

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
July 24, 2018 at 7pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

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

Public: Jojo Levassuer, John Dumville, Phyllis Simon, Nathan Fredericka, Phil Gates, Sam Carlson, Michael Mainer, Delbert Thurston

Larry opened the meeting at 7pm

Larry requested an agenda change to move the SOS contract discussion later in the meeting.

Royalton Wastewater Facility Phil Gates presented three cost estimates for an insulated heated garage at the Royalton Wastewater Facility. They were all around \$76K plus an additional cost to run electricity to the building. There is \$30K left in USDA grant funds to be used toward this project. Tim was concerned about the escalated cost since the town only wanted to spend the \$30K. Rose will find out when the grant expires. The Selectboard will review the project costs again and discuss at a future meeting.

Green Lantern Solar Land Lease Agreement Gilman Road Sam Carlson present an amended land lease agreement for the Gilman Road Solar Array. Discussion ensued about more modifications to the agreement **T. Dreisbach motioned dn C. Noble seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign the Gilman Road Land Lease Agreement with Green Lantern Solar which included modifications to the annual lease payment from years 20-25 and the ability for the town to have a say in the renewal option of the lease for years 20-25. Motion passed 4-0**

Chris Noble continues to work with a Bethel Selectboard member to facilitate their signing of the Solid Waste Land Lease agreement with Green Lantern Solar.

Public Concerns Delbert Thurston expressed his frustration with the Happy Hollow Road Culvert project. The detour has been inconvenient for him and he wanted to know when the road will be open again. Larry said that will be covered as an agenda topic later in the meeting.

John Dumville announced two time capsules were found in the base of the Handy Memorial constructed in 1915. He would like to open them at the next Selectboard meeting. The Handy Memorial has been taken to Barre for restoration. John stated Norm Hebard has offered to set the river stones at the base of the memorial for free. The Selectboard expressed gratitude for Norm's donation of his time and expertise.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to enter into executive session at 7:45pm to discuss contracts as doing so in public session would place the town at a disadvantage. Motion passed 4-0 Phyllis Simon, Nate Fredericks and Rose Hemond were invited to stay.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to exit executive session at 8:15pm Motion passed 4-0

Action taken to do more research on the SOS Wastewater Contract.

Royalton Police Department Ethics Policy Review The Selectboard reviewed the Royalton Police Department Ethics Policy created by Royalton Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker. Sandy suggested some changes and pointed out inconsistencies. She thank Loretta for getting policies in place for her department.

Royalton Town Constable Marc Preston discussed inconsistent parking enforcement in the South Royalton Village. Marc has created a system to track parking tickets and if someone has more than three unpaid parking tickets outstanding, Marc will have this persons car towed. Tim stated he did not want people being surprised by having their car towed, Marc said people will be notified by letter first as a warning that their car is in danger of being towed due to unpaid parking tickets.. Marc will visit all business on the business block on the South Royalton Green to explain his course of action to them.

Larry said he was asked to speak at Vermont Law School Orientation in August and Loretta will accompany him. The entire Selectboard will have a forum at a later date with the Vermont Law School Students to discuss town policies. Sandy wants to get together a welcome basket and all agreed this was a nice idea.

G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to hire David Leighton, (a full time Certified Level 3 Police Officer) to work part time for the Royalton Police Department for \$18.00 an hour. Motion passed 4-0

Loretta mentioned a vehicle abandoned at Carpenter field that will be towed

Royalton Highway Department Happy Hollow Culvert Project Engineer Michael Mainer form Dubois and King informed the Selectboard that the road closure for Happy Hollow Road Culvert Project can last until 08/24/2018 as per the contract signed. He felt the contractor was too optimistic when they informed Rose that the road will be closed only through 07/28/2018. The culvert will not be delivered until 08/09/2018. This has caused a delay in the project. The footings for the culvert had to be reengineered because there was no ledge found under the original culvert for the footings. Concrete will have to be poured. Gidget stressed that there should be better communication between the engineer and Rose on this project. Rose will get the notice out about the change in schedule and the extension of the road closure date.

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve and authorize Larry Trottier to sign Change Order #1 for the Happy Hollow Road Culvert Project for \$25, 385.00. This increase is due to the re-engineered footings for the culvert that require concrete. Motion passed 4-0. This change order does not change the schedule. The latest date for the road to reopen is 08/24/2018.

Oxbow road Project is complete and the road is open.

Bridge Street Bridge The Selectboard received a report from the state confirming the bridge drippings contain creosote. They agreed to put up more permanent warning signs on the bridge. Rose will order. Rose told the Selectboard that V Trans and VT DEC does not have any funding available for a remediation. The town does not have funds either. At this point in time the signs are all that can be done.

G. Lyman motioned and C. Noble seconded to authorize Larry to sign the contract with Two Rivers Ottaqueechee Planning Commission to inventory all the hydrologically connected Royalton roads which is a condition of Act 64 (Vermont Clean Water Initiative) The town was given a Better Back Roads grant of \$8000.00 to help pay the \$10,080.00 contract. The match will come from the highway budget. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Academy Lease Renewals FY 18/19 T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to increase the FY 18/19 rents by 3% on the Royalton Academy lease and authorize Larry Trottier to sign. Motion passed 4-0.

Accounts Payable as prepared by Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham was reviewed and approved by the Royalton Selectboard

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the 07/10/2018 Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 4-0

Chris stated he continues to work with the Royalton Memorial Library trustees to develop a concept of what a modern day library should contain. What are the trends in a modern day library?

Chris said he continues to work with Chris Jarvis from the Bethel Selectboard on helping them move toward accepting and signing the Bethel /Royalton Solid Waste Land Lease Agreement with Green Lantern Solar.

Demi stated that Lyons Road is on the schedule to be graded. A compliant was received from a resident about the condition of this road.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40pm
Respectfully Submitted by
Royalton Town Administrator Rose Hemond