

**Town of Royalton**  
**Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting**  
**April 10, 2018 7:00pm**  
**Town Office on Route 14**

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

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

**Public:** Jojo Levasseur, Sarah Danly, Patsy Doyle

**Planning Commission:** Stuart Levasseur, Beth Wilhite, (Chair)

**Vermont Law School Students:** Kyle Claus, Ben Canellys, Kate Mcalhey, Evangeline Williams

**Larry opened the meeting at 7:00pm**

**T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve and support the Jake Doyle Memorial Walk for Diabetes on 05/28/2018 and a BBQ at Carpenter Field. The walk will be down North Windsor Street to the bridge and back. The event begins at 1pm at Carpenter Field. Royalton Constable Marc Preston and Royalton Officer Gary Rogler will be on hand to assist with traffic control. Motion passed 4-0**

**Vermont Law School Student** Kyle Claus introduced himself as the new Vermont Law School President of the Student Bar Association. He introduced Ben Canellys as the new town liaison. Evangeline Williams was thanked by the Selectboard for her hard work and dedication as Vermont Law School Liaison for the past two years. Evangeline said she was proud of what she has accomplished and feels that Ben will do a wonderful job going forward. Ben stated he would like to continue to foster a relationship with the town.

**Royalton Highway Department Oxbow Road Project:** Demi and Paul gave a description of the work that needed to be done on the Oxbow Road. The town will put together and request for proposals and start advertising soon.

It was also suggested the Highway Department buy back a damaged plow for spare parts.

**Award Bid V- Trans Bike Ped Grant Sidewalk Scoping Study:** The Sidewalk Scoping Study Committee met on 04/04/2018 at 2pm at the Royalton Town Office to discuss all the proposals submitted. There were seven proposals total and the consensus of the committee was to award Greenman Pederson Inc. the bid for the South Royalton Village sidewalk scoping study at a cost of \$34,997.50 of which half will be paid for by a grant through the V-Trans Bike Pedestrian Program. Having this study complete will allow the town to apply for design and implementation funds in the future. **T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to award the South Royalton Village Sidewalk Scoping Study project to Greenman Pederson Incorporated. Motion passed 4-0**

**Royalton Town Clerk Request for Retirement Benefits:** The Selectboard received an email from Town Clerk Karmen Bascom asking if the Selectboard would consider “some sort of state or private retirements benefits package for both appointed and elected positions within the town/” Tim asked if retirement benefits are for full time employees only. He was informed they are. Tim said he would like to consider this request but the challenge is that there is no time oversight for elected officials. They are independent and set their own hours. Gidget said there was legislation passed last summer that would allow the Selectboard to put an article on the annual meeting warning to ask the voters to change the town clerk position from elected to hired. Sandy said this change would also be helpful in the decision to do a long term project Karmen had asked to undertake last

year. The Selectboard agreed to put an article on the annual meeting warning asking the voters to allow the Selectboard to appoint the town clerk.

**T, Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve liquor licenses for 5 Old Tavern and Maplewood Convenience Store Motion passed 4-0**

**G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to accept the resignation of Larry Trotter as Royalton Deputy Health Officer motion passed 4-0**

**G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to appoint Marc Preston as Royalton Deputy Health officer effective immediately. Motion passed 4-0**

**C, Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve signing the Certificate of Approval for Salvage Yard for Paul Rogers. Motion passed 4-0**

**T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the Request for Use of the South Royalton Green for Green up Day 05/05/2018 from 9am to 1pm and use of two town trucks to collect rubbish and tires. Motion passed 4-0.**

**G. Lyman motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve use of the South Royalton Green for South Royalton High School Graduation 06/09/2018. Motion passed 4-0**

**T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the following Excess Weight Permits GW Tatro, Griffin and Griffin, Camp Precast Concrete, Hutch Crane, Barrett Trucking, Motion passed 4-0**

**G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve the Annual Financial Plan Town Highways TA-60. Motion passed 4-0**

Tim inquired what the town spends per mile and how many miles of town maintained road we have. We have 71 miles of town maintained road. Rose will send along other road information to the board.

Sandy asked about Mike Bald trimming trees around the Academy. He will be contacted Sandy mentioned the electric work was completed at the Academy Building and all Efficiency Vermont Rebates will be deposited back into the Community Betterment Fund. Rose will apply for these rebates.

Gidget said a meeting was warned for the Police Chief Search Committee Thursday 04/12/2018 at 5:30pm at the Royalton Town Office.

Beth Wilhite introduced Sara Danly to the Selectboard. Sara requested to be appointed to the Royalton Planning Commission. **T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to appoint Sara Danly to the Royalton Planning Commission as per Beth Wilhite request. Motion passed 4-0**

Beth requested the presence of two Selectboard members for two upcoming meetings she is having with state, local, and regional officials about Royalton. Sandy and Chris agreed to attend one meeting each. Beth also mentioned Alex Busky (Vermont Council on Rural Development) would like to speak with the Selectboard. He was invited to attend the next meeting on 04/24/2018

The Selectboard reviewed the amendment to the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Inter-local contract. Tim asked about what defined “possessions.” Chris brought up benefits, Sandy said she would make the necessary inquiries and get back to the Selectboard.

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the **Royalton Selectboard Meeting Minutes for 03/27/2018 and 04/05/2018 with edits Motion passed 4-0.**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:20pm**  
**Respectfully Submitted By**  
**Town Administrator Rose Hemond**