

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
September 1, 2015 7:00 pm
Town Office Safford Street**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Peggy Ainsworth Sandy Conrad, Joan Goldstein
Public Present Jojo Levasseur, Joe Duncan and Jenny Auster from Aldrich and Elliot Engineering Firm, Gidget Lyman, Nareg Aghjayan

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager; Rose Hemond, Royalton Police Officer John Breault, Royalton Road Foreman Roger McCrillis

Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:05pm

Joe Duncan, Engineer from Aldrich and Elliot, discussed the Royalton Wastewater Project. He reviewed the various components of the project. The following items will be part of the overall project: lagoons, blower building, chlorine contact tank, control building, effluent control structure, new garage, sewer line rehabilitation, and the main pump station. Total project cost is \$2 million. Joe reviewed the sources of funding with the Selectboard. Discussion ensued in regards to the funding sources and how to pay the debt service on the bond. The Selectboard wanted to make sure they come up with an equitable plan for paying the debt service on the bond. Larry Trottier will speak with the two local schools, who are the largest users, to gain support for the project.

Officer John Breault of the Royalton Police Department explained that last fiscal year there was over \$7,000.00 in funding left on the Sharon Inter-municipal Police Contract. Officer Breault explained that he schedules an officer to provide coverage for the Town of Sharon and on occasion the officer on duty gets called away to Royalton. Sandy suggested having an officer on duty in Sharon and another in Royalton. Officer John said he will do this so RPD can provide the coverage in Sharon they are contracting for. The Selectboard thinks it is a good idea to schedule police coverage in Royalton on the weekends and evenings. Officer John asked permission to apply for a Government Fleet Credit card which will save money on gas and allow the police department to purchase gas when the stations are closed. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to allow Officer John to apply for the Government Fleet Credit card Motion**

Passed 4-0 The Selectboard thanked Officer John for his service in the Royalton Police Department.

Sharon Inter-municipal Police Contract: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the Sharon Inter-municipal Police Contract for FY 15/16. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Town office Building Change order: A change order for the new town office building in the amount of \$6087.77 was presented to the Selectboard. This is included changes to the Treasurer Office and emergency lights on the restroom, and additional blocking at soffits. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the change order and pay from the Capitol projects fund. Motion passed 4-0**

Excess Weight Permit J. Goldstein motioned and P. gates seconded to approve Vielleux and Son Trucking Excess weight permit. Motion passed 4-0

Letter from Nava Bio Energy. A letter from Winston Sadoo, who purchased a section of the Sarnoff property to start a business, inquired as to a another possible land purchase at the Sarnoff property. Mr. Sadoo will be informed via letter that the Sarnoff land is not for sale.

Payment Service Proposal: Rose is working with Citizens Bank and Value Pay Systems to create a link to the town website which will allow property tax payment to be paid with a credit, debit or electronic check for fees less than the current service. The Selectboard wanted an attorney to review the VSP agreements before they signed any agreement for services.

USDA Grant Funds: A request was made to purchase office furniture for the new town office Building using USDA grant funds. The Selectboard would like to see what other pertinent costs need to be covered by grant funds before they make a decision.

Highway Equipment Account: Highway funds are moved each month into an equipment reserve account which goes toward replacement costs of Highway equipment.

J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to give authority to the Royalton Recreation Committee Chairperson to approve invoices in the event the Recreation Committee is unable to meet and there are invoices due. Motion passed 4-0

J. Goldstein motioned and P Ainsworth seconded to give the authority to the Royalton Selectboard Chairman to approve payment of invoices in the event the Royalton Selectboard does not meet. Motion passed 4-0.

Community Service Projects: The South Royalton School middle and high school soccer teams are looking for volunteer projects in the community. Cleaning of the old library building and the town house on the Royalton Common were suggested.

Meeting minutes P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the 08/11/2015 meeting minutes with adjustment. Motion passed 4-0

Highway Department: Roger discussed purchasing a 2016 Ram Model 5500. He presented two prices. Goss Dodge, \$48,951.00 and Foster Motors \$54,390.00 **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to authorize the Highway Department to purchase a new truck from Goss Dodge. Motion passed 4-0.**

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

Meeting Adjourned 10:15pm
Respectfully Submitted
Rose Hemond

