

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
November 11, 2014 7:00pm
Town Office Safford Street**

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

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur, Jonathan Ranney

Town Staff: Administration and Finance Manager Rose Hemond, Town Clerk Karmen Bascom

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

Town Clerk Karmen Bascom spoke to the Selectboard about the increases to the meetings and elections budget for FY 15/16. She discussed changes in election law. By July of 2016 towns will be required to use voting tabulators for State and Federal Elections. She mentioned the tabulators required programming that cost about \$500 per ballot. It was noted in the legislation (Bill #H.22) the state of Vermont will pay for the tabulators and \$500 toward programming. Joan asked if Karmen is she knew the cost of leasing or purchasing the tabulators Karmen was uncertain as to the actual tabulator costs and will do more research and get back to the Selectboard at a later date.

Jon Ranney from EC Fiber submitted a letter of resignation for the EC Fiber representative for the Town OF Royalton. His letter stated that this was a rewarding experience for him and he “holds EC Fiber in the highest regard and will always support the organization.” P. Ainsworth accepted his resignation with regret and J. Goldstein seconded. Motion to accept Jon’s resignation passed 4-0.

Award Design and Planning Bid for CDBG Grant: Three bids were received for the Design and Cost Estimating Project from the FEMA Buyout sites. They were as follows: Dubois and King \$6850.00, Landworks \$7,498.00

Jack Ross \$9,975.00 Mary Russ for White River Partnership reviewed the proposals and recommends awarding the bid to Dubois and King because they were the lowest and most responsible bid. P. Ainsworth motioned and J. Goldstein seconded to award the bid to Dubois and King. Motion Passed 3-1 (P. Gates)

Todd Sensenich Driveway Permit 14-02 P. Gates motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve Todd Sensenich driveway permit # 14-02. Motion passed 4-0.

Jay White Architect Email. Jay White asked the Selectboard to decide if the new town office building should have a fire alarm system installed and a security system. The Selectboard responded by requesting cost estimates on a fire alarm system and a fire and security system together. The agreed they should have a very least a fire alarm system installed.

Royalton Wastewater FY 15/16 Budget; Phil Gates spoke about the Royalton Wastewater facility budget and upgrades. He mentioned he would like to add \$9,000.00 consulting fees to his FY 15/16 Wastewater Facility Budget for a nitrogen removal study.

Community Fellowship Church Lease Agreement for the Royalton Academy Building. Larry informed the Selectboard that the Community Fellowship Church will no longer be renting space at the Royalton Academy building. They will be located at the former Journey Church building.

Update on Crawford mobile homes: Both mobile homes should be removed before this winter.

FY 15/16 Budgets: The Selectboard reviewed a draft of the appropriations budget which led to a discussion about Royalton Fire and Rescue budgets. The Selectboard requested Dave Palmer (Royalton Rescue Squad Director) and Paul Brock (Royalton Fire Chief) to attend the 12/09/14 Selectboard meeting to review their budgets. Rose is still waiting on several appropriation requests for FY 15/16. The appropriation budget will be reviewed again at the 12/09/14 Selectboard meeting.

Meeting minutes 10/28/14 P. Ainsworth motioned and P. Gates seconded to approve the 10/28/14 Selectboard meeting minutes with corrections. Motion passed 4-0.

The Selectboard would also like to meet with the Royalton School Board in December.

Accounts Payable as prepared by Town Treasurer Theresa Harrington were reviewed and signed.

Meeting Adjourned 10:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

By Rose Hemond