

**Town of Royalton**  
**Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting**  
**September 26, 2017 7:00pm**  
**Town Office on Route 14**

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

**Public Present:** Jojo Levasseur, Evangeline Williams, Windsor County Sherriff Michael Chamberlain,  
Captain Claude Weyant, James McCleery, Jordan Cuddemi (Valley News) Matt Blanchard (Fox 44  
News) Dustin Rikert

**Town Staff:** Royalton Town Clerk Karmen Bascom, Town Administrator Rose Hemond, Royalton,  
Royalton Police Officer Gary Rogler, Royalton Highway Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Royalton  
Constable Marc Preston

**Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7pm**

**Windsor County Sheriff Department** Sheriff Michael Chamberlain informed the Selectboard of the various contracted services that the Windsor County Sheriff offers to towns. They can provide a police presence or traffic control. He would be willing to offer anything the town needs. Sandy asked about staffing being immediately available and Peggy asked about temporary contracts. Sheriff Chamberlain replied yes to both inquiries. Larry commented that the town needed to do something even for just short term. The Selectboard told Sheriff Chamberlain they will discuss and get back to him soon.

**Public Concerns:** Evangeline Williams, the Vermont Law School Student liaison, invited the Selectboard to a forum on 10/12/2017 to discuss policing and safety matters with law school students and faculty. She explained there are concerns the students have with Constable Marc Preston.

Royalton resident James McCleery spoke to the Selectboard about a robbery from several years ago. He claimed that case documents were lost by the Royalton Police Department. Sandy and Tim said they were informed these documents were never received. Mr. McCleery said he has another copy of the documents in his car and turned them over to Officer Rogler. Officer Rogler will look up the case and respond to Mr. McCleery in a timely manner

Filmmaker Dustin Rikert asked for permission to film scenes for his latest film Appleseed around the South Royalton Village Green. S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to close Railroad Street in front of the Lake Sunapee Bank from noon to 4pm on 03/30/2017 and for use of the Royalton Police cars in the movie. Motion passed 4-0

FY 18/19 Budgets Karmen Bascom, Town Clerk, presented her department budget and Meeting and Elections budget to the Selectboard for review.

**Contaminated Well Discussion:** Larry received a notice from Town Health Officer David Palmer about Tammy Blakeley's well water. The State Vermont water testing results showed bacteria contamination at Tammy Blakeley's well. Larry stated the cause is animal pig waste by her well from the pig pen located on the property. Larry wants the town to contact the land owner Don Boule and tell him to clean up the waste that is causing Tammy's well to be contaminated. Peggy suggested the Town Health Officer write a letter to the property owner where the waste is and request it be taken care of.

**Review Dubois and King Engineering Contract for culvert project on Happy Hollow Road P. Ainsworth motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to accept the contract for engineering services for the Happy Hollow culvert project and authorize Larry to sign. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Green Lantern Proposal for Solar Array on Gilman Road S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to move forward with placing a solar array on town property owned on Gilman road. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Royalton Wastewater Project Review Change Order #6 for plug valves valued at \$9,400.00. G. Lyman motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve Royalton Wastewater Project Change order #6 for \$9400.00. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Recreation Expense S. Conrad motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to approve the requests for \$200.00 to purchase materials to create a sign for the Community Garden. Motion passed 4-0**

**S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve \$300.00 to purchase items for The Fall Festival on 10/28/2017. Motion passed 4-0.**

**Royalton Selectboard Meeting Minutes P. Ainsworth motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 09/12/2017. Motion 4-0**

Highway Department Sandy requested that more speed limit signs be put up on Johnson Hill Road. Gidget and Roger will visit Nash road and discuss repairs that need to be made.

Sandy inquired as to the status of the Otto Merrill Road Project. It has been completed and no issues at the current moment.

**G. Lyman motioned and S. Conrad seconded to authorize the Highway department to bring 10-12 loads of gravel to the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility to fill in a hole that was created when the old scales were removed. Peggy asked if Bethel should pay for some of the gravel. Larry stated it was not such a matter that warranted further discussion. Motion passed 3-1.**

**The Selectboard discussed inviting the Prudential Board to joint board meeting to discuss the boil order and for new members to meet the Prudential Board.**

**Accounts Payable: The Selectboard approved accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham.**

**G. Lyman motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to enter into executive session at 9:06pm to discuss personnel matters, Officer Gary Rogler, Constable March Preston and Town Administrator Rose Hemond were invited to stay. Motion passed 4-0**

**G. Lyman motioned and S. Conrad seconded to exit executive session at 10:00 pm. Motion passed 4-0**

Peggy stated that the consensus of the Selectboard was that there was no need at this time to hire Windsor County Sheriffs. The Selectboard felt that Officer Gary Rogler, Constable March Preston, and the Vermont State police provided sufficient services.

**G. Lyman motioned and S. Conrad seconded to sell the Royalton Police Car a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria to Officer Gary Rogler for \$200.00. Motion passed 4-0**

Sandy suggested that we include drug testing for the police as part of town policy.

Gidget gave an update on the Royalton Police Department Search Committee. She told the board she was working to finalize job descriptions to have ready for review at the next Selectboard meeting. The next meeting will be 09/27/2017 at 3pm.

**Tax Sale Property** the Selectboard reviewed a letter from Royalton Delinquent Tax Collector Theresa Harrington. She offered advice to the Selectboard about a mobile home purchase at last year's tax sale. The redemption period is over 09/28/2017. **T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to turn the property over to Jonathon Martel once the quitclaim to the town has been signed. Rose mentioned this may take some time due to the conveyance of real estate statute. Motion passed 4-0.**

Sandy updated the Selectboard about repairs and maintenance issues she handles at the Royalton Academy Building.

**Meeting adjourned 10:25pm**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**By Town Administrator Rose Hemond**