

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
September 9, 2014 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

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

Public present: Stuart Levasseur

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond, Chief Bob Hull, Officer John Breault,

Vice Chairman Phil Gates opened the Selectboard Meeting at 7:05pm

Royalton Police Department Vehicle: Chief Bob Hull and Officer John Breault informed the Selectboard of the current conditions of the Royalton Police vehicles. The Crown Victoria is often in need of repairs and those are quite costly. They presented information about a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicle. The cost of \$30,185.00 includes features necessary for officer safety and security. A \$5,000.00 grant from the state will cover installation of the equipment in the new vehicle. Joan asked about interest rate and financing options. (Leasing and purchasing) through the dealership. Officer John will get more information and present to the Selectboard at a future meeting. Once ordered, the vehicle takes up to 90 days before it is delivered. Once delivered, it may take a month or two to get all the equipment installed. **P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to authorize ordering of the police vehicle and decide how to finance the vehicle once more information has been presented. Motion passed 3-0**

Vehicle parked in the town right of way: There is a vehicle parked in the town right of way on Davis Road since last winter. It is creating a hazard for town snow removal. The owner was mailed a letter in February of 2014 and there has been no response. The Selectboard decided to send a certified letter requesting the vehicle be removed within 10 days or it will be towed away at the owner's expense.

Mowing RFP: The Selectboard discussed the possibility of making the town mowing contract for three years. They also listened to some additional requests for mowing and field maintenance from the Royalton Recreation Committee. The Recreation Committee, via email, expressed their pleasure with the current town mower Jason Caron. The Selectboard decided not to add any additional tasks to the mowing proposal and to continue with only a one year contract for mowing services.

Utility Permit: The Selectboard decided to have Road Foreman Roger McCrillis to inspect the utility permit request made by Todd Sensinich. S. Conrad motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to approve the utility permit if Roger approved it. Motion passed 3-0.

Driveway Access Permit: Novus Solar Energy. Tabled until future meeting.

Royalton Recreation Committees Appointment: J. Goldstein motioned and S. Conrad seconded to appoint Kim Hebard to the Recreation Committee. Motion passed 3-0.

Sandy Conrad informed the Selectboard that South Royalton Principal Dean Stearns recently attended a Recreation Committee Meeting and requested permission from the RRC to allow the South Royalton High School Varsity Boys team to use Carpenter field. There were many liability concerns raised about this

proposal. The Selectboard decided to invite Principal Stearns to the next Selectboard meeting to welcome him to town and discuss school needs for fields.

Crawford Gravel Pit: The Selectboard was informed that an extension is to be filed on the ACT 250 permit for the Crawford Gravel pit due to the fact there is not enough time to complete a revised site plan which is to include an archeological survey before the 10/01/2014 deadline. The Selectboard would like engineer Robert Townsend to attend a Selectboard meeting to discuss what needs to be done within the next year to be compliant with the permit conditions. **J Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to file the extension on the ACT 250 gravel permit. Motion passed. 3-0**

Journey Church request use of the South Royalton Green for the Fall Festival on 10/25/2014 all day. J. Goldstein motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve use of the green for the Fall Festival. Motion passed 3-0.

Town Audit update: It was reported to the Selectboard that the annual audit done by Angolano and Company C.P.A went well. The Selectboard also reviewed FY 13/14 financials prepared by Royalton Finance Manager Rose Hemond.

Meeting minutes P. Ainsworth motioned to approve the 08/26/14 with changes and S. Conrad seconded. Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard reviewed payroll reports as prepared by Compucount

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

Letter from Todd Tyson: A letter was read from Todd Tyson of Royalton Community Radio with the costs of the emergency alert system he spoke about at a prior meeting. The Selectboard decided not to give funds to the Royalton Radio Station for the Emergency Alert System. They felt this project does not adhere to the intent of the Community Betterment fund.

The Selectboard reviewed pictures and information on culvert work completed on Post Farm Road.

Meeting Adjourned 9:35pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond