

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Meeting  
December 22, 2015 7:00pm  
Town Office on Route 14**

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

**Town Staff:** Administration and Finance Manager; Rose Hemond, Royalton Highway  
Department Employee Demi Boles

**Public:** Jojo Levasseur

**Larry opened the meeting at 7:00pm**

**Old Vault Door:** The Selectboard will advertise on Craigslist to sell or have someone remove the old vault door located at the former Town Clerk's office on Safford Street.

**Tax Stabilization Discussion.** The Selectboard reviewed a memo from the Royalton Town Listers about tax stabilization. Discussion ensued about four tax stabilization options. The Selectboard wants to explore the option that is in the best interest of the Royalton taxpayer. They decided fixing grand list valuation for up to ten years was the best option. Municipal Attorney, Paul Giuliani will be contacted for more information about the option of fixing the grand list valuation.

**FY 16/17 Budgets** The Selectboard reviewed Town Operations, Town Building, Selectboard and Academy Building budgets.

Demi Boles discussed the rising cost of health insurance with the Selectboard. He said each year since the town set a contribution amount he has been taking less expensive plans with higher deductibles. He explained that the town did not offer the most competitive wages but having the health insurance paid for was a nice benefit. Sandy explained that the rising cost of health insurance was an issue everyone is dealing with. Joan thanked Demi for his candor.

**P. Gates motioned and L. Trottier seconded to enter Executive Session at 8:40pm to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed 3-0**

**P. Gates motioned and L. Trottier seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:16pm**

**Action Taken**

**P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to increase the town contributions for health insurance premiums starting January 2016 by 16.28% for each premium level. The Selectboard will review health care contributions every two years. The town will pay 100% of the CDL physical for the road crew. Motion passed 3-0**

**P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to hire Stephen Kondi to work for the Royalton Highway Department starting 12/28/2015. Motion passed 3-0.**

Phil discussed furnace issues at the Royalton Memorial Library Building. Sandy asked why she was not called since it was established at the last Selectboard meeting she would be the liaison between the town and the library in regards to building issues. Phil said he forgot and his wife, who is president of the library trustees, asked him to look at the furnace. He did. Sandy said in the future the library needs to contact her in regards to issues involving the building. That is the protocol that was established by the Selectboard.

Joan informed the Selectboard that a house number sign on Ducker Road was removed and a 911 sign was put up. She wanted to know if anyone from the town removed the house number sign.

**L. Trottier motioned to install a sign (plaque) on the town office building that specified the year built and the dedication date. J. Goldstein seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**The Selectboard reviewed Accounts Payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:45pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by  
Rose Hemond**