

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
May 8, 2018 at 7pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Regrets: Chris Noble

Town Staff: Town Administrator, Rose Hemond, Royalton Recreation Director Kerri Rogers

Public: Beth Boutin, Stuart Levasseur, Jojo Levasseur, John Dumville, John Brooks, Marr Wilhelm

Larry opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Kerri Rogers, Royalton Recreation Committee Director addressed the Selectboard about the various activities she has planned through October. She just completed Green-Up Day. Memorial Day Parade is on 05/28/2018. Old Home Days will be 07/20-07/21/2018. It was suggested to add more historic reference to Old Home Days. Kerri also books the events on the green in the summer and plans the Harvest Festival. It was mentioned the electrical outlets on the South Royalton Green do not work. The town will contact an electrician.

Beth Boutin Senior Investment Officer Housing Vermont & Vermont Rural Ventures spoke to the Selectboard about New Market Tax Credits. She said Royalton qualified for this program because it considered a poor town. 20% of the population of Royalton live on less than 80% of the median income for the area. New Market Tax Credits is a vehicle to fund investment in poor communities and stimulate the local economy with the end result being less people living in poverty. It incentivizes business to invest in these communities with the hopes of receiving tax credits that can be used to reduce tax liability over the course of 7 years.

Sandy spoke about senior housing for the Hope Property. Tim referred to a survey that showed an interest by Royalton residents in having a pharmacy in town. Both were good ideas for this program.

Vermont Law School Student John Brooks asked if the Royalton Memorial Library would qualify for these funds as he enjoys his study time at the library. Beth indicated this was not exactly a good fit for this program.

John asked the Selectboard about the Police Chief Search Committee and was informed the Lorraine Atwood from VLS was already on the committee. He was also informed the committee had made an offer to a candidate Loretta Stalnaker a police sergeant from Randolph.

Vermont Law School Student Matt Wilhelm commented on the lack of communication between VLS and the town. The Selectboard assured him they were working on ways to improve this and have many ways to keep the lines of communication open.

Jordan Dyer and Karen Broadwell spoke about parking and traffic issues on Acton Place. They were both invited to the Sidewalk Scoping Study meeting on Monday 05/14/2018 at 9am at the Royalton Town office to discuss their concerns with an engineer for the project.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to award the Happy Hollow Culvert Bid to G&N Excavation for \$136,885.00 as recommended by engineers Dubois and King Motion passed 3-0

Driveway Access Permits S, Conrad Motion and G. Lyman seconded to give conditional approval to driveway access permit #17-01 Maillett. Motion passed 3-0

G. Lyman motioned and S. Conrad seconded to give conditional approval to driveway access permit # 18-01 Olmstead Motion passed 3-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the following Excess Weight Permit: KW Smith, Roni Johnson Landscaping, Eric Thorp, and JB Webster Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard reviewed and approved Accounts Payable as prepared by Royalton Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve meeting minutes for 04/24/2018 and 05/02/2018 Motion passed 3-0

G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve \$9,604.00 out of the highway budget to be spent on fixing guardrail end caps. Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard reviewed two bills from the library renovation project. The Selectboard said the bill for the water flow test From Dufresne Group needs to go to the library. The town will pay Jay Whites invoice and create a receivable for the amount the library owes the town.

S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to accept the resignation of Planning Commission chair Beth Wilhite with regret. Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard was updated on the status of the Royalton Wastewater Refurbishment project. Daniels Construction is in liquidated damages and the project will not be complete until the first week of June 2018.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to enter executive session at 9:48pm for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion passed 3-0

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

Action taken

S. Conrad motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to send out a press release announcing Loretta Stalnaker as the new Royalton Police Chief. Tim also wanted to make certain the Selectboard thanked all who were involved in the process especially Gidget who has worked very hard for many long months to see this through. She was sincerely thanked by her fellow Selectboard members for her level of commitment and dedication to this process. Motion passed 4-0

Discussion ensued about payables

Meeting Adjourned 10:30pm

Respectfully submitted by

Rose Hemond Town Administrator