

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
July 10, 2018 at 7pm
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 Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker, Royalton Road Foreman Paul Brick

Public: Stuart Levasseur, Jojo Levasseur, Pam Levasseur, Royalton Memorial Library Trustee, Bonnie Kenyon, RML Director Maryanne Pysarchyk, Alison Gravel, Mike Covey, Bethel Town Manager Greg Maggard, Bethel Selectboard Chris Jarvis, Moe Bingham, Lindley Brainard, and Paul Vallee, Royalton Conservation Chairman Brad Salzmann, Green Lantern Solar Rep: Scott Buckley

Larry opened the meeting at 7pm

Mike Covey asked the Selectboard if they would support him investigating the possibility of preserving the Royalton New Vista property as a wildlife refuge. Mike stated this was in the early scoping stage. He will research funding sources to acquire the land. Tim asked about the tax impact on the town if all this land was removed from tax list. Mike responded this matter will be researched. Gidget suggested he work with the Royalton Conservation Commission. The Selectboard agreed this prospect was worth considering.

Bethel Selectboard Green Lantern Solar Land Lease Agreement for the Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility
L. Trottier motioned and G. Lyman seconded to enter into executive session at 7:14pm to discuss contracts because doing so in public session would put the town at a disadvantage. Motion passed 3-0. The Bethel Selectboard and Bethel Town Manager and Rose Hemond were invited to stay.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to exit executive session at 7:50pm
Motion passed 3-0

Action Taken: Chris Jarvis and Chris Noble will consult with Attorney Paul Giuliani in regards to the details of a land lease agreement between the two towns and Green Lantern Solar.

Scott Buckley Green Lantern Solar Land Lease Agreement Gilman Road: The Selectboard reviewed a land lease agreement for a solar array on town owned property on Gilman Road. Tim had questions about the annual lease fee structure and renewal terms. The fees after 20 were to be determined and the Selectboard would like to see fees included in the agreement after the 20 years indexed to inflation. Scott said he will speak with his company to revise this contract and present at the next Selectboard meeting.

Royalton Police Department Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker presented a Royalton Police Department Evidence policy to the Selectboard. C. Noble motioned and G. Lyman seconded to adopt the Royalton Police Evidence Policy with changes. Motion Passed 3-0

Chris is currently liaison to numerous town boards and projects, it was suggested that Gidget become the liaison for the police department as to lighten the load for Chris. Chris was agreeable but said he will always help out where he can. T. Dreisbach motioned and L. Trottier seconded to change the Selectboard liaison to the Royalton Police department from Chris to Gidget. Motion passed 3-0

Review Erikson Consulting Proposal: Chris stated he continues to attend Library trustee meetings and work with the consultant to design a comparable project to present to the Selectboard. He said all was going well.

Royalton Highway Department Bridge Street Bridge Issue The Royalton Selectboard Office received a voice mail message on 07/09/2018 from Tracy Borst claiming 11 people including herself were tubing down the White River in Royalton on 07/04/2018 and experienced some sort of skin burns from drips coming from beneath the Bridge Street Bridge. Royalton Road Foreman Paul Brock speculated about leaking timbers underneath the Bridge Street Bridge. Paul explained that because of the excessive hot weather, creosote could be dripping from beneath the bridge. Chris asked if there was any way to test what is dripping off the bridge. Rose will look into getting the substance tested by a lab. The Selectboard expressed their concern about public safety and the environment. They are not sure how to proceed. The Selectboard asked Rose to contact the Agency of Natural Resources, V-Trans and White River Partnership for guidance.

Review Highway Garage Well Drilling bid T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to award the well drilling bit (the only one received) to Valley Artesian Well Company. Motion passed 3-0

Road Project Updates Happy Hollow: Work continues on this culver replacement project. The detour path was reviewed and signs were moved to make them more visible.

Oxbow Road is in the final stages. Gravel and grading need to be done. The road should be opened soon.

Paving (Happy Hollow Apron) Paul has contacted Blacktop about adding this small project to their summer town paving.

Excess Weight Permit T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve G&N Construction and WB Rogers with changes. Motion passed 3-0

Reappointment of Town Forest Fire Warden Don Lovejoy: T, Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to reappoint Don Lovejoy as Town Forest Fire Warden for 5 years Motion passed 3-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded the following action to Accept the Resignation of David Palmer Town Health Officer as of 06/30/2018, to Accept Resignation of Deputy Health Officer Marc Preston as of 07/31/2018 Appoint Constable Marc Preston as Town Health Officer as of 08/01/2018 and to Appoint Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker as Deputy Health Officer as of 08/01/2018 Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard reviewed and approved Accounts Payable as prepared by Town treasurer LuAnn Bingham

G. Lyman motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes for 06/26/2018 with changes. Motion passed 3-0

G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to enter executive session at 8:58pm to discuss a legal matter Motioned passed 3-0

G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to exit executive session at 9:10pm Motioned passed 3-0

Action taken: Rose will consult legal counsel in regards to letter received from the law firm Martin and Associates.

Meeting adjourned 9:20pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Town Administrator Rose Hemond