

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Special Meeting
October 15, 2015 9:30am
Royalton Academy Building**

Royalton Selectboard: Sandy Conrad, Joan Goldstein, Phil Gates

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager; Rose Hemond,

Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development: Deputy Commissioner Josh Hanford and Community Development Specialist. Nathan Cleveland

Aldrich and Elliot: Engineer Joe Duncan

Meeting Began at 9:30am

Josh Hanford asked for a review of the Royalton Wastewater Facility upgrade project. Joan Goldstein began by mentioning that the Royalton voters approved a bond vote on 09/15/2015 for \$2 million. The town is working with engineering firm Aldrich and Elliot. Joe Duncan is the lead engineer on this project. The town will be applying for funding through the USDA and CDBG funding to supplement the funding where the shortfall would be.

Joe Duncan explained in the past the town would have qualified for up to 75% USDA grant funding for this project, currently the max is around 30%. The upgrade is a refurbishment not an expansion. Joe gave an overview of the aging sewer lines, some date as far back as 1950. He described the replacement of the aging lines around the village. At the pump station, a new emergency generator will be installed on site and bring the control panel upstairs. At the wastewater facility, the blower motors and aeration systems at lagoon 2 and three will be replaced. The old generator from the pump station will be brought over to the wastewater facility. Joe explained there is not much in the way of permitting for this project. The environmental is already completed for USDA. Joe will upload the environmental into Vermont Intelligents.

Discussion ensued about user fees and the how the debt service would be paid. Sandy mentioned the Larry Trottier already spoke to the Vermont Law School and the South Royalton School since they are the largest users and they will pay more toward the debt service.

Nathan will analyze the South Royalton Village census data to confirm the LMI benefit. Essentially the users of the system are the residents of South Royalton which is considered low income. Josh said when time comes for review of the application, the town should make the case that the funding the upgrade will be a burden to the taxpayers. The application will be submitted to meet the April 2016 deadline for the CDBG grant.

Josh suggested the engineers should break out a portion of the project for the different funding sources. CDBG funds requires adherence to Davis Bacon wages. Joe said there may be the possibility to separate the treatment plant and the pump station. Application must be submitted by February 2, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned 10:45am

Respectfully submitted

Rose Hemond