

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Regular Selectboard Meeting
May 13, 2014
Town Office Safford Street**

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

Public present: Stuart and Pam Levasseur, Jon Muise, James McCleery, Jon Ranney EC Fiber

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond, Town Clerk Karmen Bascom, Chief Bob Hull

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

Village Pizza Liquor License: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the Village pizza Liquor License. Motioned passed 4-0

Larry welcomed Jon Muise area director from USDA Rural Development to the meeting. Jon spoke about the funding that would be available for the Royalton Town Building at an interest rate of 4 1/8 %. He also discussed \$50,000.00 in grants funds that this project would be eligible for if the town pursued funding through USDA. Jon informed the Selectboard of the support USDA provides for each project. Enrollment is open and there are no application fees. He left information behind for the Selectboard to review. The Selectboard thanked Jon for attending the meeting.

Sign Solar Agreement. The Selectboard signed a duplicate copy of the Novus Solar agreement previously signed so the town can obtain an original copy for its records.

Stagecoach Resignation: Tim Dreisbach resigned his position as Royalton Representative for Stagecoach Transportation Services. Tim recommended Gidget Lyman to replace him. Gidget will be contacted by the Selectboard office to find out if she is interested in the position. **P. Ainsworth motioned and P.Gates seconded to accept Tim Dreisbach's resignation. Motion passed 4-0**

Sign Revised Municipal Planning Agreement from Two River Ottauquechee A revised agreement from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission for Town Plan consulting services was presented to the Selectboard. The original agreement did not include the towns match. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve and sign the revised agreement. Motion passed 4-0**

Mulch for Trees on Green: Jason Caron requested permission to purchase \$300.00 worth of mulch to put around the trees on the South Royalton Green. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to allow Jason to purchase mulch and it will be paid out of the Community Betterment Fund. Motion passed 4-0**

Jim McCleery spoke to the Selectboard about his home being burglarized. He asked the Selectboard if he can move the investigation from the RPD to the Vermont State Police. He was told by the Vermont State Police he needed permission from the Selectboard to do this. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to have the Royalton Selectboard Office contact the Vermont State Police and have them take over this case. Motion passed 4-0**

Green Mountain Power: Easement documents for pole relocation on Mill Road need authorized signature. P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the documents. Motion passed 4-0.

Harpoon Brewery Bike Race to raise funds for the Vermont Food Bank 08/09/14 **S. Conrad and L. Trottier motioned to allow the Harpoon Brewery Bike Race through Royalton on 08/09/14. Motion passed 4-0**

Cemetery Commissioner: Peggy expressed her concern about having an alternate Cemetery Commissioner. She asked John Dumville if he was not available to answer questions about the cemeteries, who was his alternate. John informed the Selectboard that Alison Gravel and Dennis Cilley are good contacts.

Larry Trottier who is the President of the Haven Cemetery spoke about the Haven Cemetery being taken over by the town at some time in the near future.

Driveway Access Permits 14-01 Ray Kimball and 14-02 Todd Sensenich 14-02 **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to conditionally approve both driveway access permits. Motion Passed 4-0.**

Excess Weight Permits the Selectboard reviewed Excess Weight Permits from Eric Thorp and JJ and Sons Logging **P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the excess weight permits. Motion passed 4-0**

FEMA Project Update: Rose updated the Selectboard on the following three FEMA projects: Perley Farm Road, Urstadt Culvert, and Fox Stand Bridge.

Paving and Structures Grant will be submitted to V-trans by 05/15/14

Community Development Block Grant Gilman Road: This project was discussed with the Selectboard. The grant is 90% with a 10% match being paid for by the town. Rose asked permission from the Selectboard if the town was awarded the CDBG grant the ability to contract engineering services from Dubois and King to work on the project and pay for some of the match out of Highway Capital Improvement Reserve. **L. Trottier motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to contract with Dubois and King for engineering services if the CDBG grant is awarded to Royalton. Motion passed 4-0**

Town Office Building: A floor plan was reviewed by the Selectboard. Financing options were discussed **J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to apply for funding for the Town Office Building through the USDA Rural Development. Motion passed 4-0.**

Meeting Minute 04/22/14 P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein approved the meeting minutes with minor changes. Motion passed 4-0.

Jon Ranney from EC Fiber: stopped by to discuss some possible financing options with the Selectboard to expand coverage in Royalton. It would require the town taking on more debt. The Selectboard informed Jon this was not something they were interested in pursuing at the time. Joan suggested he gather support from those who are not served by any internet provider. He should present that information to the Selectboard at a future meeting.

Sandy discussed the Royalton Water Department posting signs restricting parking in front of their building. The Selectboard will look into this matter further.

Seth Stoddard resigned as street cleaner and snow remover, an ad will be placed in the Randolph Herald.

Sandy asked when Delinquent Tax Collector Theresa Harrington will be holding tax sales. Rose informed the Selectboard of Theresa's plans to have tax sales in June of 2014.

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

Meeting Adjourned 10:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

By Rose Hemond