

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

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Phil Gates, Sandy Conrad, Joan Goldstein
Public Present Jojo Levasseur, Architect Jay White, John Dumville, Michael Epchook, Jenny Auster, Joe Duncan, Nancy Hobart, Gary Hobart, Grace Adams, Harry Dodge, Louise Clark

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager; Rose Hemond, Royalton Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Royalton Police Chief Bob Hull,

Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Selectboard Meeting at 6:30 pm

Jay White, who is the architect for the Royalton Municipal Building, spoke to the Selectboard about the exterior colors on the new office building. He presented samples and pictures of what the color combination would look like. The Selectboard decided on the yellow and green tile for the exterior, along with white and hunter green accents. The Selectboard also chose a carpet tile that resembled a muted plaid that added more color. There were more flooring choices discussed for the entryway and corridor. They also discussed interior wall colors that would compliment the exterior colors.

Michael Epchook spoke to the Selectboard about the Vermont Law School Scholarship. He has been accepted into the Master's program and applied to the J.D program and hopes to hear soon. Larry presented him a certificate of award for the Vermont Law School Scholarship. The Selectboard congratulated him, wished him well and told him to make a difference.

Joe Duncan, who is and Engineer for Aldrich and Elliot, spoke to the Selectboard about the Royalton Wastewater System. He explained most of the collection system was installed in the 1970's. The old clay lines are fragile and break quite easily. He spoke of various aspects of the wastewater facility and the condition they are in. He said the generator dates back to the 1970's and is in good shape but the manufacturer does not provide parts anymore for it. The entire facility is 36 years old. Joe presented updated cost estimates on what needs to be done for the system upgrade. Joe spoke about the living system that was presented at a prior Selectboard meeting. He mentioned the concept is challenging because it has not been tested in cold climate. He said that the town would have to maintain the current system and the living system together and would add \$800,000.00 to the costs of the project which would bring it to a total of \$2.8 million. Joan said they should not do the living system because it is too expensive.

Joe spoke about the wastewater rate restructuring. This started a couple of years ago to determine if the users can afford to pay for the upgrades. The Wastewater bond vote needs to be the entire amount. Joe explained there is less than 40% grant funding available from USDA at this time. He described the basis of equivalent user. He said the town needs to make sure the usage revenue covers the debt service which is a fixed cost. If revenue decreases the debt still has to be paid. Another billing option discussed was to create user classes. Joan asked what if the bond does not pass, Joe said then the Selectboard would have to cut items from upgrades and go back out for a vote.

Perley Farm Update. FEMA contacted the Selectboard office and said they wanted to restore Perley Farm Road to pre-disaster conditions which includes paving. There are FEMA funds available to pave the road.

Delinquent Tax Collector: There will be a tax sale in August 2015.

Revision of additional funding sources for the Royalton Town Office Building: Additional funding for the town office building are as follows: Alexander Fund \$25K, Community Betterment fund \$50K, Restoration Fund (for vault) \$20K and Capital Project fund \$26,935.00. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the revised funding sources. Motion passed 4-0.**

Carpenter Field. A request was made to use Carpenter Field for a wedding and reception. A request was also made to lift the alcohol ban on town property. The Selectboard did not want to lift the ban. The interested parties will be notified.

Academy Building air conditioner. An estimate for a new air conditioner in the kitchen of the Royalton Academy Building was presented. Sandy said the Civics Club will be taking care of this.

Relocation of the South Royalton Water/Flower Trough: Chief Hull spoke of 13 accidents near the water trough. Not fender benders but serious accidents. He said smaller cars, especially gray cars are likely not to be seen. The street does not line up.

Discussion ensued about making lines on the road clearer and not moving the trough. Harry Dodge said it is an historic landmark and should remain where it is. Chief Hull mentioned the trailer trucks have a hard time making the turn with the trough there. John Dumville said not to move it and mark the streets clearly. The Selectboard said it was a matter of safety. **S. Conrad motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to move the water trough closer the South Royalton green. Motion passed 4-0**

Tri- Town Rescue Squad Agreement. A draft of the Rescue Squad agreement was reviewed by the Selectboard. Paul Giuliani will be attending the next Tri Town Rescue Squad meeting to discuss the any questions or concerns about the agreement.

Melissa Boardman raked chunks of wood and debri into a ditch on Pleasant Street. Ditch is for drainage. Roger does not want to clean the ditch if someone purposely clogs the ditch. Rose will write a letter addressing this situation to the homeowners

Charlie Pixley resigned from the road crew. The town needs a street cleaner. Rose will advertise.

Discussion of how to move the water/ flower trough ensued. Further investigation is needed.

Meeting Minutes 05/26/15 P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 05/26/2015 with changes. Motion passed 4-0.

Accounts Payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham was reviewed and approved by the Selectboard.

Meeting Adjourned 10:30pm

Respectfully submitted

Rose Hemond