

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
November 9, 2015 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Joan Goldstein
Late: Peggy Ainsworth 7:15pm
Regrets: Sandy Conrad

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager; Rose Hemond,

Public: Jojo Levasseur, Royalton Fire Chief Paul Brock, Royalton Rescue Squad Director, Dave Palmer, Royalton One Planet Supervisor Tara Tucker, Library Trustee Cyndy Gates, Laurie Martin and Katelyn Atwood and Nareg Aghjayan from the Vermont Law School, John Dumville, Pam Levasseur

Larry opened the meeting at 7:10pm

Katelyn Atwood from the Vermont Law School addressed the Selectboard. She is an attorney who provides legal assistance to veterans at the Vermont Law School Legal Clinic. She explained current funding for this program is from a fellowship from the Vermont Bar Foundation. Katelyn assists veterans in poverty who live in Windsor, Orange and Washington County. Funding will end in August 2016. Laurie Martin, who works in the Office in Institutional Advancement at Vermont Law School, will assist with the grant writing. They are requesting Selectboard approval to allow the town to apply for a State of Vermont Community Block Development Grant. They would like the town to apply for \$150,000.00 grant for 2 years. Peggy asked where they get most of their clients. Katelyn said most of the referrals are through healthcare and mental health providers at the VA. Phil asked where they will seek out funding once the grant funds are used up. She said after 2 years they will be looking into private funding and the Federal Government for assistance. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the town to apply for an implementation grant with the Vermont Law School being writers on the grant. Motion passed 3-0.**

Royalton One Planet Summer Program: Tara Tucker addressed the Selectboard about the One Planet Program summer camp program at the South Royalton School. She said they are anticipating higher enrollment this summer. Larry expressed gratitude for the wonderful service they provide.

Royalton Rescue Squad: Dave Palmer presented a FY 16/17 Royalton Rescue Squad budget to the Selectboard. He said essentially the budget is unchanged. Some items that changed were rent and maintenance for equipment. Collections have improved as well.

Royalton Fire Department: Paul Brock presented a FY 16/17 budget for the Royalton Fire Department to the Selectboard.. He mentioned the appropriation request is up \$10,000.00 from last year. This is due to the fact that they would like to set aside \$25,000.00 into an apparatus reserve fund. They are also going to replace 10 sets of bunker gear. Paul pointed out that this is a true volunteer fire department. The Selectboard commends the volunteers of the Royalton Fire Department.

Royalton Memorial Library: Cyndy Gates presented an appropriation request for the Royalton Memorial Library for \$58,855.00 which is an increase of \$2,000.00 from last year The increase is due to more usage and providing more programs. The Selectboard asked about a FY 16/17 budget for the library to understand why there is an increase in appropriation request. Cyndy stated that the library was separate from the town and did

not have to present a budget to the Selectboard. The Selectboard said they would like to see a FY 16/17 budget for the library since they are requesting an increase.

Royalton Town Cemetery Commissioner John Dumville spoke to the Selectboard about the FY 16/17 town cemetery budget. He mentioned if the town was going to take over the Haven Cemetery, the Selectboard should add another \$1000.00 for a total cemetery budget of \$9400.00 for FY 16/17.

Gilman Road Project. It was recommend by the Royalton Road Foreman, Roger McCrillis, to add 3 more inches of gravel to the surface of Gilman Road that is being moved for a total of 6 inches of gravel. There is also a modification to the project that will slope out the edge of the old road and the new and fortify it with matting and hay. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve both modifications to the Gilman Road Project. Motion passed 3-0.**

P. Ainsworth motioned and L. Trottier seconded to sign the Dubois and King contract for Phase II of the engineering services for Gilman Road. Motioned passed 3-0.

P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to purchase a plow outfit for the Dodge truck from Tenco for \$48,416.00. Motion passed 3-0

P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve applying for a State of Vermont Building Communities Grant for Recreational Facilities for up to \$10,000.00. Motion passed 3-0

Phil spoke about the Royalton Rescue Squad and would like to move forward with a different governing body for the Rescue Squad. Phil wants to create a new board of directors. He said the Prudential Board is having difficulty running the Royalton Rescue Squad. Peggy said they are dealing with speculation in regards to Tunbridge. They voted not to be part of the Tri Town Rescue Squad. Joan said she never saw how this entity can be solvent. Peggy suggested scheduling a meeting with the Prudential Board. Phil said he will go back to the board and let them know Royalton is not interested in moving forward at this point in time.

Nareg Vermont Law School Liaison expressed his concerns from Vermont Law School members and community. The crosswalk on New Street is treacherous. Cars do not stop. He proposed a new crosswalk with a light, placing a Pilon in the street, some kind of lighting and repaint the crosswalk in bright yellow. The Selectboard will consider all these suggestions.

10/27/2015 Meeting Minutes: P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve the 10/27/2015 Selectboard Meeting Minutes with corrections. Motion passed 3-0.

P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to enter Executive Session at 8:35pm to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed 3-0

**P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to exit Executive Session at 8:56pm Motioned passed 3-0
No action taken.**

The Selectboard reviewed Accounts Payable as prepared by Finance Manager Rose Hemond

**Meeting Adjourned 9pm
Respectfully Submitted by
Rose Hemond**