Royalton Police to stay off the interstate. (I89.) Sandy asked the police department draw up a policy. Phil expressed his concern about being involved in a high speed chase. He would rather have the state police handle this. Once a pursuit goes on the interstate we should back off. Glad no one was hurt.

J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to hire ATD Cleaning services to clean the new town office building at a cost of \$225.00 per week. Motion passed 3-0.

P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the posting of the land conveyance (VHCB Easements on the Royalton FEMA Buyout properties Coburn and Marx) post notice in three public places and in the newspaper. Motion passed 3-0.

P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes for 09/22/2015 with minor edits. Motion passed 3-0

P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve 09/29/2015 Selectboard meeting minutes with minor edits Motion passed 3-0

Phil spoke about the Wastewater Facility Upgrade. He discussed meeting with Jonathon Harries a State Engineer from the USDA on 10/22/2015 at 9am. Phil also invited an engineer from John Todd Ecological Design to attend this meeting. Phil was questioned as to why he was not inviting Joe Duncan, the engineer working on this project, to this meeting. There were some emails about this meeting that Sandy would like Phil to forward to her. Discussion ensued about the role Phil has in this town project.

Meeting Adjourned 11:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Rose Hemond