

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Meeting  
August 11, 2015 7:00 pm  
Town Office Safford Street**

**Royalton Selectboard:** Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Peggy Ainsworth Sandy Conrad, Joan Goldstein  
**Public Present** Jojo Levasseur, Jim Rikert, Martha Adams

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

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

**Agenda Order Change J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to change the order of the Meeting Agenda Order. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Driveway Permit 15-08 J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve Jim Rikert's Driveway permit application 15-08. Motion passed 4-0**

**Adopt Resolution Certificate for the Royalton Wastewater Facility Upgrade: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to adopt the resolution certificate for the Royalton Wastewater Facility Upgrade. Motion passed 4-0**

**Approve and Adopt the Warning for the Royalton Wastewater Facility Upgrade:**

**WARNING**

*The legal voters of the Town of Royalton, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the South Royalton School in the Town of Royalton on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, between the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:*

**P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to duly approve the warning and article for the Royalton Wastewater Facility Upgrade. Motion passed 4-0**

**Approve the ballot for the Royalton Wastewater Facility Upgrade:**

**ARTICLE I**

*Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Royalton in an amount not to Exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of Available state and federal grants-in-aid be issued for the purpose of financing the construction of wastewater treatment facility upgrades and enhancements, at an estimated cost of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000)*

**P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to duly approve the ballot for the Royalton Wastewater Facility upgrades Motion passed 4-0**

**Letter From Bethel** A letter was read from Bill Hall Bethel Selectboard Chair in regards to how the Royalton Bethel and Randolph Communities deal with the effects of drug addiction and sales in the area. The Selectboard discussed this letter and will respond by requesting a task force be created to address enforcement, treatment, and prosecution. Some suggestions for the task force are: Clara Martin Center, Vermont State Troopers, Vermont State Attorneys, and Windsor County Sheriffs.

The Selectboard reviewed a town office floor plan with paint color choices included.

**Royalton Recreation Committee: P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to accept with regret the resignation of John Scoskie from the Royalton Recreation Committee Motion passed 4-0**

**P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to appoint Louis “DJ” Craven to complete the term of John Scoskie on the Royalton Recreation Committee which expires in 2016. Motion passed 4-0**

**Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration** visited the Town of Royalton and conducted an inspection of the Royalton Garage, Royalton Wastewater Facility, Royalton Water Department and the Royalton Fire Department. The town garage and town wastewater facility did not receive any citations. There were some matters that needed to be addressed. One matter was to have supervision for Royalton Wastewater Facility Manager Phil Gates when he went underground to check controls. The Selectboard requested if additional supervision is part of the contract that the town has with Simon Operation Services. Rose will research and get back to the Selectboard.

**Set the Town of Royalton Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Property Tax Rate. P.Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to set the FY 15/16 Royalton Residential Tax Rate at \$2.0448 per \$100.00 and the FY 15/16 Royalton Non-Residential Tax Rate at \$2.0611 per \$100.00. Motion Passed 4-0.**

**Royalton Chalk and Chowder Festival: Katie Runde contacted the Selectboard for permission to use the South Royalton Green and close Park Street on 09/10/2015 (or rain date 10/01/2015) for the Chalk and Chowder Festival (Formerly Stone Soup) J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve use to use the South Royalton Green. Approval for closing Park Street will be contingent upon Katie receiving approval from all Park Street homeowners. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Selectboard Meeting Minutes 07/28/2015** Discussion ensued about what tax stabilization means and the impact it may have on Royalton taxpayers. Joan will consult with Fred Kenney from the State of Vermont to get a better understanding of the details of a tax stabilization contract. **S.Conrad motioned and L. Trottier seconded to approve the 07/28/2015 Selectboard Meeting Minutes with edits. Motion passed 3-0 with one abstention.**

**L. Trottier motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 pm to discuss a personnel matters. Motion passed 4-0**

**L. Trottier motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to exit Executive Session at 8:55pm. Motion passed 4-0.**

**P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve wage increase for the Royalton Police Department for FY 15/16. Motion passed 4-0**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:15pm  
Respectfully Submitted by  
Rose Hemond**