

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
June 23, 2015 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Phil Gates, Sandy Conrad,
Late 7:20pm Joan Goldstein

Public Present Jojo Levasseur, Harry Dodge, Alison Gravel, Eunice Gavin, Delbert Thurston, Bonnie Kenyon, Amy Karumba, Michael Walters, Zack Lingrec, Hunter Prive, Calvin Geisler, Brayden Allen, Scott Myers, Marion Whitney, Pam Dupins, Bob Caron, Marge Caron, Jerry Bowen, Nicholas Day, James, Call, Michael Pitcher, Dathan Allen, Dave Whitney, Paul Whitney, John Dumville, Nareg Aghjayan, Chris Grisholm, Tony Salls, Lois Darling and one name I cannot read.....

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

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Chris Grisholm, President of the Veterans Law Student Association at the Vermont Law School, Chris has planned a 5K Memorial Run on 09/11/2015 starting at the South Royalton Green, down North Windsor Street and ending at the Vermont Law School. The run will start at 2pm and end at 3pm. He requested that that the Royalton Police Department direct traffic during this time. **P Gates motioned to approve use of use North Windsor Street and the RPD for Memorial Run, P. Ainsworth second. Motion pass 3-0**

Nareg Aghjayan, Vermont Law School Liaison: Nareg introduced himself to the Selectboard. He was interested in organizing a Fourth of July BBQ on the South Royalton Green. Sandy explained that is was short notice to plan such a large event. Old Home Days is a large town event that is being held 07/09/15-07/11/15. Jojo suggested "Stone Soup" which is a community event in the fall. He may consider contributing to that event. Sandy suggested speaking with VLS students regarding ways to enhance the town's relationship with the school and its students. The Selectboard thanked Nareg.

Water Trough Petition. Larry Trottier and the entire Selectboard acknowledged receipt of a petition signed by 122 Royalton voters which asked: ***"Shall the Town of Royalton vote to leave the water tub in its current location at the junction of Chelsea Street and South Windsor Street?"*** Selectboard Chairman, Larry Trottier made a statement that he believed he was speaking on behalf of the Selectboard and decided not to move the water trough. Sandy said she was not in agreement with this statement. She explained that there have been 13 accidents at the water trough. She stated the water trough is a hazard and there are those who agree that it should be moved. Bonnie Kenyon asked Chief Hull what kind of accidents occur and he explained T-bone collisions. He explained the water trough creates a blind spot. Sandy agreed she does not want to move history, but safety issues need to be addressed. Tony Salls said he would take care of the trough and donate flowers. Discussion ensued about what kind of traffic hazards exist around the South Royalton Green. Delbert Thurston suggested a 4 way stop sign may help. Walter Hastings said he was in favor of moving the trough and his concern is a tractor trailer may hit it. Paul Whitney spoke about the sentimental value of the water trough. Others in attendance suggested one way traffic around the green. Walter mentioned a 2001 Traffic study should be reviewed again. **P. Ainsworth motioned to put the**

water trough issue on hold and revisit the 2001 Traffic Study which contains suggestions on how to improve safety and traffic around the green. J. Goldstein seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Ellis Bandstand: Bob Caron told the Selectboard that the Ellis Bandstand is in need of painting. It has not been painted in 12 years. Rose will advertise for painters in the Randolph Herald. **J. Goldstein motioned to approve the painting of the Ellis Bandstand and use funds from the Community Betterment Fund to pay for it. P. Ainsworth seconded. Motion pass. 4-0**

Academy Lease Agreement: Sandy discussed the Royalton Civics Club Royalton Academy Lease for FY 15/16. The Civics Club does not want to be responsible for cleaning the Royalton Academy Building bathrooms and applicaces. She modified the Royalton Academy Lease agreement to clarify the Civics Club is only responsible for cleaning and tidying up on Thursdays and not on a daily basis. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to accept changes to Civics Club Royalton Academy Lease. Motion passed 4-0.**

Municipal Office Building: **P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve a \$9,906.30 change order that includes a fire alarm system that is required by the state and funds are to be paid out of the Community Betterment Fund. Motion passed 4-0.**

P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to pay \$4,516.50 for keys and locks for the new town office building out of the Community Betterment Fund. Motion Passed 4-0

P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Goldstein seconded to purchase for \$965.00 a payment lockbox to be installed at the entryway of the new town office building to be paid for out of the Capital Projects fund. Motion passed 4-0.

Budget Discussion: The One Planet Summer Day Camp Program which is run entirely by employees of the Orange Windsor Supervisory Union was discussed. David Angolano C.P.A. was consulted in regards to this matter. Since this program is entirely run by OSWU, it is not an accurate town expense classification under the Recreation Departments budget. Starting in FY 16/17 the One Planet Summer Program budget request will be included in the town meeting warning along with other stand alone town organization appropriation requests such as the: Fire Department, Rescue Department, and Royalton Memorial Library. **P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to move the One Planet Summer Day Camp expense to town appropriations. Motion passed 4-0**

Wastewater Facility: Three different cost analysis for paying for the Wastewater Facility upgrades were presented to the Selectboard. Funding sources are limited. Joan suggested Rose contact the Economic Development Administration and inquire as to available funds for this type of project.

Meeting Minutes 06/09/15. P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the 06/23/2015 meeting minutes with revisions. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:30pm

**Respectfully submitted by
Rose Hemond**