

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Regular Selectboard Meeting
April 08, 2014
Town Office Safford Street**

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

Public present: Lorraine Atwood, Kevin Jones, Stuart Levasseur, Dan Kinney, Jim Rikert,

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond

Vice Chairman Phil Gates opened the Regular Selectboard Meeting at 7:00pm

Kevin Jones spoke about the Novus Solar Energy Project that the South Royalton School is participating in. He also discussed how the Renewable Energy Credits that are generated by this project are sold to other energy companies in the United States. Jim Rikert suggested to the Selectboard they may want to consider other options in regards to solar projects. The Selectboard decided they needed more information about the project and the savings to the town. Joan and Sandy will set up a meeting with Novus Energy at a later date.

South Royalton School requested permission to use the town green on June 14, 2014 for the high school graduation. The school will put the tent up on 06/11/14. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to allow the South Royalton School use of the Town Green on 06/14/14. Motion passed 3-0**

BALE request use of the Town Green on 06/12/14 for Bale-Fest. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve BALE-fest use of the town green with the caveat that they are respectful of the needs of the Farmers Market. Motion passed 3-0.**

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. Further revisions were needed. **P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to table until another meeting. Motion passed 3-0.**

Liquor License Fitz Vogt Sandy Conrad disclosed that Fitz Vogt contracts with SVCOA (Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging, her employer) for its Meals on Wheels program and will recuse herself from this vote.

P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve the liquor license for Fitz Vogt. Motion passed 2-0. 1 recusal

Chris Clark, the Royalton Academy Building Manager, spoke to the Selectboard about increasing the security deposit from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for rental of the common space in the Royalton Academy Building. She felt that the increase in the amount of deposit may motivate those who use the space to clean it up properly. Renters that do not leave the common area in a neat and orderly manner will forfeit their security deposit. The Selectboard agreed this was a good idea. She also spoke about people parking in the parking lot and drinking. The Royalton Police will patrol this parking lot more often.

Excess Weight Permits were reviewed by the Selectboard from: Arthur Whitcomb, Richard E Moses, Manning Pulpwood Sales, K.W Smith, Noel Eastman Excavation, and Stanley Hein. **P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve the excess weight permits. Motion passed 3-0.**
Truck Body Bid for the Highway Department. Tenco was the only bid received for the truck body
J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to accept the truck body bid from Tenco. Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard was read a letter of resignation from Justice of the Peace, Lisa Enright. Her resignation was “due to the current policies and Town Clerk administration in place.”

Phil Gates updated the Selectboard on the status of two culvert projects

Meeting Minutes 03/25/14: S. Conrad motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 03/11/14 with minor corrections. Motion Passed 3-0

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond