

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Meeting  
April 28, 2015 7:00pm  
Town Office Safford Street**

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

**Regrets:** Joan Goldstein

**Public Present:** Dean of Vermont Law School; Marc Mihaly, Jojo Levasseur, Peg Elmer, Steve Libby: Vermont River Conservancy, Mary Russ; Executive Director of the White River Partnership

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

**Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Selectboard Meeting at 7:00pm**

**Dean Marc Mihaly from the Vermont Law School** thanked the Selectboard for meeting with him. Introductions were made. Dean Mihaly expressed how much the Vermont Law School values their relationship with the Town of Royalton. The Selectboard agreed the feeling was mutual. Dean Mihaly spoke about the changes at the VLS over the past several years. He said VLS is one of 15 freestanding law schools in the country. They are not part of a larger institution. He said when enrollment declined, they cut instructional costs by 20% and overhead by 30%. Currently enrollment is starting to increase. He assured the Selectboard VLS is not leaving town. They have added programming and are partnering with UVM for a 5 year program that will culminate in a law degree. VLS is fiscally healthy and continues to be a top ranked environmental law school.

**Harpoon Brewery P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to give permission for Harpoon Brewery to use a small part of the South Royalton Green to set up a small tent and a porta potty for bike racers that will be coming through town between 8 and 11am on 08/08/2015. Motion passed 3-0**

Peg Elmer and Steve Libby spoke about “Pinch Rock” located on Route 14 in South Royalton. Peg Elmer owns this piece of land on the White River and will be deeding it over to the Vermont River Conservancy on 05/04/2015. The VRC will then deed it over to the town so no taxes will have to be paid on it but VRC will maintain it at no cost to the town. Peg would like to plan an event to announce the town acquisition of Pinch Rock. Details will be posted on the town website as they become available. **S. Conrad motioned and P. Gates seconded to accept the donation of “Pinch Rock” land from Peg Elmer and the Vermont River Conservancy. Motion passed 3-0.**

Mary Russ spoke to the Selectboard about planting trees (dogwoods, willows and red maples) on 05/15/2015 at 43 Royalton Hill Road and 124 Gilman Road in Royalton. (Buyout Parks). This project will go toward the 10% match for the CDBG Buyout Park Grant. Mary will follow up with abutting landowners to make sure this is not an issue.

Tri Town Inter-municipal Rescue Squad Agreement. Phil Gates presented an agreement to the Selectboard and mentioned there will be a meeting on 05/13/2015 between the Tunbridge, Sharon and Royalton Selectboard.

**Sign CDBG Sub grant agreement for the buyout parks. P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the sub grant agreement for the \$85,000.00 buyout park grant. Motion passed 3-0**

**Excess Weight Permits P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve excess weight permits for Exide Technologies, Mark Johnson and Stanley Hill. Motion passed 3-0**

**Deconstruction Works.** The Town of Royalton contracted with Deconstruction Works to take down the Crawford Building. Part of the contract included roof removal. One third of the roof had roofing patch that tested positive for asbestos and the town was responsible for removing this section of the roof. The Selectboard felt Deconstruction Works should have taken the remainder of the roof down as per their contract. Phil suggested the town bill Deconstruction Works for 2/3 of the cost of taking the roof down and the time that he, Larry and the road crew spent cleaning up the site. He also wanted Town Attorney Tavian Mayer to handle the collection of the funds. The engineering report and a copy of their contract should be included with the invoice.

**Letter from Civics Club.** The Selectboard was presented with a letter from the Civics Club Treasurer and member John Dumville. The Civics Club kindly donated the funds to have the floors refurbished at the Royalton Academy Building. The letter expressed some concerns about the condition of the floor and how it was being maintained. The Selectboard will address these concerns with the Royalton Academy Building Manager.

Sandy had an electrician stop by the Royalton Academy Building and give her costs on some small projects that need to be completed. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to hire Pioneer Electric to make electrical repairs to the Royalton Academy Building for an estimated cost of \$1,500.00 to be paid out the Royalton Community Betterment Fund. Motion passed 3-0.**

Letter from Two Rivers Ottaqueechee Regional Planning Commission stating that the 2015 Town Plan was approved by the regional commission.

**Selectboard meeting Minutes P. Ainsworth motioned and L. Trotter seconded to approve the 04/4/2015 meeting minute with small edits. Motion passed 3-0**

**Accounts Payable as prepared by Town Treasurer Luann Bingham and approved by the Selectboard.**

**Jojo Levasseur asked about a real estate transaction listed in the newspaper. The Selectboard will make some inquires to the town clerk about it.**

**Selectboard Meeting minutes P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve with edits 03/24/2015 and 03/31/2015 Selectboard meeting minutes. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:00 pm**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Rose Hemond**