

Town of Royalton
Royalton Regular Selectboard Meeting
March 11, 2014
Town Office Safford Street

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

Public present: **Pastor** Don Haffner (Community Fellowship Church), Roger McCrillis, Gidget Lyman, Jim Rikert, Stuart Levasseur, Rose Hemond

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 7:03pm

Chairman Larry Trottier introduced Pastor Don Haffner of the Community Fellowship Church. Pastor Haffner wanted to discuss the Academy Building Lease agreement between the Town of Royalton and the Community Fellowship Church. Pastor Haffner said the church plans on being active in the community and would welcome new members to their Christian church that meets at the Academy Building from 9am to noon on Sundays. He mentioned the “official launch” of the church would be Palm Sunday, 04/13/14 and asked about additional hours for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Rose Hemond told him that she would contact Chris Clark, the Building Manager, and schedule those hours. Those additional hours would be paid for separately. Rose will also speak to the Chris about getting keys to the Pastor. He was satisfied with the lease. The lease was signed and the first month’s payment was made.

Gidget Lyman spoke about D-Lan training on Saturday March 29, 2014, 9-1pm. Peggy and Sandy will be attending for the Selectboard. Rose will also attend.

Public Concerns Jim Rikert spoke about a rumor he has heard about Vermont Law School leaving Royalton and moving to Burlington. He wondered if the Selectboard had any information about the topic. Chairman Trottier assured Mr. Rikert that the Selectboard does have good rapport with Dean Mihaly and currently the Selectboard has no knowledge of VLS leaving town. Joan Goldstein added VLS is recruiting for the fall 2014 class. VLS is talking to universities to recruit new students and there is nothing definitive at this point.

Mr. Rikert also mentioned he is seeking an interim appointment to the Royalton Planning Commission for a recently vacated position. Introductions were made.

Chairman Trottier discussed a concern from two Royalton residents (David DeSimone and Travis Ingraham) regarding an incident that happened on Saturday, 03/08/14, evening on Riverside Lane in South Royalton. A vehicle careened off Route 14 through one yard, through two barriers and two more yards. The vehicle never stopped. The state police responded to the incident. The residents of Riverside Lane would like to get guardrails installed along this stretch of road. Rose mentioned that she has been in touch with Amy Gamble (Traffic Operations Engineer for the State of Vermont) in regards to all the incidents that have happened along this stretch of Route 14. Rose will write a letter to both residents and inform them of what the Selectboard office is doing in response to the accidents.

Selectboard Reorganization

Selectboard Chair: P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to nominate Larry Trotter to be Chairperson of the Royalton Selectboard. Motion passed 4-0. Larry expressed his acceptance and gratitude.

Selectboard Vice Chair: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to nominate Phil Gates for Vice Chair of the Royalton Selectboard. Motion passed 4-0. Phil accepted the position and thanked the board.

Selectboard Clerk: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to nominate Peggy Ainsworth for Selectboard Clerk. Motion passed 4-0. Peggy accepted and thanked the board.

Commission and Committee Appointments: P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approved the following appointments: 911 Coordinator: Karmen Bascom, Flood Plain Administrator: Walter Hastings, Transportation Advisory Rep: Rose Hemond, Transportation Advisory Alternate: Roger McCrillis, Town Emergency Coordinator: Gidget Lyman, Green Up Day Chairperson: Conservation Committee, Civil Defense Chairperson: Robert Hull, Health Officer: Robert Hull, Town Service Officer: 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. Motion Passed 4-0

Royalton Revolving Loan Fund Appointment: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to appoint Joshua "Bushrod" Powers to the revolving loan fund committee for a term of three years. Motion passed 4-0

J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to appoint Phil Gates to the Solid Waste Alliance Board for one year. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to appoint Jim Rikert to the Royalton Planning Commission for an interim position expiring July 2014. Motion passed 4-0.

Second Constable: P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein 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.

Proposal for Land Surveying Services Larry Swanson: A land survey encompassing only the areas of concern for the Crawford Brownfield clean up, needs to be done before the town can obtain a certificate of completion on this project. J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the land surveying proposal from Larry Swanson and authorize Larry Trotter to sign. Motion passed 4-0.

