

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
August 12, 2014 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Peggy Ainsworth, Joan Goldstein, Sandy Conrad
Public present: Stuart Levasseur, Juan Carlos Vallajo

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond

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

Juan Carlos Vallajo, a Vermont Law School Student, asked the Selectboard for approval for an AMTRAK train stop in South Royalton. Juan is working with advocate, Greg Eplerwood, from the Vermont Rail Action Network. **L. Trottier motioned and S. Conrad seconded to support an Amtrak stop in South Royalton. Motion passed 4-0**
Rose will contact Greg Eplerwood with the Selectboard' decision.

Award contract for Architectural services for the new town office building. J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to hire Architect Jay White at the lump sum of \$27,795.00 for architectural services with the understanding that the approximate engineering services of \$21,135.00 are billed separately. Motion passed 4-0.

Request for use of the South Royalton Green for Boy Scout event on Saturday September 6, 2014. Norm Hebard requested use of the South Royalton Green on 09/06/14. The K-9 unit from the Vermont State Troopers will do a presentation. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve use of the South Royalton Green. Motion passed 4-0.**

Donation to the Jeff and Genie Shields Fund. No action taken

CDBG Application for Gilman Road Project. Documents were already signed by Larry Trottier prior to the meeting.

Royalton Sharon Inter-municipal Law Enforcement Contract. J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to extend the Royalton Sharon Inter-municipal Law Enforcement Contract until 09/15/14. Motion passed 4-0.

Sign Equipment Rental for Highway Fund FY 14/15 P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the Highway Fund FY 14/15 Motion Passed 4-0.

Letters regarding HMGP Buyout Properties from Fred Hoffman and Richard McGovern. Letters from two Royalton residents were read to the Selectboard. Both letters were protesting the creation of a park on town owned property located at 106 Bridget Street which abuts their property. A letter will be mailed from the Selectboard office informing the residents that no decision has been made.

Community Block Development Grant for the FEMA HMGP Buyout Properties. Mary Russ from White River Partnership will assist the town in applying for a design grant for 43 Royalton Hill Road which is now owned by the town. It was suggested that Ernie Amsden, who has created a committee to gather community feedback on possible uses for the recently acquired buyout properties, contact Mary Russ and work together. White River Partnership will help with the 10% match for the grant. **J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to apply for a design grant for 43 Royalton Hill Road. Motion passed 3-1**

Award Royalton Paving bid: Two bids were received for paving projects in Royalton this summer. They are as follows: Pike Industries \$354,270.50 and Blacktop \$324,467.80. Blacktop's bid was lower than Pike Industries but Larry noted the tonnage of materials in Pikes proposal was higher than Blacktops and more materials were needed, which

overall made their bid more cost effective. **L. Trottier motioned and P. Gates seconded to award the bid to Pike Industries. Motion Passed 4-0**

Sign 2nd Note Modification for the Brownfield clean up loan. The VEDA loan for the brownfield clean up was converted to interest only payments for the second time thru 08/30/14. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to authorize L. Trottier to sign the 2nd note modification form for the VEDA Brownfield loan. Motion passed 4-0**

Sandy Conrad spoke about some issues at the Royalton Academy Building. Rose will get in touch with the Building Manager and report back to Sandy.

Peggy asked Rose to follow up with George White who is repairing the balustrade on the Royalton Town House.

Town Plan Survey Results. Discussion tabled until a future meeting that Tim Dreisbach, Chair of the Royalton Planning Commission, will attend.

Selectboard Meeting Minutes 07/22/14 P. Gates motioned and L. Trottier seconded to approve the 07/22/014 meeting minutes with one correction. Motion passed 3-0 with 2 abstentions.

Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes 07/29/14 P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Goldstein second to approve the Meeting minutes for Special Selectboard meeting on 07/29/14 Motion passed 3-0 with one abstention.

The Selectboard discussed and reviewed payroll reports as prepared by Compu-count. Joan asked that the Royalton Academy Building Manager provide more detail on her timesheet.

Phil Gates spoke about the progress being made to create an Inter-municipal Rescue Squad that would include Royalton, Tunbridge and Sharon. He asked the Selectboard to consider giving land (the former Crawford Property) to the Rescue Squad to build a standalone facility. Peggy said it would be better to lease the land to the Rescue Squad and all agreed to consider this option.

Discussion ensued about the Open Meeting Law and the proper sequence to cover new business during the meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:50 pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond