

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
February 10, 2015 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

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

Public Present: Tom Garden, Jojo Levasseur

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond, Royalton Academy Building Manager Chris Clark

Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Selectboard Meeting at 7:05pm

Tom Garden from Triland Partners discussed with the Selectboard the possibility of building a solar array on the Sarnoff property. He presented information about the benefits to the town and what the next steps would be if the Selectboard was agreeable to this idea. There is more analysis to be done by Tri-Land partners. Joan and Larry both mentioned they are interested in an outright sale of the property instead of leasing because when the project is decommissioned in 25 years they are not certain of who will be responsible for taking down the panels. Sandy asked for a comparison of the two options. Tom will provide the Selectboard a lease versus sale of property analysis.

Chris Clark Royalton Academy Building Manager brought a list of repairs and maintenance needed at the Academy Building. She is working on getting estimates for re-varnishing the wooden floor and replacing a section of countertop in the kitchen. There are also two offices that need to be painted. Sandy said the Selectboard was working on a job description for the building manager position, which would help Chris understand her role better. It was suggested Chris let the Selectboard know how frequently the space is being booked.

Use of South Royalton Green on 05/09/15: The Vermont Law School requested use of the South Royalton Green for a yard sale. **J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to permit use of the green by the Vermont Laws School on 05/09/2015. Motion passed 4-0.**

Excess Weight permits J. Goldstein motion and S. Conrad seconded to approve excess weight permits from Newport Sand and Gravel and McCullough Crushing and authorize Rose Hemond to sign excess weight permits on behalf of the town. Motion passed 4-0.

Liquor Licenses: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the following liquor licenses: Corner Stop Mini Mart, South Royalton Food Cooperative McCullough Quik Stop, M&N Mini Mart, and R&B's Deli. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Town House Painting Bids: Painting bids were received from the following: Vermont Department of Corrections, \$1800.00 plus the cost of paint, Morrill Painting \$13,500.00, Tyrell Painting \$14,150.00, Home Partners \$17,880.00, Stebbins Spectacular Painting \$29,300.00. S. Conrad motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to award the bid to the Vermont Department of Corrections. Motion passed 4-0.

Town Plan: The Selectboard office will contact Planning Commission Chairman Tim Dreisbach and ask if he is going to speak at Pre-Town Meeting about the revised Town Plan.

Pre-Town Meeting: The Selectboard discussed how to best prepare for Pre-Town Meeting and the Charter Amendment informational Hearing.

Sandy attended a solid waste facility workshop and reported to the Selectboard that the Bethel-Royalton Transfer Station was best positioned to adhere to Act 148 which is Vermont's Universal Recycling law. Many of the requirements are already being met.

The Vermont Legislature unanimously passed the Universal Recycling (UR) law in 2012, which bans disposal of recyclables (metal, glass, plastics #1 & #2, and paper/cardboard) by **JULY 1, 2015**; leaf and yard debris and clean wood by **JULY 1, 2016**; and food scraps by **JULY 1, 2020**.* It also requires solid waste haulers and facilities to collect these same materials.

Selectboard Meeting Minutes: J. Goldstein motion and S. Conrad seconded to accept the 01/27/15 Informational Hearing Minutes and the 01/27/15 Regular Selectboard Meeting minutes with corrections. Motion passed 3-0 (P. Ainsworth abstained)

Town Plan Hearing Meeting Minutes 02/02/2015 J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to accept the 2/02/2015 Town Plan Hearing Meeting Minutes with corrections. Motion passed 3-0 (S. Conrad abstained)

Larry spoke about interest this year in the Vermont Law School Scholarship. Joan asked Rose to send the proposed revisions made at the 01/13/15 Selectboard meeting over to VLS Dean Mark Mihaly's office.

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:30 pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond