

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
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 Selectboard Meeting at 7:15pm

Ernie Amsden spoke about the amount of ice on the sidewalks in South Royalton Village. He was informed that this information will be passed along to the road foremen. Ernie also inquired about a large truck parked on North Windsor Street and he was informed it belonged to an officer training with the Royalton Police Department. He said it created a bottleneck on North Windsor Street especially when another large truck was parked on the opposite side of the road.

Gidget Lyman Royalton Emergency Coordinator asked the Selectboard for a key to the Royalton Academy Building which is also the Red Cross Emergency Shelter. They agreed she should have a key. When there is a need to open the shelter, the Fire Chief and Gidget should contact the Selectboard Chair or Vice-Chairperson.

Approve Annual Town Meeting Warning: The Selectboard reviewed the articles of the 2015 Annual Warning for Town Meeting **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve and sign the Annual Warning for Town Meeting 2015 Motion passed 3-0**

Mary Russ, Executive Director from White River Partnership, asked permission from the Selectboard to apply for Grant in Aid grant which provides financial assistance to municipalities and agencies of the state for aquatic nuisance species management programs. She spoke of an invasive crayfish that inhabits the White River. **J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to give permission to Mary to apply for the grant. Motion passed 3-0**

Town Plan 2015 revisions: The Selectboard reviewed the Town Plan and discussed more revisions that should be made. They also agreed to remove any references to PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy).

Town Report 2015 The Selectboard reviewed the Royalton Listers submission for Town Report and they felt since most of it was a reprint of a VLCT newsletter, that it would not be appropriate for Town Report but perhaps as an educational handout. They recommended a lister report that had Royalton grand list information or a report that shows homes bought and sold in Royalton over the past fiscal year.

Gilman Road Project: Larry and Phil spoke about a meeting with engineers Dubois and King in regards to the Gilman Road project. They both favored a project which included spending most of the grant funds reinforcing the embankment of the White River. The rest of the Selectboard agreed this was the best way to mitigate any more erosion along the White River. **P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the project that reinforces the embankment and moves the road only slightly further from the river. Motion passed 3-0**

Perley Farm Road: The project still needs to be finalized by FEMA. Dubois and King were given permission to start permitting because the project needs to be completed by 09/01/2015.

Phil Gates spoke about the repairs and upgrades needed at the Royalton Wastewater Facility. He said they would need to have a bond vote in 2016 and construction would begin in 2017 to address all the issues in a timely manner.

Larry announced the town purchased 7 properties at the Royalton Tax Sale held on 01/23/15.

Crawford Mobile Homes: The Selectboard asked the Royalton Police Department to investigate the vandalism case further.

Email from Vermont State Police Sergeant John Helfant who wants to hold a public drug forum in Royalton. He asked if the town was interested in participating. The Selectboard was interested and had some question in regards to what were the expectation of this forum and what the next steps would be. Inquiries will be made and presented at a future meeting.

The Selectboard reviewed accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer Luann Bingham.

Selectboard meeting minutes 01/13/15 P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve the meeting minutes with revisions for 01/13/15. Motion passed 3-0

Meeting Adjourned 10:00pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond