

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
October 9, 2018 at 7pm
Town Office on Route 14**

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

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

Public: Jojo Levasseur, Maeve McDermont. Grant Young, Corrine Ingraham, Rescue Squad Director Stephen Belmont, One Planet Director Carrie McDonnell, Stuart Levasseur, Michele Gaboriau

Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Brad Salzmann Royalton Conservation Commission Chairman informed the Selectboard about various town activities that Royalton Conservation Commission has been involved in recently. He requested permission to do some postings around town about ash bore and ticks. He asked for approval to purchase a banner for the commission. Brad announced a trail workday at the Royalton Town Forest (Sarnoff Property on Route 107) on 10/21/18 at 1pm. The conservation Commission has also been working on a land management plan for property where the town office resides.

Tim asked about hunting on town property. Use of town property requires permission of the Selectboard. More research will be done on the topic.

Carrie McDonnell, Director of the One Planet Program, presented a FY 19/20 budget request to the Selectboard for the summer program. She stated the \$6,000.00 One Planet receives from the town goes toward swimming lessons for close to 50 Royalton children who attend the One Planet summer program. Carrie reviewed the programs that are offered to the children of Royalton. Carrie described the other funding sources for her program. Larry thanked Carrie for her time.

Stuart Levasseur Chairman of the Royalton Planning Commissions presented and reviewed the FY 19/20 Planning Commission Budget. He also discussed working with Two Rivers on a Town Renewable Energy Site Plan. The Selectboard requested more information about this process.

Steve Belmont, Royalton rescue Squad Director, introduced himself to the Selectboard and stated he was happy to be working in Royalton. The Selectboard welcomed him to town.

Royalton Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker reviewed the 19/20 Budget Royalton Police Department with the Selectboard.

Used Police Vehicle Discussion: The 2006 Ford Explorer will not pass inspection. There is over \$3500.00 in repairs needed. Loretta said the Town of Winhall has a used 2014 Interceptor fully equipped with 89K miles for sale for \$5500.00 **S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to purchase a 2014 Ford Interceptor from the Winhall Vermont Police Department for \$5,500.00 paid out of the FY 18/19 Royalton Police Budget, pending review of maintenance records by Larry Trottier. Motion passed 4-0.**

Fingerprint Contract: This will be reviewed by an attorney and presented to the Selectboard at a later date.

Vermont Council on Rural Development Multi-Town Discussion: Appoint Selectboard Representative

T. Dreisbach motioned to appoint Sandy Conrad at the Selectboard representative on the Vermont Council on Rural Development Committee and to allow her to pick a community member to attend the meetings. G. Lyman seconded motion passed 4-0

Grant Young whose wife attends the Vermont Law School, said he would be interested in being a part of this endeavor. He gave Sandy his contact information.

Hazard Mitigation Plan; Royalton Hazard Mitigation Plan expires 08/02/20. G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to authorize Larry Trottier to sign a letter allocating town funds to pay 25% for a grant match for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant in case the state does not provide the 25% match. Motion passed 4-0.

Royalton Operations Manager tabled until future meeting.

Health Officer Stipend T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve a \$1000.00 quarterly stipend to the Town Health Officer and a \$1000.00 quarterly stipend to the Royalton Constable. Motion passed 3-1.

Sandy mentioned that these positions were accepted for no pay. She is concerned that more people would have shown interest in these appointed/elected positions if there was funds attached to them. She was also concerned that none of these funds are in the current budget. Sandy also requested reports to the Selectboard on a regular basis.

Marc discussed a storm water issue over at the Corner-Mart. V-Trans is in the process of redirecting the storm water into the proper channels. V-Trans will draft a letter about this situation and give to the Selectboard for review.

Town Office Copy Machine T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the leasing of two new copy machines (a saving of \$12 per month) for the town office and authorizing Larry Trotter to sign the lease agreement. Motion passed 4-0.

Mowing Contract Discussion: The Royalton Selectboard will put the Summer/Fall 2019 mowing contract out to bid this year. Sealed bids will be due 10/25/2018 at 3pm

Excess Weight Permit Feeney's Property Maintenance C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve the Excess Weight Permit Feeney's Property Maintenance for 40,000 pounds. Motion passed 4-0.

Post Farm Road Project Tabled

Happy Hollow Road Culvert Guardrails T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve G&N pay request #7 despite the \$464 discrepancy revealed by the engineers. Motion passed 4-0.

Haven Cemetery: Larry stated the Haven Cemetery Board would like the town to take over the cemetery. Larry will have paperwork documenting the transfer completed by a lawyer.

Sandy asked Rose to advertise that there is space to rent at the Royalton Academy Building.

C. Noble motioned to enter executive session at 9:55pm to discuss a personnel matter and T. Dreisbach seconded. Motion passed 4-0

C. Noble motioned to exit executive session at 10:25pm T. Dreisbach seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Action taken

T. Dreisbach made a motion to advertise for a road foreman and C. Noble seconded it. Motion passed 4-0

Larry will speak with Demi about the town retirement plan. The Selectboard reviewed and approved accounts payable as prepared by town treasure LuAnn Bingham

T, Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the 09/25/2018 Meeting Minutes Motion passed 3 with one abstention.

**Meeting Adjourned 11pm
Respectfully Submitted by
Royalton Town Administrator Rose Hemond**