

**Town of Royalton  
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting  
September 25, 2018 at 7pm  
Town Office on Route 14**

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

**Town Staff:** Town Administrator, Rose Hemond, Royalton Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker, Royalton Road Foreman Demi Boles,(8:45pm)

**Public:** Jojo Levasseur, Ken Alton ,Vermont Law School Liaison Ben Canellys, Vermont Law School Students Katherine Berdan, Emery Mattheis, Gillian Cowley, and Maeve McDermont.

**Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7pm**

**Ben Canellys the Vermont Law School Selectboard Liaison introduced the VLS Town Relationship Team and the projects they would like to work on with the town:** Kate: the South Royalton Riverwalk, Emory, Dog Park Project, Gillian: South Royalton Village Sidewalk Project, Maeve: Coffee with a Chief Stalnaker, Jimmy Trail Building and Ben town land lease agreement. The students were thanked for taking an interest in town projects. Ben will provide contact information at a future date to Rose.

Royalton Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker presented a summary of case reports from January 2018 to current to the Selectboard. Loretta stated the department has been busy since she arrived.

Loretta presented a list of repairs for the 2006 Explorer. Discussion ensued about when the vehicle could be replaced. Loretta told the board the vehicle will not pass inspection in February of 2019.

**G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to enter into executive session at 7:20pm to discuss a potential legal matter because doing so in public session would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. Town Health Officer Marc Preston and Rose Hemond was invited to stay. Motion passed 3-0**

**C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to exit executive session at 7:43pm Motion passed 3-0**

**Action taken**

**T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to pay Marc Preston Royalton Health Officer a quarterly stipend. The amount will be determined at a future meeting. Motion passed 3-0**

Mary Russ from White River Partnership discussed engineering cost estimates from Engineer Kristin McCusker. These estimates were to provide engineering services to address the creosote timbers on Bridge Street Bridge. There was two options of engineering presented in the proposal to address the creosote treated wood on the Bridge Street Bridge deck. Once the town has plans for the bridge deck replacement, the town can seek grant funds for the actual work. Mary will discuss the project and the associated engineering costs with Kristen and report back to the Selectboard at a later date.

**T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to appoint EC Fiber Royalton Alternate Rep #2 Ken Alton to the EC Fiber Board. Motion passed 3-0** Ken has experience in communications and

takes great interest in this project. The Selectboard thanked him for volunteering his time to represent Royalton on the EC fiber Board. Chris informed the Selectboard that a large scale build out of internet services from EC fiber will begin in early 2019.

**G. Lyman motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the excess weight permit for Grizzly Mountain Trucking. Motion passed 3-0**

**Royalton Operations Manager:** tabled until future meeting.

**Royalton Highway Department Happy Hollow Culvert T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve additional guardrails to be installed on Happy Hollow Road and extension from those included in the culvert project for an additional cost of \$1785.00 to be paid out of the Highway Department budget. Motion passed 3-0**

**C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to enter into executive session at 8:30pm to discuss a personnel matter Rose was invited to stay. Motion passed 3-0**

**T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to exit executive session at 8:43pm Motion passed 3-0**

**No Action taken**

Royalton Road Co-Foreman Demi Boles addressed the board and requested a wage increase to \$25.00 an hour. He stated he has taken on more responsibility since Roger McCrillis retired. Larry told Demi he is not fulfilling all the duties of a road foreman. Demi was informed that he already received a 10% wage increase this year in the form of two raises since January 2018. Chris told Demi according to VLCT wage analysis reports, Demi is being paid at the high end of the average road supervisor wages for towns of our size. Demi stated he is not interested in taking on administrative duties, or learning how to use the computer. Demi also mentioned the former road foreman did not work on the roads in the summer which gave him time to go to meetings and address administrative matters. Tim told Demi once you start saying you won't take on more work or responsibility that is when your wages will flatten out. The Selectboard told Demi they would not ask him to do anything he is not comfortable with. Perhaps just being a lead road crew member and not a supervisor will be enough responsibility for Demi. Larry said the Selectboard is going to consider seeking a new road foreman. The details will be determined at a future meeting. Chris told Demi the town is appreciative of his work.

Demi also asked for a town vehicle to take home. He said he gets called out and uses his own vehicle. Gidget mentioned there may be liability issues associated with doing this and Demi should clock in at the garage and pick up a town vehicle when he gets called out. This request will be discussed at a future date.

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

**G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve the 09/11/2018 Meeting Minutes Motion passed 3-0.**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:17pm  
Respectfully Submitted by  
Town Administrator Rose Hemond**