

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Special Selectboard Meeting
January 7, 2014
Town Clerks Office Safford Street**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Ernie Amsden
Regrets Peggy Ainsworth. Joan Goldstein

Public present: Rose Hemond, Stuart Levasseur, Chris Babcock, Peg Elmer

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 7:00pm

Daly Environmental Contract the Selectboard reviewed an amended contract from Daly Environmental which incorporates the closing of 20 +/- monitoring wells as per ANR protocols part of the brownfield clean up on the former Crawford Auto land P. Gates motioned and E. Amsden seconded to accept the amended contract and authorized L. Trottier to sign the contract. Motion paused 2-0.

TRORC Municipal Planning Contract E. Amsden motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the contract for municipal Plan service from TRORC for \$10,645.00 in which the town's match is only \$872.85 and the balance is covered by a state planning grant. Motion passed 2-0.

Chris Babcock spoke to the Selectboard about a regional website called Tap the White River Valley. BALE is working with the Randolph area community Development Corporation It is a regional website that will include information on towns businesses, nonprofits and people in the region. Rose Hemond mentioned the town website was recently upgraded and a lot of research went into that project and she would forward some of that to Chris.

Sign Appendix for FEMA Funding for Perley Farm Road. The Selectboard discussed the fact that so much time had gone by and FEMA still has not made a decision for the repair of Perlaey Farm Road, the town needed to apply for funding through a Sandy recovery Improvement Act. P. Gates motioned and E. Amsden seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the appendix for FEMA funding for Perley Farm Road. Motion passed 2-0.

Peg Elmer was welcomed to the Selectboard meeting. They were several topics she discussed with the Selectboard:

- She began by informing the Selectboard the the So Ro Market may be purchasing the building they are currently located in from Tom Powers in the future.
- She mentioned the idea of composting at the Bethel Royalton Sold Waste facility and Phil Gates informed her that they are planning to become a composting facility. It may be required by the state to offer this service.
- Peg discussed a project in conjunction with the White River Partnership to use compost for stream bank stabilization on Route 14 in near her home. She asked if the Selectboard would authorize a town truck to pick up 10 yards of compost from Middlesex Vermont. The

Selectboard told her they would need to discuss this with their road foreman before making any final decision.

- Finally Peg spoke of a petition she was circulating to create a state bank for Vermont. She mentioned how much the state pays to TD Bank in fees each year and it would make sense to have those fees kept in state. She said there was enough assets in other Vermont financial institutions such as VEDA to start the bank. She asked the Selectboard if they would put an article on this year's warning to support setting up a state bank in Vermont. The Selectboard said they would like her to complete her petition. They assured her she still had time and felt it was better to have the support before putting it on the warring. Peg said she will do that.

The Selectboard reviewed another draft of the entire FY 14/15 budget. Rose reported that the Windsor County budget has not been finalized but she has been in touch with Asst. Windsor County Judge Jack Anderson who informed her that the Royalton assessment for FY 14/15 will be about \$15,290.00. (Same as last year) He also mentioned to include \$6345.00 for Royalton's share of the bond loan repayment that was approved last year. This brings the total for Windsor County to \$21,635.00 The Selectboard decided finalize budgets at next week's meeting.

Discuss Articles for Town report. The Selectboard decided to table this discussion until the next Selectboard meeting.

Town office and Bond Vote were also tabled until the next Selectboard meeting.

Meeting Minutes 12/17/13 E. Amsden motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 12/17/13. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion made by P. Gates and seconded by E. Amsden at 8:35pm to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Invited Rose Hemond.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 9:30 pm by P. Gates and seconded by E. Amsden

No action taken.

The Selectboard reviewed and approved account payables as prepared by the Town Treasurer

Meeting Adjourned 9:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

By Rose Hemond