

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
March 24, 2015 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

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

Public Present: Gidget Lyman, Brad Salzman, Jojo Levasseur, Jim and Rachel Bigelow, Jonathon Ranney and
Kathleen Crowder,

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond, Royalton Academy Building Manager Chris Clark,
Royalton Police Chief Bob Hull, Town Clerk, Karmen Bascom

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

Gidget Lyman Royalton Emergency Management Coordinator reviewed the Local Emergency Operations Plan
which is to be updated each year. The Selectboard suggested some revisions and updates to Gidget. Gidget will present
a final draft of the plan at the next Selectboard Meeting.

Karmen Bascom 911 updates: Town Clerk Karmen Bascom informed the Selectboard that the state is asking certain
areas to be renumbered for 911. Sandy was concerned how extensive the renumbering would be. Jojo asked with the
accuracy of GPS won't the entire system need to be done over. Karmen mentioned renumbering was currently limited
to a small area. Karmen also mentioned that Royalton Town Lister Jeff Barcelow may be interested in being appointed
911 Coordinator for the Town of Royalton. They will consult and get back to the Selectboard.

Public Concerns Buyout Parks Discussion: Jim and Rachel Bigelow, Jonathon Ranney and Kathleen Crowder spoke
to the Selectboard about their concerns they have in regards to the buyout parks. Their properties abut the prospective
parks and they have concerns about security and what kind of buffer will be between the properties. Sandy showed them
a map and explained what has been done to date. These parks are in the early planning stages and the Selectboard will
keep them informed of any future meetings and plans.

**Certificate "No Appeal or Suit Pending" J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to sign No Appeal or Suit
Pending document which states the town has no suits pending against its grand list.
Motion passed 4-0.**

Permission to Ring Bells on the Royalton Academy Building 04/09/2015 at 3:15pm for 4 minutes. This request
came from John Dumville. J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to allow the bell to be rung on the Royalton
Academy Building on 04/09/2015 at 3:15pm for 4 minutes.
Motion Passed 4-0.

**Sign Client Rep Letter for Angolano and Company C.P.A J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to sign
Client Rep Letter for Angolano and Company. Motion passed 4-0.**

Approve Revised Construction Estimate for Gilman Road: Larry spoke about an enhanced project for Gilman Road
that will cost \$763,169.00. A Community Development Block Grant will pay for 90% of this project. The enhanced
project will fortify the White River embankment to the 100 year flood plain and give this segment of the road a useful
life of 50 years. The original cost was \$445,151.00 which only fortified the embankment to the 10 year flood plain.
This enhance project will increase the town match to \$76,317.00 a difference of \$31,801.00. **J. Goldstein motioned**

and P. Gates seconded to approve the enhanced project for Gilman Road and the additional matching funds will be paid out of the Highway Fund. Motion passed 4-0.

Academy Building Issues: A letter was read by Peggy from Heather Leavitt who rented the Royalton Academy Building on 03/14/2015 for an Easter Seals Fundraiser. The \$100 deposit was forfeited due to the fact that space rented was not left in a clean and orderly fashion as per a signed agreement. Heather explained that she expected to receive her deposit back despite the fact that the kitchen floor was not properly cleaned prior to leaving the building. She felt a partial refund of their deposit would have been appropriate. The building manager had to mop and clean the kitchen floor on a Sunday morning in preparation for another event on that same day. Heather claimed in her letter this was worth \$30.00. Heather also had several complaints about the Building Manager's demeanor. A discussion ensued in regards to Academy Building policies and procedures. A newly created job description was given to the Building Manager to review. Other changes will be implemented in the future. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth that the forfeiture of the full deposit amount stands. Motion passed 3-1.**

Floor Varnishing at the Royalton Academy Building. The Royalton Academy Building will be closed the week of 04/13/2015 due to the floors being varnished. This is being paid for by the Royalton Civics Club. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Royalton Wastewater Facility: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the Royalton Wastewater Facility project application to be added to the Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund Priority list. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Wastewater Facility: A timeline was presented to the Selectboard that was prepared by Joe Duncan from Aldrich and Elliot Water Resource Engineers. He recommended to the Selectboard that there be a bond vote in September. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to have a bond vote for the Royalton Wastewater Facility upgrades on September 15, 2015. Motion Passed 4-0.**

Adopt Variable Rate Pricing for the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility. In compliance with act 148 the solid waste district require variable rate precision in each of the member towns. J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to adopt and sign the Variable Rate Pricing by Volume or Weight for Municipal Solid Waste Collection Ordinance. Motion passed 4-0. Rose will post notices in the the public places and put an announcement in the newspaper.

Town Office Building: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to request a waiver from the USDA for a full time resident inspector and hire Jay White as part time resident inspector at a rate that will be determined after the bid opening. Motion passed 4-0

Sign Storm-water Permit for Perley Farm Road Project P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to authorize Larry to sign the Storm-water permit for FEMA project at the Perley Farm Road. Motion passed 4-0

Emergency Management Liaison Resignation Robert Quillia J. Goldstein Motioned and P. Gates seconded to regretfully accept the resignation of Robert Quillia as Emergency Management Liaison for the Town of Royalton. Motion passed 4-0

Appointment to Emergency Management Liaison: S. Conrad motioned and P. Goldstein seconded to appoint Brad Salzmann as Royalton Emergency Manager Liaison. Motion passed 4-0.

Permission for Use of the S. Royalton Green J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates motioned to allow the White River Open Fly Fishing tournament use of the green on 05/29/15-05/30/2015. Motion passed 4-0.

Permission for Use of the S. Royalton Green P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve use of the Green for Royalton Recreation Valley Fest on 06/11/2015. Motion passed 4-0

Permission for Use of the S. Royalton Green for the South Royalton High School Graduation on 06/13/2015. The question was brought up as to why graduation was not held in the new gym. Larry will contact the school board and get back to the Selectboard. **P. Gates motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to permit use of the S. Royalton green for graduation on 06/13/2015 Motion passed 4-0**

Driveway Permits J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to conditionally approve the following driveway permits: 15-02 Greg Lamson 15-03 Novus Royalton Solar LLC 15-04 Timothy Lyman Motion passed 4-0

Excess Weight Permits P.Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the following Excess weight permits Blacktop Inc. Terry Rogers, Noel Eastman Excavators, Romano Trucking, Gurney Brothers, L. E Weed and Son, Barrett Trucking Co. Gillespie Fuels and Propane, United Natural Foods,, G.W Tatro Construction Inc., Limlaw Chipping, Harveys Plumbing, Richard Moses, Motion passed 4-0.

Rescue Squad Vote This topic was tabled until a future meeting

Amendment Change 11am 03/25/2015 Montpelier Discussion about who was going to Montpelier to speak on behalf of the charter change.

2015 Annual Town Meeting Discussion: Sandy began a discussion about this year's town meeting and made the recommendation that in the future the Selectboard should not make any motions on the budget from the floor. Sandy stated these type of motions should come from the townspeople. Joan thought she mentioned at town meeting the Town Clerks budget, with its increased wage requests, was presented and reviewed by Selectboard. It was during this process the Selectboard decided to level fund the Town Clerk's budget. This information was missing from the 2015 Town Meeting Minutes. Joan suggested that the Selectboard review the annual meeting minutes and discuss amending them at a future Selectboard meeting.

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

Selectboard Meeting minutes 03/10/2015 P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the 03/10/2015 meeting minutes with edits. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned 11:00 pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond