

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard SPECIAL Meeting
THURSDAY OCTOBER 5, 2017 3:00pm
Royalton Town Office Building**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Gidget Lyman, Tim Dreisbach.
Sandy Conrad

Town Staff: Town Administrator Rose Hemond

P. Ainsworth motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to accept the resignation of Royalton Constable Marc Preston. Motion passed 4-0

Gidget stated that she would like the Selectboard to be more supportive of the their employees when dealing with public concerns.

Discussion ensued about the Town Hall Community Meeting with the Vermont Law School on 10/12/2017. Larry will contact Dean Shirley Jefferson to find out if the Selectboard can get a list of topics to prepare for the meeting ahead of time.

Gidget suggested a self-defense class that law school students and community members can participate in together. It will be suggested at the meeting.

The Selectboard discussed their interest in contracting for police services. Some were unhappy about the headline in the Valley News regarding Windsor County Sheriff.

T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to adopt a statement of police department status to be placed on the town website. Motion passed 4-0

Update from Gidget Lyman Chair of the Royalton Police Chief Search Committee:

Gidget informed the Selectboard that a draft of all the police department job descriptions and ads were emailed for their review before the Selectboard meeting on 10/10/2017.

She would like to get approval from the board on 10/10/2017 so she can move ahead with advertising.

Mileage reimbursement for Officer Gary Roger Officer Roger requested mileage reimbursement from the town for driving to the town office to work. **T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to allow Officer Rogler use of the Royalton police vehicles for driving back and forth to the town office on a temporary basis. Motion passed 4-0.**

Request from Vermont Law School for traffic control for the VLS ceremony on 10/13/2017. The Selectboard suggested the law school contact the Windsor County Sheriff since the town does not have the staffing to accommodate their request.

Rose volunteered to draft a budget for the Police Department to present at the next Selectboard meeting.

T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to to exercise the option of extending the town mowing contract with Jason Caron for an additional year. Motion passed 4-0. Jason Caron was awarded the 2018 town mowing contract.

Bids for new Highway Loader: The bids for the new town loader are as follows John Deere \$116,100.00, Case \$113,000.00, Komatsu \$118,390.00, Volvo \$113.900.00

P. Ainsworth motioned and T Dreisbach seconded to purchase the Komatsu from Anderson for a price of \$118,390.00 because the first 2000 hours there will be no cost for service to the town (\$6000.00 Value) and the 5000 hour warranty was far better than what the other dealers were offering. Komatsu also offered a monitoring system for the life of the machine. All these options far exceeded what the other vendors were offering. Motion passed 4-0

Meeting adjourned 4:25pm

Respectfully submitted

Royalton Town Administrator Rose Hemond