

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Hearing  
January 26, 2016 7:00pm  
Town Office on Route 14**

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

**Town Staff:** Administration and Finance Manager: Rose Hemond

**Vermont Law School:** Katelyn Atwood, John Atwood, Jim May

**Public:** Jojo Levasseur, Municipal Attorney Paul Giuliani, Dennis Ives, Justin Ives

**Selectboard Chair Larry Trottier opened the hearing at 7:00**

Director of the Vermont Law School Legal Clinic, Jim May, introduced himself to the Selectboard and explained he was attending the hearing in place of Laurie Martin. Jim gave an overview and history of the Vermont Law School Legal Clinic. He mentioned that the legal clinic handled civil services not criminal matters. The clinic has about 250 clients a year and they also help clients through formal consults. Katelyn Atwood was introduced as the Vermont Poverty Law Fellow and one of the writers for the Community Development Block Grant. Jim said Katelyn is an asset to the Vermont Law School Legal Clinic.

Katelyn Atwood discussed her work at the legal clinic. She helps impoverished Vermont Veterans. She also handles VA disability cases across the state of Vermont. This is the only legal clinic doing this type of work for veterans. There are 50,000 veterans in Vermont. Windsor County has 7,000-8,000 veterans. The \$300,000.00 from the CDBG grant will allow the legal cline to continue offering these services to veterans for the next two years. Joan asked about the legal clinic serving low to moderate income clients. Katelyn said that the majority of their clients are low to moderate income. Sandy asked about sustainability of providing services beyond the two year grant. Katelyn mentioned foundations offer funding for this type of service. It is their expectation to grow and continue these services beyond the two years. The Community Development Block Grant is essentially transition funding to keep the project going. The Vermont Law School will help with funding if need be. The school has a transitional plan. Sandy acknowledged all the good that they had done in the community.

Hearing closed at 7:16 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Rose Hemond  
Royalton Administration and Finance Manager