

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
March 12, 2019 7:00pm
Town Office on Route 14**

Royalton Selectboard: Sandy Conrad, Tim Dreisbach, Chris Noble, Phoebe Preston, Tim Murphy
Town Staff: Town Administrator, Rose Hemond, Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker, Royalton Constable Marc Preston
Public: Stuart and Pam Levasseur, Jojo Levasseur, Cynthia Dalrymple, Theron Manning, John Dumville, Theresa Manning, Sarah Danly, David Barker

Vice Chair Sandy Conrad opened the meeting at 7:00pm

**2019 Selectboard Re-Organization
Appoint Selectboard Officers**

T. Dreisbach motioned and T. Murphy seconded to appoint Sandy Conrad Selectboard Chairperson. Motion passed 4-0

C. Noble motioned and P. Preston seconded to appoint Tim Dreisbach Selectboard Vice-Chair. Motion passed 4-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and T. Murphy seconded to appoint Chris Noble as Selectboard Clerk Motion passed 4-0

Tim Dreisbach wanted to take a moment to recognize all of Gidget Lyman's contributions during her two year term on the Selectboard. She was a valuable Selectboard member and worked diligently on establishing professional community policing for Royalton. Gidget also was on the Royalton Rescue Squad Board helping solve many administrative issues. The Selectboard is grateful for all her time and efforts.

The Selectboard welcomed two new members.

Phoebe Preston expressed her gratitude and stated she was proud to have the opportunity to serve the town and be more involved.

Tim Murphy has been part of the Royalton community for many years and served on the school board and looks forward to serving on the Selectboard. He said a contested races generate some excitement about elections. He said he appreciated all of Gidget Lyman's hard work and has big shoes to fill.

T. Murphy motioned and C. Noble seconded to set the Selectboard meeting location and time at the Royalton Town Office second and fourth Tuesdays at 7pm. Motion passed 4-0

P. Preston motioned and C. Noble seconded to set the Designated Town Newspaper for announcements to be the Randolph Herald motion passed 4-0

C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to designate the following as Public Notice locations Town of Royalton Website, Royalton Town Office, and Bulletin Board at Laundromat, Bulletin Board at Royalton Post Office, Bulletin Board at Royalton Library, and Bulletin Board at Royalton Academy Building. Motion passed 4-0

C. Noble motioned and T. Murphy seconded to Appoint the following Officers Fire Warden: Donald Lovejoy, Tree Warden: Frank Lamson, Deputy Tree Warden: Paul Brock, Inspector of Lumber: David Lyman, Weigher of Coal: Sue Cain. Pound Keeper Country Animal Hospital Fence Viewers: David Lyman and Peter Chapman Motion passed 4-0

**Royalton Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham wrote a letter to the Selectboard. LuAnn requested to be re-appointed to the Royalton Town Treasurer position. As per the article that was passed in 2015 (and became active the following year) the hired treasurer needs to be re-appointed by the Selectboard every three years. T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to reappoint LuAnn Bingham as Royalton Town Treasurer for the next three years.
Motion passed 4-0**

T. Murphy motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to appoint Chris Noble as EC Fiber Delegate and Ken Alton as Alternate Representative. Motion passed 4-0

C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to appoint Corinne Ingraham to the Royalton Rescue Squad Committee for a three year term ending 2022. Motion passed 4-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to appoint the following people to open town positions Cemetery Commission 2 years remaining 3 year term: John Dumville, Trustee of Public Funds 1 year remaining on 3 year term: John Dumville, Trustee of Public Funds 2 years remaining on a 3 year term: Dave Barker Motion passed 4-0

T. Murphy motioned and C. Noble seconded to advertise for the following open positions: Second Town Constable, Transportation Advisory Representative, and Transportation Advisory Representative (Alternative) Motion passed 4-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Nobel seconded to appoint Gidget Lyman as Royalton Emergency Management Director. Motion passed 4-0

P. Preston motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to appoint Brad Salzman as Royalton Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion passed 4-0

C. Noble motioned and T. Murphy seconded to appoint Gidget Lyman as Royalton Civil Defense Chairperson Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Memorial Library

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the town of Royalton to apply for \$540K Line of Credit from Mascoma Savings Bank for the Royalton Memorial Library Renovation Project Due 12/31/2019 @3.15 % fixed rate Motion passed 4-0.

