

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Regular Selectboard Meeting
March 25, 2014
Town Office Safford Street**

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

Public present: Jonathan Ranney, Stuart Levasseur, Dan Kinney, Doug Sanders, Chuck Adams, Alex Bravakis, Walter Hastings, Tim Murphy, Rose Hemond

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 7:00pm

Jonathan Ranney discussed EC Fibers plans to expand into more areas of Royalton. He spoke of the cost being the largest impediment to expansion. The Selectboard asked Jon to consider EC Fiber applying for a revolving loan fund from the town. Dan Kinney expressed his frustration about the lack of high speed internet where he lives on Post Farm Road in Royalton.

Chuck Adams and Doug Sanders handed out a "Process for Request for Proposal for the Town Office Building" to the Selectboard. They discussed the next steps toward getting the town office built. There is a town building committee. Members include: Phil Gates, Walter Hastings, Jeff Barcelow and Rose Hemond. They will compile the space needs for each department and develop a floor plan as a first step in this project.

Alex Bravakis from Novus Energy did a PowerPoint presentation on a solar project to be located on Kelly Leighton's property off of South Windsor Street. He outlined the project and described the savings to the Town which will be 10% of the towns electrical costs (est. \$4500.00) The South Royalton School already signed contracts with Novus Energy to provide electricity to the school. The Selectboard will review the information and discuss at a later meeting.

Planning Commission Appointment: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to appoint Mark Wood for an interim term on the Planning Commission. Motion passed 4-0.

Solid Waste Alliance Appointments: J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to appoint Everett Lyon and Joshua "Bushrod" Powers to the Solid Waste Alliance Committee for a one year term. Motion passed 4-0

Stoddard Home Buyout Closing: P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign documents for the Stoddard Closing on 03/29/14. Motion passed 4-0

Vermont Law School requests permission to use the Town Green for 2014 Commencement Ceremonies on 05/14/14. J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded approve use of the town green by VLS on 05/14/14. Motion passed 4-0

Paul Giuliani's Opinion Letter states that the Royalton bond vote and documentation has all been completed properly and the Selectboard has the authority to proceed with securing funds for the town office project.

VEDA loan Interest only payments until May 2014: The Selectboard was informed that since the final disbursement for the VEDA loan have not been made, Rose requested VEDA to convert the town to

interest only payments until May 2014. VEDA will then re-calculate what the monthly P&I payments will be based on the total amount disbursed.

Review email from Bruce Nyquist addressing the concern about the stretch of Route 14 that runs along the Riverside Lane neighborhood. He outlined his course of action:

- 1. Depending on when the weather allows, District 4 personnel will do a 3-D survey of this section. This will allow us to determine how much fill material would be needed to properly widen the shoulder. I have spoken with the District. They are ready to survey this area as soon as the weather cooperates.*
- 2. VTrans would complete a simple design showing quantities of materials and property impacts for widening the shoulder.*
- 3. VTrans Traffic and District personnel would meet with the appropriate town personnel to review the plans.*
- 4. There is a possibility that some property at the bottom of the slope may be impacted and thus they would need to be on board with any changes.*

The residents were contacted by letter from the Selectboard Office informing them of this recommended course of action by the state.

Liquor Licenses: The Selectboard reviewed Liquor and Tobacco Licenses. **J. Goldstein motioned and L. Trottier seconded to approve and sign the following Liquor Licenses:** Black Grape and McShinsky Inc. Groundhogs Restaurant was signed but a question on the application was not answered and needs to be completed before final approval. **Motion passed 4-0**

Excess Weight Permits: P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve the following excess weight permits: Romano Trucking, G. W Tatro, L. E Wood, Barrett Trucking Company, United Natural Foods, Gillespie Fuels, and CSE. Inc, and Camp Precast Concrete. Harvey's Plumbing permit needed clarification before approval. **Motion Passed 4-0**

Town Personnel Policy Review: The Selectboard each received a draft of the Town Personnel Policy that included revisions recommended by the law firm of Downs, Rachlin and Martin. They will review and discuss at a future meeting.

Meeting Minutes 03/11/14: P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 03/11/14 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.

Phil Gates spoke about the Happy Hollow culvert that the town received a state structures grant to replace.

Meeting Adjourned 10:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

By Rose Hemond

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