

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Meeting
Town Office Building
November 28, 2017**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Tim Dreisbach

Regrets: Sandy Conrad, Gidget Lyman

Public Present: Jojo Levasseur,

Town Staff: Town Administrator Rose Hemond, Royalton Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Road crew members Demi Boles and Paul Brock, David Barker, Andy Puchalik, Ivan Tomek, Chris Perry

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:15pm

Andy Puchalik owner of First Branch Coffee introduced himself to the Selectboard as well as Ivan Temek and Chris Perry. Andy explained that they will be opening First Branch Coffee shop on the South Royalton Green some time in February of 2018. They will have seating for 25 inside the store. They plan on roasting coffee on the premises as well. During the day, they will sell coffee and certain nights of the week they have approval for beer sampling in the back room of the store. They will be able to sell beer at this location as well. First Branch hopes to buy this building in the near future. They hope to eventually have the business open 7 days a week. Discussion ensued about product distribution and storage space in town. Larry will contact Andy with some ideas in the near future.

Royalton resident expressed concerned about safety on Rix Road. Dave Barker had written a letter to the Selectboard about a Royalton resident who parks cars and other equipment in the road (Rix). There are also mailboxes that extend into the town right of way. The town has addressed these issues with the landowner before. Tim offered to write a constructive letter to the landowner. **L. Trottier motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to send a letter to Bernard Braley addressing the road issues brought before the Selectboard. Motion passed 3-0**

P. Ainsworth motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to appoint Stephanie Russ to the Royalton Recreation Commission. Motion passed 3-0.

T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to appear before the Royalton Board of Abatement and request an abatement of the entire amount of property taxes for 2017 and 2016 due on a mobile home that the town purchased during a tax sale. Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard reviewed a draft of the FY 18/19 Royalton Highway Budget. The Selectboard added back \$160,000.00 fund transfer (that was removed from the FY 17/18 budget) to the Highway Equipment Reserve Account. Discussion ensued about a new dump truck to be purchased in early 2018. Funds are available in the reserve account for this purchase. Roger also stated the grader needed replacement within a years' time. This equipment will be paid for over a period of 5 years through the Highway Equipment Fund at an estimate of \$60,000.00 a year.

T. Dreisbach motioned and Ainsworth seconded to approve the meeting minutes for 11/14/2017 and 11/16/2017 with edits. Motion passed 3-0

**T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to enter into executive session at 8:20pm to discuss a personnel matter. Roger McCrillis, Demi Boles and Rose Hemond were invited to stay
Motion passed 3-0**

T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Ainsworth seconded to exit executive session at 8:40pm motion passed 3-0

Action taken

The Selectboard approved to pay Roger McCrillis his full eight weeks of accumulated vacation as of 12/31/2017 upon his resignation date of 12/31/2017 or the nearest pay period. Motion passed 3-0.

Roger commented that road crew member Nick Stone was doing a good job.

The Selectboard was informed that Paul Whitney will not be hanging lights on the South Royalton Green this year. Larry asked the road crew if they would do this for the town. Roger said they would.

Discussion ensued about the FY 18/19 budget and the appropriation requests in the budget. Tim asked for a pie chart showing the tax payers how taxes are allocated between the school and the town be presented at pre-town meeting. This will all be completed in preparation for pre town meeting.

The Selectboard reviewed and approved accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted

Rose Hemond Town Administrator