

Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Information Hearing
January 27, 2015 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Joan Goldstein, Sandy Conrad

Regrets: Peggy Ainsworth

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Ernie Amsden, Dennis Ives, Jessie Ives, Jeff Hanson, Gidget Lyman

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond

Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Informational Hearing at 7:05pm

Royalton Charter Amendment: Ernie Amsden had some questions in regards to the Charter Amendment that asks the Royalton voters to give permission to the Royalton Selectboard to hire a Town Treasurer. Ernie asked the following questions:

- What are the qualifications to be Treasurer?" Larry gave Ernie a FAQ's sheet that addressed the more common questions about the charter vote.
- How have the responsibilities changed? Phil spoke about the treasurer should have knowledge about using a computerized fund accounting system.
- How did the town solicit to find a treasurer? Are there any Royalton residents with the skills and qualifications to do the job? Joan pointed out that it was an elected position and the Selectboard had no authority to advertise.
- Will the finance manager be replaced? Joan said no it would be a more belt and suspender type of relationship.

Ernie went on to mention that the State Treasurer is an elected position. He also commented on how unprepared the Selectboard was for the informational hearing. Larry stated how busy the Selectboard has been with three large projects they are lining up for the spring and fall of 2015. Rose provided some details as to the qualifications for Town Treasurer. Those include an accounting background, computerized accounting skills, spreadsheet skills and good organizational skills.

Hearing Adjourned 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

By Rose Hemond