

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
June 26, 2018 at 7pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

Town Staff: Town Administrator, Rose Hemond, Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker

Public: Stuart Levasseur, Jojo Levasseur, Royalton Memorial Library Trustees, Theresa Manning, John Dumville, RML Director Maryanne Pysarchyk, Royalton Recreation Ian Mackenzie, John and Nancy Murphy, SOS employees Nate Fredericks and Phil Gates, VLS Students Ben Connelly and John Brooks

Royalton Wastewater Facility Nancy Murphy mentioned to the Selectboard foul odors are coming from the Royalton Wastewater Facility, Nate and Phil from SOS said that they are being responsive and gave contact information to Nancy to make certain they get messages promptly about any wastewater issues. The phone message at the plant will also be reviewed. No reason was given to the cause but measurers will be taken to prevent this from happening again.

The Royalton Wastewater System upgrade has been completed. The Selectboard was invited to a walk through. An open house will be planned for a future date to include the public. Grant funds were left over from the project and the Selectboard asked Rose to get estimates for a new garage at the Royalton Wastewater Facility.

Royalton Recreation Department Ian Mackenzie: Ian informed the Selectboard of two resignations. G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to accept the resignations of Bridget Barry and Joe Decoteau from the Royalton Recreation Committee. Motion passed 4-0

Ian informed the board that the Royalton Recreation Commission appointed him as chair at the 06/25/2018 recreation meeting. He asked for approval to go out to bid for porta potty services at Carpenter Field since they are unhappy with Dimmick. He asked if the town can create landings for the porta-potties. The Selectboard agreed we can provide material. Ian would also like to review the bylaws of the Recreation Committee

G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve a recreation department supply purchase of \$750.00 to create cabinets to organize sport equipment in the Carpenter Shed at Carpenter Filed. Motion passed 4-0

Ian mentioned there was issues with parents being unruly. Chief Loretta Stalnaker said she would like game schedules and she will make a point of stopping. Gidget suggested language on the sports application that would make parents abide by certain rules of conduct.

Royalton Police Department Audit: The Selectboard reviewed the Royalton Police Department audit as prepared by DB Services

Review Draft Evidence Policy: The Selectboard was presented with an evidence policy that will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting..

Windsor County Sheriff Contract for FY 18/19 was reviewed by the Selectboard. WCS Services will only be used for one week in the new fiscal year which requires a signed contract. **G. Lyman motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve signing the amended contract for Windsor County Sheriff for FY 18/19. Motion passed 4-0.**

Discussion Vermont Council on Rural Development: Sandy explained that four towns (Royalton, Strafford, Tunbridge and Sharon) are asked to participate in a community visit program through the Vermont Council on Rural Development. **T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign a letter stating the town of Royalton will participate in forums regarding economics and the future of our community. Motion passed 4-0**

Royalton Memorial Library Handrail Estimate the Selectboard reviewed an estimate to install a handrail in front of the library. C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to hire Dave Smart and spend \$1,258.00 to install a handrail. Motion passed 4-0

A cost estimator proposal by Erickson Consulting was presented to the Selectboard by Chris Noble. Chris has been attending library trustee meetings as the Selectboard liaison. **The library trustees continue to work (have discussions) with Architect Jay White on reducing the scope of the project.** The Selectboard was informed that Jay would work for free but would need to engage engineers to revise the building plans. It was stated the town would have to pay for these services. The Selectboard made it clear at the last Selectboard meeting on 06/12/2018 that they were not interested in rehiring Architect Jay White and the cost estimator was to review the original project. The fact that the library still continues to (have discussions) work with Jay and is changing the scope of the project is problematic for the Selectboard.

Erikson Consulting agrees the original bids are valid since they are close in cost. Larry ask that the cost estimator do not revisit the original project but present an entirely new alternative (new construction) to the Selectboard. Chris will work with Erikson on amending the proposal. Tim suggested the new proposal be presented at the next Selectboard meeting. Sandy stated the cost of the proposal should be half since the town is requesting half the work.

Tim complimented Maryanne on her program work at the library. When asked about her preference for a library location, her preference was to continue working at the current location but is open to other ideas.

In January 2016 an offer in the form of a letter to sell 23 Alexander Place was given to the library. The Royalton Memorial Library Trustees never responded to the offer Tim stated the offer was still on the table and John said they will consider it. Rose will email the letter to John.

South Royalton School Land Agreements Christine Hudson and Eunice Gavin: Chris and Eunice informed the Selectboard of the quitclaim deed the South Royalton School Board was signing to turn

property over the White River Valley School District. Chris will have documents reviewed by a lawyer to make certain they agree with the article of agreement set forth by the consolidated board. In the future the new school district and the town may enter an agreement for use of Alumni field.\

Royalton Highway Department Resignation of Richie Bestenbostel: T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to accept the resignation of Richie Bestenbostel last day being 08/02/2018. Motion passed 4-0

Blaktop Paving Bids were reviewed the Dairy Hill Phase 2 was tabled and Happy Hollow Road Apron was extended.

VT Alert System Letter an Updated letter need to be sent to VT Alert: T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to authorize Larry to sign the VT Alert Letter and add Brad Salzmman on as a contact. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Academy Building Health Hub Lease: T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded reduce the Health Hub Royalton Academy Office rent due to the town from January 2018-June 2018 from \$1,200.00 to \$600.00 due to severe financial issues. Motion passed 4-0

Bethel Royalton Solid Waste Facility Sandy informed the Selectboard that THE Bethel Selectboard did not sign an agreement for the solar array at the solid waste facility. The Selectboard requested a joint meeting on 07/10/2018 at 7pm at the Town Office. Sandy is also looking for new members on the Solid Waste Board.

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

Meeting Minutes G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve the meeting minutes from 05/22/2018 and 06/12/2018 motion passed 4-0.

Additional/New Business Larry asked if the seniors can park their car at the far end of town office parking lot in front. G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach

Tim updated the Selectboard on the Prudential Board Meeting he attended. He stated they hired Dufresne Group to work on a design for a state mandated upgrade. Currently the Royalton water system has two filters. If one fails they will not meet state capacity. They are required to install a third filter. These upgrades may cost up to \$1 million. Within a 12 month period Prudential Board may have a bond vote.

Gidget mentioned a search is underway for a new Royalton Rescue Squad Director. Dave Palmer will be done as of 06/30/2018.

**Meeting adjourned 10:40pm
Respectfully Submitted by
Town Administrator Rose Hemond**