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to Authorize Selectboard Chairperson Sandy Conrad to sign Mascoma Line of Credit documents for the Royalton Memorial Library Renovation Project. Motion passed 4-0.

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded authorize the Selectboard to sign the Municipal Policies form for CDBG Accessibility Grant for the Royalton Memorial Library Renovation Project motion passed 4-0

Review Clerk of the Works Proposal: Proposal received too late to be reviewed prior to meeting. Tabled to future meeting.

Royalton Memorial Library Renovation Contract T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to request Ralph Eames, owner of Upland Construction, to make contract changes as per consensus of the Selectboard based on the opinions from a legal review of the construction contract by Attorney Paul Giuliani. Motion passed 4-0

Review Construction Insurance Quote: Not received as of meeting time. Tabled to future meeting

T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Preston seconded to Sign Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending for the Royalton Lister Department. Motion passed 4-0.

Town Office Field Usage Lottery. Three letters of interest was received for the field lotter and each was assigned a number 1-3. Numbers were placed in a bucket and Jojo chose #3. The field usage lottery was awarded to Chris Nonemaker from Randolph Vermont.

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the following Liquor Licenses: Fox Harrow, Corner Stop Mini Mart, Royalton Village Pizza, and RB's Delicatessen. Motion passed 4-0

Royalton Constable Marc Preston discussed creating a proposal for crosswalk signage and painting and present to the Selectboard at a later date. Phoebe asked about town liability in regards to slips and falls. The town carries liability insurance on all town property.

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to appoint Selectboard member Tim Murphy Royalton Town Highway liaison. Motion passed 4-0

Marc discussed Royalton Memorial Library Project parking concerns. He would like to speak with the contractor about the parking around the building during construction. He also offered to advise on safety and security matters during construction. Cynthia said she would contact Upland Construction.

The Selectboard spoke with Karen Broadwell (via phone) about parking ticket numbers #5164, #5161, #5247. Two of these tickets were her daughters. They were for violations for parking in the crosswalk and parking in the handicap spot. Karen spoke to the Selectboard about the circumstances surrounding these tickets and assured the Selectboard they would not happen again. Tim Dreisbach commented that individual drivers should not be allowed to decide that handicapped spaces are not used or are improperly placed, and therefore available for their own convenience. The Town is open to suggestions for improvement, but disobeying ordinances is not the answer. **C. Noble motioned and T. Murphy seconded to reduce the fines for all three tickets to a total of \$40.00 based on the recommendation of the Town Constable, Marc Preston. Motion passed 3-1**

Jessica Taffet Parking Ticket dated 02/19/2019 No action taken

C. Noble motioned and T. Murphy seconded to approve the following Excess Weight Permits and authorize Chairperson Sandy Conrad to sign, Harvey's Plumbing and excavating, Blacktop Inc, CSE Inc., Gillespie Fuels and Propane, Bethel Mills, Lila Chipping, Jack Corse Inc, Earth Waste and Metal, Guernsey Brothers, Exide Technologies, McCullough Crushing, Motion passed 4-0

C. Noble motioned and P. Preston seconded to give approval for the town to administrate the grant on Vermont Arts Council Grant called *Animating Infrastructure* (Nell Gwin) Motion passed 4-0.

C. Noble motioned and P. Preston seconded to authorize Selectboard Chair Sandy Conrad to sign any documents in regards to the Vermont Arts Council Grant. Motion passed 4-0.

Town of Royalton 250th Birthday Celebration: David Barker spoke to the Selectboard about having a creating a committee to help plan a celebration for the Town of Royalton's 250th Birthday. He mentioned the contents from the time capsule showed Old Home Days being in August. It was discussed having Old Home Days on 08/16/2019-08/18/2019.

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to create a committee to plan Royalton's 250th Birthday Celebration in conjunction with Old Homes Days. Motion passed 4-0

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

Additional/New Business: Gidget Lyman has stepped down from the Royalton Rescue Squad Committee leaving a vacancy for the town. **T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to appoint Selectboard Member Phoebe Preston to the Royalton Rescue Squad Committee. Motion passed 4-0**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:20pm
Respectfully Submitted by
Town Administrator Rose Hemond**