

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

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

Late 7:10 Phil Gates

Public Present: Tom Garden, Jojo Levasseur, Royalton Planning Commission members Tim Dreisbach and Jim Rikert

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond,

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

Selectboard Reorganization

Selectboard Chair: S. Conrad and P. Ainsworth seconded to nominate Larry Trottier to be Chairperson of the Royalton Selectboard. Motion passed 3-0. Larry expressed his acceptance and gratitude.

Selectboard Vice Chair: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to nominate Phil Gates for Vice Chair of the Royalton Selectboard. Motion passed 3-0.

Selectboard Clerk: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to nominate Peggy Ainsworth for Selectboard Clerk. Motion passed 3-0.

L. Trottier motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to:

- **Designating the public notice locations to be the bulletin board inside the South Royalton Post Office, as well as bulletin boards located by the Laundromat on Chelsea St., outside the Town Clerk's Office on Safford St, outside the Royalton Academy Building at 4266 VT Route 14, inside the Town Clerk's Office, inside the Selectboard office, Front Porch Forum, and Upper Valley listserv.**
- **Designating regular Selectboard meetings to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Selectboard Office at the town office on Safford Street in South Royalton**
- **Declare the Randolph Herald the official newspaper of record for the town.**

Motion passed 4-0.

Tom Garden from Triland Partners spoke to the Selectboard about the potential purchase of the Sarnoff Property. There was a purchase and sale agreement which was reviewed by Attorney Paul Giuliani who made suggestions for revisions to the agreement. Tom explained some issues that are a hindrance to the land being developed for solar power. Tom mentioned a rare Jefferson salamander located on the property as well as deer yard. Joan suggested Triland offering the town an option letter instead of a purchase and sale agreement to possibly give Triland the commitment they need to do more research to determine if this property's suitable for solar development. Tom said he would send

something soon to the Selectboard office. Jim Rikert mentioned a state biologist was going to be in the areas and would go take a look at the property and confirm if this property contains deer yard.

Commission and Committee Appointments: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approved the following appointments: Transportation Advisory Rep: Rose Hemond, Transportation Advisory Alternate: Roger McCrillis, Town Emergency Coordinator: Gidget Lyman, Green Up Day Chair-person: Conservation Committee, Civil Defense Chairperson: Robert Hull, Health Officer: Robert Hull, Town Service Officer: Sandra Conrad, Solid Waste Alliance Grace Adams, Joshua “Bushrod” Powers and Sandra Conrad, Advisor to the Selectboard “Lovejoy” Trust, Sandra Conrad, Fire Warden: Donald Lovejoy, Tree Warden: Frank Lamson, Deputy Tree Warden: Paul Brock, Inspector of Lumber: David Lyman, Weigher of Coal: Susan Cain, Pound Keeper: Country Animal Hospital, Fence Viewers: David Lyman, Peter Chapman and George Spaulding. Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Planning Rep David Brandau **Motion Passed 4-0**

An email was read to the Selectboard from Town Clerk Karmen Bascom who is resigning as 911 Coordinator who cited her reasons for resigning as: *she is stretched for time due to increased workload of a personal business venture and ongoing increases I have placed upon my assistant and myself regarding research improvements pertaining to our town’s increasing volume of inner-office recordings and the task of preparing our volumes for the next round of state mandated microfilming and indexing*

Rose will advertise to fill the vacancies for 911 Coordinator, Flood Plain Administrator and Trustee of Public Funds.

Second Constable: P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to not fill the second constable position due to the fact no single write in candidate received the required amount of votes. Motion passed 4-0.

Planning Commission Appointments J. Goldstein motion and P. Gates seconded to re-appoint Beth Wilhite to the Planning Commission. Motion passed 4-0

Planning Commission re-appointment Bob Slattery. Discussion ensued about Bob’s reappointment. Jojo Levasseur informed the Selectboard that in the past the open positions were advertised in the paper and a letter of interest was submitted. The Selectboard decided to do this and considered Beth’s and Bob’s letters already submitted to be considered.

P. Gates motioned Commission and S. Conrad seconded to rescind Beth Wilhites’ re-appointment to the Planning Commission motion passed 4-0

Planning Commission Chairman Tim Dreisbach spoke to the Selectboard about keeping the Planning Commission better informed in regards to land issues in town. Selectboard meeting agendas will be sent to all the Planning Commission members so they will be informed of all the topics up for discussion at the Selectboard meeting. They can contact the Selectboard office with any questions or concerns they may have.

Rose will put and add in the Herald for two weeks advertising the position.

Resignation of Judy Howe: Judy Howe, who currently provides cleaning services to all the town offices, has submitted a letter of resignation effective 04/01/2015. She stated she would like to spend more time with her grandchildren. Rose will advertise in the Herald for the position.

Review DRAFT of Charter Change Bill the Selectboard reviewed a copy of the draft of the charter amendment to be presented to the Vermont Legislature. J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the draft of the Charter change bill. Motion passed 4-0.

Vermont State Trooper Drug Forum: Vermont State Trooper Sergeant John Helfant contacted the Selectboard about having a drug forum in Royalton. It was suggested to have it on a Wednesday at the Royalton Academy Building starting at 7pm. Rose will suggest several dates to Sergeant Helfant and get back to the Selectboard soon.

Vermont State Trooper Chris Blais for training on UTV's and snow mobiles J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to allow the Vermont State Troopers to use the Crawford Property (the road up to the gravel pit) for training on UTV's. Motion passed 4-0

Request for use of South Royalton Town Green Saturday June 27, 2015 from 2:30pm-4:30pm for VLS Alumni event (with tent) P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to allow use of the green for this event. Motion passed 4-0.

Request for Use of Green for Vermont Law School Graduation 05/16/2015: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to allow VLS use of the town green for their graduation ceremony. Motion passed 4-0.

Sign Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to sign the Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways. Motion passed 4-0.

Sign Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory: tabled until future meeting.

Liquor License Fitz –Vogt J. Goldstein motioned and L. Trottier seconded to approve the Fitz Vogt Liquor license. Motion passed 3-0 and 1 abstention. (Sandy Conrad)

Liquor License 5 Olde Tavern J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the liquor license for 5 Olde Tavern. Motion passed 4-0.

Excess Weight Permits J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the following Excess Weight permits: Mosher Excavating Camp Precast Concrete, Bethel Mills Hartigan Company, Motion passed 4-0.

Permission to hire Engineer Rob Townsend to apply for ACT 250 permit for the Gilman Road project P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve hiring Robert Townsend to prepare the ACT 250 permit for the Gilman Road Project. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve hiring Robert Townsend. Motion passed 4-0.

Gilman Road Project review enhanced project and approve additional matching funds J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the enhanced Gilman Road Project and the additional matching funds. Motion passed 4-0.

FEMA Perley Farm Road Project goes out to bid in two weeks

Town Office Building: Pre-bid Meeting on 03/11/2015, Bids due on 03/20/2015

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

Meeting minutes 02/10/2015 Regular Selectboard Meeting: P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the meeting minutes with corrections for 02/10/2015 Motion passed 4-0

P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the 02/24/2015 Informational Hearing Meeting minutes with corrections Motion passed 3-0 with 1 abstention,

P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the 02/24/2015 Selectboard Meeting Minutes with corrections. Motion passed 3-0 with 1 abstention.

Phil updated the Selectboard about the Royalton Wastewater Facility. Phil continues to work on the rate restructuring and hopes to get a mock billing out in June 2015. This needs to be done to see if it is possible for the users to pay the debt that will be incurred for the upgrades to the facility. A bond vote is planned for next March. Phil suggested sooner if USDA funding was being depleted.

Highway Business: Spring Road Postings will start 03/16/2015.

Meeting Adjourned 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted

By Rose Hemond