

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
September 23, 2014 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Phil Gates, Sandy Conrad
Late: Peggy Ainsworth 9:00pm
Regrets: Joan Goldstein

Public present: Stuart Levasseur, South Royalton Principal Dean Stearns, Royalton Recreation Chairperson Vicki Braley, Recreation Commission Member Lisa Southworth

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

Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier opened the Selectboard Meeting at 7:05pm

Chairman Larry Trottier welcomed Principal Dean Stearns to the meeting. Dean spoke of his background in education. He stated that he is taking the time to acclimate to the school and not make large changes. There was some discussion of the school using Carpenter Field for varsity boys' soccer. Dean mentioned the soccer fields at the school were not regulation size fields. He said there would be no changes this year to where the students played. Vicki Braley voiced some concerns about sharing the recreation fields with the school. She did not the want recreation teams relegated to a smaller field or not has as much access to the fields as they have now. The Selectboard suggested that they work out a compromise between them and visit the Selectboard at a future date. Sandy spoke to Dean about better communication between the school and the Royalton community. She suggested some ideas about how to reach out to more community members. Dean mentioned that the Selectboard and School Board should meet and Larry informed him they usually do couple times of year especially before Town Meeting. Larry thanked all who attended.

Martha Hafner email: An email from Martha Hafner was read to the Selectboard. She spoke of how Clayton Butterfield disperses used medical equipment from his garage in Randolph. He is 83 years old and wants to pass this along to someone else. She asked if there was any place to store the equipment in Royalton. Discussion ensued and it was decided there was no room to store all this medical equipment in Royalton. Sandy suggested contacting Dennis Cilley in Tunbridge who operates a similar service and has room for storage.

Sharon Royalton Intermunicipal Police Contract: P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to sign the contract which expires 06/30/2015. Motion passes 2-0.

Finance Options Police Vehicle: P. Gate motioned and S. Conrad seconded to borrow funds from the Royalton Revolving Loan Fund at an interest rate of 2% to pay for the new police vehicle. The first year's payment will be \$13K and the remainder will be paid back over the next two years. The police cruiser fund will not be funded for two years to offset the debt payment on the new vehicle. Motion passed 2-0

Rescue Squad RESOLVED: That the Selectboard of the Town of Royalton request that the tri-town rescue services study committee advance their preliminary findings and prepare a formal plan including organization structures, capital financing plan, a three-year budget, and other details for assessing the feasibility of a multi-town rescue service for the towns of Royalton, Sharon, and Tunbridge.
In furtherance of this plan, the Town authorizes expenditure of funds for legal and other planning costs not to exceed \$1,000.

Prior to requisitioning such funds, the study committee shall fully explore and pursue any available grant funding or consultation services such as the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by all three of the towns. **L. Trottier motioned and S. Conrad seconded to pay the \$1000.00 out the Legal Fees account. Motion passed 3-0.**

Gilman Road CDBG Grant: The Selectboard was informed that town was awarded a grant to repair a portion of Gilman Road and reinforce the embankment on the White River. The project will be fully funded at \$454K if more LMI surveys are received from residents in this area. Rose will do another mailing and Sandy offered to help get the few more surveys completed to meet this requirement. The Selectboard was pleased to have been awarded the grant for this important project.

Royalton Town Building Update: The Selectboard reviewed a floor plan and external renderings of the new town office building as prepared by architect Jay White.

ACT 250 Update: Engineer Robert Townsend will file an extension for the town because one of the conditions of the ACT 250 gravel permit was to have an archeological survey completed by 10/1/2014. This will not be done and the engineer will ask for a 1 or 5 year extension. Rob will also work with the architect on the ACT 250 permit for the town office building site.

FEMA Update: Perley Farm Road funding has not received approval from FEMA regional. Lovejoy Bridge will not be fully funded by FEMA due to the fact that the town requested it to be an improved project funded at 90% and FEMA will not over turn its decision to reconsider paying this project costs at 100%. Broad Brook culvert has been completed and grout bags will be installed at the Fox Stand Bridge the first week of October.

Sandy mentioned that Gee Hill road needs grading. She was told it will be graded next week.

Phil Gates updated the Selectboard on the Royalton Wastewater Facility.

Chelsea's Bridge Light Repair: Larry recommended contacting Alan Stender to repair these lights.

P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 09/09/14. 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.

Meeting Adjourned 9:50pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond