

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
October 14, 2014 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

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

Public Present: Lisa Southworth, Vicki Braley, Juan Carlos Vallejo, Walter Hastings, Jeff Barcelow, Stuart Levasseur, Jojo Levasseur

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

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

Vicki Braley Chair of the Recreation Committee spoke to the Selectboard about the FY 15/16 Recreation budget. She described the various activities conducted by the committee. One of the larger projects completed this year was clearing a portion of Carpenter Field to make room for a new rookie baseball field and a small soccer field. Vicki mentioned that the Recreation Committee would like to fundraise for a playground structure to put on Carpenter Field. Sandy asked some questions about programs such as Babe Ruth and One Planet. Vicki explained the One Planet Summer program is a day camp that is well attended each summer. She stressed how important it is to working parents. Babe Ruth is a summer baseball program. The Recreation budget was level funded for FY 15/16. The Selectboard thanked Vicki and Lisa for attending the meeting.

Juan Carlos Vallejo updated the Selectboard on the progress he is making in bringing attention to potential railroad stop in Royalton.

Mowing Bid: Three bids were submitted for mowing for FY 15/16 from the following:

- Marks Property Management Weekly mowing bid \$505 per week
- Jason Caron Weekly mowing bid \$580 per week
- Mitch Durkee Weekly mowing bid \$650 per week

P. Gates motioned and S. Conrad seconded to awarded the bid to Jason Caron based all the positive feedback the Selectboard has received on his mowing this year and also that he is a Royalton resident. Motion passed 4-0.

Walter Hastings and Jeff Barcelow, both Royalton Listers, spoke to the Selectboard about concerns they had with a draft of the floor plan for the new town office building. Both are also members of the Royalton Building Committee. They presented a floor plan of their own, which gave a perspective of how large some of the new offices will be. They felt the building was too large and questioned whether such a building can be built for \$600K. Joan asked how they know the building could not be built for \$600K. It was stressed to the architect that this was all the funding available from the town. Phil suggested that the Building Committee meet with the architect. It was decided to invite Jay White (Architect) to a special Selectboard meeting on 10/20/14 which will be open to the public.

Request for use of South Royalton Green by the United Church of South Royalton on 12/21/14 at 6:30pm for a Christmas Pageant. P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to allow the church use of the South Royalton Green. Motion passed 4-0.

ACT 250 Waterman Properties LLC Phil spoke how Waterman Road is being damaged by trucks used by Pike Industries for hauling material from a staging sight up Waterman Road. Linda Matteson will be contacted

in regards to what the town needs to do to make certain Pike Industries repairs the road when the work is completed.

Revolving Loan Fund Loan for New Police Vehicle: The cost of the new 2015 Ford Police Interceptor is \$30,185. Funds in the amount of \$13,000.00 from the Police Cruiser reserve will be applied to the cost. This leaves a balance of \$17,185.00 to be financed through the Royalton Revolving Loan Fund at an annual rate of 2%. Three equal payments of \$5,906.64 will be paid annually starting on 01/01/2016. The police cruiser reserve fund will not be funded for 3 years until the vehicle is paid off. The loan will be paid in full by 01/01/2018. **P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to borrow \$17,185.00 from the Royalton Revolving Loan Fund. Motion passed 4-0. The entire Selectboard signed the payment agreement.**

Recreation Appointment: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to appoint Jim Hewitt to the Recreation Committee for another term. Motion passed 4-0

Email from Paul Giuliani: Municipal Attorney Paul Giuliani provided all the material necessary for the Selectboard to move forward with asking the Royalton voters permission to make the Town Treasurer a hired employee of the town.

Perley Farm Road: The Selectboard was informed it would be difficult to convince FEMA Regional-Boston to pay for armoring the embankment of the White River if Perley Farm Road is moved away from the river. The Selectboard decided to go back to the original project of repairing the original road and reinforcing the embankment of the White River with rip rap.

Signer changes on the Town of Royalton Bank Accounts: A request was presented to the Selectboard to authorize Rose Hemond and Luann Bingham as signers on all Royalton Town Bank Accounts. The Selectboard authorized to add Rose Hemond, but to wait until Luann Bingham was appointed as Town Treasurer in January 2015. Tabled until future meeting.

2015 Health Care Analysis: The Selectboard reviewed the rate increase for 2015 for BC/BC health care premiums.

Town Report Quotes: The Selectboard was presented with two quotes to print and mail out the town report. Sheridan quoted \$4331.87 for 1100 reports printed and approximately 850 to be mailed out and L. Brown and Sons Printing quoted \$3700.00 for the same. **J. Goldstein motioned and P. Gates seconded to contract L. Brown and Sons Printing to print the 2015 Town Report. Motion passed 4-0.**

Invoice from Jay White: The Selectboard reviewed an invoice from Architect Jay White for \$11,728.04. **P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to pay this invoice from the Capital Projects fund. Motion passed 4-0**

Meeting Minutes 09/23/14 Peggy stated that when there is a quorum of only three Selectboard members, all three need to vote to create a majority of the Selectboard to have a motion pass which includes the chairperson. There were two votes on 09/23/14 that did not have a majority vote to pass. P. Ainsworth motioned to approve the 09/23/14 minutes with suggested corrections and a revote on two items from the 09/23/14 meeting to have a majority vote. S.Conrad seconded. Motion passed 3 -1 abstention (J. Goldstein)

REVOTES From 09/23/14 Meeting

Sharon Roylton Inter-municipal Police Contract: P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to sign the contract with the only change being the increase in hourly rate to \$37.00. The contract expires 06/30/2015. Motion passed 4-0.

Finance Options for the New Police Vehicle: P. Gate motioned and S. Conrad seconded to borrow \$17,185.00 from the Roylton Revolving Loan Fund at an interest rate of 2% to pay for the new police vehicle. The first year's payment will be \$13K from the Police Cruiser Fund and the remainder will be paid back over the next three years. The police cruiser fund will not be funded for three years to offset the debt payment on the new vehicle. Motion passed 4-0

Meeting Minutes 10/07/14 P. Ainsworth motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 10/07/14. Motion passed 3-1 abstention. (J. Goldstein)

Sandy mentioned the new plates for the Senior Center were delivered.

Sandy Conrad updated the Selectboard on the status of the Solid Waste Facility financials. She clarified the difference between the actual embezzlement amount and the insurance payment. A difference of about \$13k will be absorbed by Bethel. Sandy said the insurance proceeds should not have been deposited into a Capital Funds account. These funds will be used to offset the debt incurred by the Town of Bethel and moved once their audit is completed. She also stated there was a surplus for fiscal year end 2014.

Fiscal Year 15/16 Budgets the Selectboard reviewed FY 15/16 budgets. Peggy requested reports informing the Selectboard of how the Roylton Police Department spends their time. She wants to be prepared to answer taxpayer's questions.

The Selectboard reviewed accounts payable as prepared by the Town Treasurer.

**Meeting Adjourned 11:15 pm
Respectfully submitted
By Rose Hemond**