Sign Letter for Alternate Perley Farm Road Project. P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize Larry Trotter to sign the letter authoring the alternate FEMA project for Perley Farm Road. Motion passed 4-0

ACT 250 Invoice from American Consulting Engineering Services for the Gravel Pit located on the former Crawford Auto Land: P. Gates motioned to pay invoice from the Highway Fund gravel account. Discussion ensued about where the funds should come from to pay the invoice. Peggy and Phil thought it was a capital improvement expense to be paid from the General Fund. Joan and Sandy said it should be paid directly out of the Highway Gravel Account. Rose suggested neither sounded like a proper classification of an engineering consultant expense. She suggested paying the invoice out of the Highway Fund/ Materials/ Subcontractor Consultation Account **P. Ainsworth motioned to amend the original motion to pay the invoice out of the Highway Fund/ Material/ Subcontractors/ Consultant account. P. Gates seconded to amend the motion. Motion passed 3-2.**

Current motion is to pay the American Consulting Engineering Service invoice out of the Highway fund/ Material. Subcontractors/Consultant account P. Ainsworth seconds. Motion passes 3-2

Vtrans Signage re evaluation on I-89. The Selectboard reviewed information from V-Trans on changes to signs on I-89.

The Selectboard discussed the next steps that they need to take in moving the town office project forward. Phil Gates will get a group together to start on the floor plans that will include Walter Hastings, Jeff Barcelow and Chuck Adams. Larry mentioned that regardless of the fact Chuck Adams is working on the plans, the town will still need to go out to bid for the entire project. Joan suggested inviting Chuck Adams to a Selectboard meeting to help create timeline for the town office project.

Joan and Phil would like to meet with ACT 250 engineer Robert Townsend to discuss some concerns about the ACT250 hearing on 03/20/14.

Liquor Licenses. J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the following liquor licenses: Corner Stop Mini Mart (Liquor and Tobacco), McCullough's Quik Stop (Liquor and Tobacco), RB's Delicatessen (Liquor and Tobacco), South Royalton Food Cooperative, Worthy Burger, **and Motion passed 4-0**

Excess Weight Permits: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the following excess weight permits: Jonathon Beebe, Rock of Ages, Blaktop Inc. Earth Waste and Metal, Gurney Brothers. **Motion passed 4-0**

Trout Unlimited use of the town green 05/30-05/31/14. P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to allow use of the town green by Trout Unlimited. Motion passed 4-0

Hazard Mitigation Plan Meeting rescheduled to 03/20/14.

Novus Energy Meeting with the Royalton School Board on 03/18/14. Need Selectboard to attend. The Selectboard would like to be informed what time Novus will be presenting. Rose will find out.

ACT 250 Permit Hearing for the Royalton Gravel Pit has been rescheduled due to the inclement weather to 03/20/14,

Tax Abatement meeting 03/18/14. Selectboard was informed of abatement meeting at 7pm at town office on Safford Street.

Northern Nursery Inc. Selectboard reviewed sale information. No immediate need for any of these items.

Meeting Minutes 02/25/14 P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to accept meeting minutes with corrections. Motion passed 4-0.

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

The Selectboard discussed what the town will do with the newly acquired buyout properties.

Highway Department Salt Pre-Buy. Roger spoke about the scarcity of salt this year and how the price of salt has risen. He informed the Selectboard the next salt contract will cost more. He requested permission from the Selectboard to go over budget this fiscal year on salt so he can purchase the remaining 100 tons of salt on the town's salt contract. The current contract cost is \$56.00 a ton and that would save the town a projected \$10-\$15 per ton next year. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to authorize Roger to go over budget to purchase the 100 tons of salt remaining on this year's salt contract. Motion passed 4-0**

Phil updated the Selectboard on the progress of the sewer rate restructuring. He also informed them of upgrades and maintenance needed at the Royalton Wastewater Facility.

Meeting Adjourned 9:55 pm

Respectfully submitted

By Rose Hemond