

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
Tuesday January 22, 2019 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 Police Department Administrative Assistant Sean McRae

Public: Jojo Levasseur, Grant Young, James Northrop

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:05pm

Public Concerns: Royalton resident, James Northrop, spoke to the Selectboard about the sidewalks in front of the business blocks. He reported that the ramps at the end of the sidewalks to allow handicap accessibility were not properly cleared of snow after the last snow storm. He suggested different equipment that may allow the snow on the sidewalks to be cleared more easily. James asked if there was a merchant association in Royalton and was told that we do not have one. He spoke about the railroad underpass near Alexander Place. He contacted the railroad company who said that area is due for maintenance soon. James discussed other topics such as village parking spaces, and summer maintenance of sidewalks. All his suggestions were greatly appreciated by the Selectboard and Tim stated James may consider participating on a town committee or commission.

Setting the Town of Royalton Vermont Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budgets S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to set the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Town of Royalton General Fund Budget at \$1,271,985.00 and the 2019-2020 Town of Royalton Highway Fund Budget at \$1,039,050. Motion passed 4-0.

Warning for 2019 Annual Royalton Town Meeting. S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve and authorize the entire Selectboard sign the 2019 Royalton Annual Meeting Warning. Motion passed 4-0

G. Lyman motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the excess weight permit for Newport Sand and Gravel. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Highway Department: Rose mentioned the Highway Department radios are old and need to be replaced. Rose will look for grant money and solicit cost estimates to upgrade the Royalton Highway Department truck radio system. An early estimate came in at about \$18K.

Gidget received several icy road complaints from residents.

Chief Loretta Stalnaker presented Vermont State Police stats for 2018 to the Selectboard.

Sean McRae the administrative Assistant to the Selectboard introduced himself to the board. Sean will attend the part time police academy in March and then the full time academy in August. He is also an EMT on the Royalton Rescue Squad. The board welcomed him.

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

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the meeting Minutes for 01/08/20149 and 01/22/2019 Motion passed 4-0

Additional Business:

Tim presented a draft of a memorandum of understanding between the Royalton Selectboard and the Royalton Memorial Library Trustees. It was suggested that it be reviewed by legal counsel first. Chris said it was important not to include contract language in the memo. The MOU is used to establish the working relationship between the Selectboard and library trustees. Sandy had suggested some changes. It will be presented to the library at a later Selectboard meeting.

Larry mention putting the 12 acres at the town office out to bid for use in the fall of 2019. Rose will create something and place and add in the Herald for next week.

Grant Young mentioned a meeting he attended with the Vermont Council on Rural Development recently. There was an email request for a forum to be held in Royalton. It was agreed that the community forum will be on 02/21/2019 starting at 6pm for dinner and followed by forums with the topics being “Expanding Economic and Cultural Vitality” and “Affordable Housing”. Grant will coordinate with the White River Valley High School in Royalton for space and setting up a dinner by speaking with the food service director at the school. Sandy suggested the dinner can be paid for out of town betterment funds. Rose offered her assistance with the event as well. Gidget, Sandy and Rose said they will attend.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted by

Royalton Town Administrator Rose Hemond