

Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
March 27, 2018 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Gidget Lyman, Tim Dreisbach, Chris Noble

Regrets: Sandy Conrad

Town Staff: Town Administrator, Rose Hemond, Royalton Road Foremen, Paul Brock and Demi Boles

Public: Paul and Toshia Rogers, Jojo Levasseur, Royalton Library Trustee John Dumville, Royalton Rescue Squad Advisory Board Member Corrinne Ingraham

Larry opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Paul Rogers presented an application for a salvage yard he has been operating on North Road in Royalton for about 15 years. The State of Vermont contacted him and asked him to file an application for a permit to operate a salvage yard on his property. Paul presented a map of his property and showed the Selectboard where the salvage yard is located. According to Paul, state inspectors visited this site and found no violations. Tim said as long as the salvage yard is in compliance with state regulations there will be no opposition from the town.

Corinne Ingraham informed the Selectboard that Royalton Rescue Squad David Palmer will be released from his contract early as of 06/30/2018. They informed Sharon and Tunbridge of his early resignation. Tim asked if finding a replacement will be a challenge. Corrinne said it would be. There is the possibility of splitting the position into two by separating the administrative work and the paramedic work.

John Dumville informed the Selectboard that the Royalton Memorial Library project does qualify for the Downtown and Village Tax Center Credits. He explained that as long as a portion of the library renovation was under contract directly with the library and not the town and paid with the funds the library has raised they would qualify for \$95,541.00 in tax credits that they can sell to a qualified buyer. The library would have to pay for over \$204,000.00 of qualifying expenses to get these credits. Larry asked if this was all the cash the library has available. John said it was.

Royalton Highway Department Foreman Job Description Demi and Paul presented a split Royalton Road Foreman job description. It essentially covers all the duties of the Road foreman. It will provide a basis for their job evaluations.

Paul said they will do an inventory of guardrails that are missing end caps and hire someone to repair them.

Dairy Hill Road and Otto Merrill Road Ditching Project: This project is part of Act 64 Muni Road Pilot Program Grant. Paul and Demi asked if they should contract out the heavy machinery and haul material themselves as part of the grant match. The Selectboard agreed this was what they should do.

Chris asked if nearby towns share highway equipment and resources and Demi said they do.

The Selectboard reviewed two paving bids. One from Blaktop and the other from Pike. They were bids to pave Bridge Street Bridge and Fox Stand Briadge decks and part of Dairy Hill Road. There were some questions in regards to the work included. Paul will look into it and get back to the board.

Appointment Transportation Advisory Committee: Chris Noble offered to attend the next Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting to see if being a member was of any interest to him.

G. Lyman motioned and C. Noble seconded to appoint the following representatives to the Two Rivers Ottauqueechee Regional Planning Commission David Brandau (Rep) Bushrod Powers (Alt) Motion passed 3-0

Royalton Recreation Standing Purchase Order FY 18/19 Rose presented a standing purchase order for the Royalton Recreation Committee which lists all the annual events the Recreation Commission organizes each year and includes estimated budgeted costs for each event. This would allow the Recreation Commission authority to purchase items for these events in a timely manner. Chris asked if this was allowable and Rose responded that that the budget is already taxpayer approved and the Selectboard still reviews and approves invoices as they are statutorily required to do. This just streamlines the ability for the recreation commission to carry on with their work. **G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve this standing purchase order for the FY 18/19 Recreation Commission and \$1,000.00 for baseball bats for FY 17/18 Motion passed 3-0**

Tim requested a Royalton Recreation Commission member or the Recreation Director attend a Selectboard meeting and inform the Selectboard about the Community Thaw event.

T. Dreisbach motion and C. Noble seconded to approve the following Excess Weight Permits: Jonathon Beebe, Limlaw Chipping, Noel Eastman Excavation, Demag Riggers and Crane, New England Quality Service, Rock of Ages, Wind River Environmental, Jack F Corse Inc, Mosher Excavating. Motion passed 3-0

Liquor License T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve a liquor license for LA Pizza Lupo. Motion passed 3-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the Utility Permit for Wastewater Owner Griffio located at 45 North Windsor Street. Motion passed 3-0

Green Lantern Lease Agreement Bethel Royalton Landfill: Discussion tabled to a future meeting after Attorney notes have been reviewed by Selectboard.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the Red Start Natural resource Management Forest Management Plan Agreement. Motion passed 3-0

T. Dreisbach motion and C. Noble seconded to authorize Larry Trottier and Rose Hemond to sign the Fothergill, Segale and Valley Sign Engagement Letter dated 06/30/2018 for audit services. Motion passed 3-0

Royalton Town Lister Supply Request: T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to authorize the Royalton Town Listers to purchase clothing items that identify them as Royalton Town Officials (shirt, caps jackets) motion passed 3-0

G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes from 03/13/2018. Motion passed 3-0

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

Royalton Emergency Management Gidget spoke about Emergency management purchases that she would like to make. She will also look for a generator grant for the town office building since it is also the emergency operations command center. She and Brad Salzmann are working on the Local Emergency Operations Plan. Gidget said that the Selectboard should consider appointing an Emergency Management Director at some point in the near future. She also spoke about necessary emergency training class the Selectboard should attend.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to enter into executive session at 9:12pm to discuss personnel matters. Rose Hemond was invited to stay. Motion passed 3-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to exit executive session at 9:45pm to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed 3-0

**Meeting Adjoined 9:45pm
Respectfully Submitted By
Town Administrator Rose Hemond**