

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
August 27, 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 Vallejo, Todd Tyson, Mary Russ

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis

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

Mary Russ White River Partnership: Mary asked the Selectboard permission to consider 124 Gilman Road as a potential site for a CDBG planning grant. **S. Conrad motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve Mary Russ to apply for CDBG funds for a planning grant for 124 Gilman and 43 Royalton Hill Road. Motion passed 4-0**

Juan Carlos Vallajo spoke with the Selectboard about the progress he is making trying to get an Amtrak train stop in Royalton. 15-20 people a day would have to use the train from Royalton to make it viable. Joan asked for some more information in regards to how many VLS students would use this service.

Todd Tyson from Royalton Community Radio informed the Selectboard about the low frequency (100 watt) station antennae that has been acquired by the radio station. He spoke about the Emergency Alert System that is required equipment that would transmit emergency information to certain parts of Royalton. He asked for a donation from the town's Community Betterment Fund for this purchase which was around \$2600.00. Larry was concerned that the low frequency would not reach all of Royalton. The Selectboard will review the request further.

Review Jay White Architect Contract: The Selectboard reviewed the contract for architectural and engineering services prepared by Jay White Architect. Discussion ensued about lump sum costs (\$56,230.00) and what account the first payment of \$1,500.00 will be expensed out of (Capital Project Expense Fund). **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to hire Jay White Architect, authorize Larry Trottier to sign the contract and pay \$1,500.00 out of the Capitol Project Expense Fund. Motion passed 4-0**

Discussion of culverts: Happy Hollow Road and Broad Brook Road culvert replacement work was near completion. No issues to report

Sign Revolving Loan Document for the Town of Royalton: The due date for the first payment on the Town of Royalton Revolving loan for the Crawford Property purchase was revised to 06/01/2015 from 06/01/2014. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to signed Royalton RLF document. Motion passed 4-0.**

Mowings of the FEMA Buy out properties was discussed. Roger said the road crew can take on these mowings with their roadside mowers four times a year.

Annual mowing contract. The Selectboard discussed the possibility of making the mowing contract for 3 years.

Discuss invoice for tree work at the Royalton Academy Building: The Selectboard reviewed and invoice from the Artistic Arborist for some tree trimming at the Royalton Academy Building. The Board requested additional estimates on the work before a decision will be made.

Appointment to the Royalton Recreation Committee J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve Troy Stratton's appointment to the Recreation Committee for another term. Motion passed 4-0.

Resignation from the Revolving Loan Fund: The Selectboard accepted the resignation of Greg Tischer from the Royalton Revolving Loan Fund Committee. Rose will post a notice on the town website for a replacement.

Excess Weight Permit: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the Excess Weight Permit of Harvey Ballou. Motion passed 4-0.

Inter-municipal Police Agreement: The Selectboard reviewed provisions from the Sharon Selectboard in regards to the inter-municipal police contract. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to increase the hourly reimbursement rate to \$37.00 per hour for service with the same terms and conditions as the prior year contract. Motion passed 4-0.**

Town House Painting. Estimates to paint the exterior of the Royalton Town House will be presented to the Selectboard at a later meeting.

Discussion of Alexander Funds and possible uses of said funds.

General discussion ensued about the Hope Property and possible next steps.

Meeting minutes 08/12/14. **P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the 08/12/14 meeting minutes with one change. Motion passed 4-0.**

The Selectboard reviewed payroll reports as prepared by Compucount

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

Highway Business: Roger McCrillis asked the Selectboard for approval to hire someone to paint parking lot lines and crosswalks in town on the new pavement.

Sandy Conrad discussed the Solid Waste Facility financials as of 06/30/2014. There is a surplus of \$1,879.64 as of 06/30/2014. Fee income was under budget as well as the correlating expense item "tip fees for hauling."

Meeting Adjourned 10:30 pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond