

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
August 28, 2018 at 7pm
Town Office on Route 14**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Tim Dreisbach, Chris Noble

Late: Sandy Conrad 8:05pm

Regrets: Gidget Lyman

Town Staff: Town Administrator, Rose Hemond, Royalton Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker, Town Constable Marc Preston.

Public: Jojo Levasseur, Michele Gaboriau, Larry Drown, Doug Calderwood, Taylor Hull, John Dumville

Larry opened the Royalton Selectboard Meeting at 7:05pm

North Windsor Street: Larry Drown spoke to the Selectboard about a parcel of land located across from 201 North Windsor Street that his wife owns. He explained there is an ongoing civil matter regarding this property that has nothing to do with the town. Larry stated this land is owned by his wife and the tiny house located on this property is owned by him. Tim asked Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker to explain what happened. Loretta stated the current property owner at 201 North Windsor Street claims ownership to this land and had the structure towed away. The property located at 201 North Windsor Street was purchased during foreclosure which included the 40'x60" parcel across the street that Larry Drown claims his wife owns. Larry showed paperwork to the Selectboard in regards to the property. Larry Drown said the town should respect his property and any issues with the land and structure should be communicated to him in the form of a letter. No town official should be on his property without permission. The Selectboard informed Larry that this structure was in the town right of way and has no means to dispose of wastewater. Constable Marc Preston stated that area of North Windsor Street is posted no parking. Larry Drown promised to file a lawsuit against anyone who tows his property. No Trespass signs have been posted on this property and he wants them respected. Larry Drown gave permission for Selectboard member Chris Noble to meet with him and look at the property to discuss any issues.

Royalton Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker reviewed Body Cam Armor Policy and Body Worn Video Recording Policies with the Selectboard. T.Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the police policies with edits. Motion passed 3-0.

Happy Hollow Culvert Project Michele Gaboriau owner of G&N Construction informed the Selectboard. Wednesday the surface course will be completed on Happy Hollow Road and the equipment will be removed from the site on Thursday. Guardrails will be installed on Friday. This will cause the road to be closed on Friday open only to bus traffic. This will complete the project. Michele will be on site Thursday morning and Friday afternoon at the completion of the work.

Happy Hollow Culvert Project Change Order #3 Michele requested that the Selectboard give conditional approval of Change Order #3 contingent upon engineer's approval. G&N has to pay concrete contractors before next Selectboard. Meeting. C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve this request. Motion passed 3-0

The Selectboard would like to speak with the engineers who worked on the Happy Hollow culvert project. The additional project costs are a burden to the town.

Handy Memorial Paver (Grant Amendment) Request John Dumville explained to the Selectboard the paver will memorialize the renovation of the Handy Memorial. **T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the request to amend the grant agreement to include \$1000.00 to include a new time capsule in the base of the monument and \$4500.00 for the paver. The Historic Preservation Grant will pay \$2200.00 and the remainder will be paid out of the Community Betterment Fund. Motion passed 3-0**

Revise the FY 18/19 Tax Rate The Royalton Selectboard was informed that the FY 18/19 tax rate they set at the 08/14/2018 meeting was incorrect. The Royalton Town Listers made the necessary corrections. **L. Trottier motioned and C. Noble seconded to revise the FY 18/19 Town of Royalton FY 18/19 Tax Rate to the correct amounts Residents \$2.1927 and Non Residents \$2.2474. Motion passed 3-0**

Royalton Memorial Library Financing: Town Administrator Rose Hemond contacted the Vermont Bond Bank to find out when to file an application for the Royalton Memorial Library Renovation Bond. Michael Gaughan from the Vermont Bond Bank suggested speaking with bond counsel Attorney Paul Giuliani first. It was the attorney's recommendation to the Selectboard to not proceed with applying for the bond at this time. The library trustees will be having a meeting to discuss this matter in further detail. Selectboard member Chris Noble was invited to attend.

Town Field Discussion Doug Calderwood from Calderwood Goat Dairy expressed interest in using the field located at the Royalton Town Office to grow grass for haying. He said typically land owners give him a 5 years lease. This land has been used by another farmer and currently no provisions were made for use in the near future. Sandy stated the Selectboard needs to develop a policy that will be fair to all those who may be interested in leasing town land. **C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to find a town land lease/use policy from VLCT and to allow Chris to discuss land issues with Cliff Pease. Motion passed 3-0**

Wastewater Facility Public Works Job Description Sandy and Tim continue to work on a job description. Tim said he will format his version of the job description and send it to Sandy for review.

Tim spoke with the Keith Grimes of the Prudential Board about combining the water and sewer departments. He was amenable to further dialog with the full group. Tim suggested a strategic planning meeting with various town and regional organizations. Tim will look into this further and report back to the Selectboard.

The Selectboard reviewed and approved accounts payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham.

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve Selectboard meeting minute so 7/24/2018 and 08/14/2018 motion passed 3-0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm
Respectfully Submitted by
Royalton Town Administrator Rose Hemond