

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Special Hearing
October 17, 2017 7:00pm
Royalton Academy Building**

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

Public Present See Attached sign in sheet

Town Staff: Town Administrator Rose Hemond,

Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:05pm and then turned the floor over to the Royalton Memorial Library Trustees.

Library Director Marianne Pysarchyk presented a PowerPoint presentation on the various programs and services the library offers. Thousands of people use the Royalton Library and attend various events throughout the year.

Architect Jay White spoke about the building design and the renovations that will be part of this project. There have been some modifications done to the original design to help cut costs. The third floor was removed and the placement of the elevator was changed. Jay said the estimated costs for renovations was \$598K. He said this was a sound number.

Jeff Barcelow Royalton Town Lister expressed concerns about the tax increase. He said more and more residents are stopping by his office and saying that their taxes are unaffordable.

Some of the audience expressed support for this project. Selectboard member, Tim Dreisbach, agreed with those who supported this project but pointed out the purpose of the hearing was to discuss the \$750K bond vote. He asked what a \$750K bond vote means. It was explained by Town Administrator, Rose Hemond that approval for a \$750K bond means the Selectboard has the authority to borrow up to \$750K for the project. The example given: if the project bids come in at \$1.2 million the town can borrow up to \$750K and use all the library funding to complete the project. Jay White stood by his cost estimate. Cynthia Dalrymple told the audience that the library will not borrow more than the \$290K of the \$750K bond.

The Library Trustees were thanked for all their hard work raising funds for this project.

Tim Murphy and Shannon Morrill-Cornelius introduced themselves as candidates for the new consolidated school board. Laurie Smith encouraged those in the audience to attend the school vote hearing at 7pm on 10/23/2017 at the South Royalton School cafeteria. Both votes are scheduled for Tuesday 10/24/2017.

Hearing adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted

Town Administrator Rose Hemond

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Regrets: Peggy Ainsworth

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T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to sign the Windsor County Sheriff contract. Motion passed 3-0

**Meeting Adjourned 9:05pm
Respectfully Submitted by
Town Administrator Rose Hemond**