

**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, Royalton Highway Department Co-Foreman Demi Boles and Paul Brock,

Public: Stuart Levasseur, Jojo Levasseur, Clark and Cynthia Dalrymple, Theron Manning, John Dumville, Theresa Manning, Ben Canellys, Suzanne McCullough, Robert Molinario, Patrick Redden, Paul Simon, Elizabeth Roma

Vermont Law School Energy Clinic Jeannie Oliver, Charles Spence, Ellie Bortiatynski, Elias Ancharski,

Royalton Chairwoman Sandy Conrad opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Vermont Law School Energy Clinic members Charles Spence, Ellie Bortiatynski, Elias Ancharski and group advisor Jeannie Oliver all spoke to the Selectboard about developing a 150 KW ground mounted community solar array on the Putting Down Roots Farm located at 1385 Royalton Hill Road in Royalton. They are working with BALE (Building a Local Economy) to find participants to invest in the solar array starting with the land abutters. They are introducing the project to the Selectboard with the expectation of getting a letter of support in the future. Chris Noble said he would not support the project if the REC's (renewable energy credits) are sold out of state. The Selectboard board was informed this will be entirely a Vermont project. They are working with Catamount Solar. More information about this project will be posted on the Town of Royalton website homepage. The Selectboard thanked everyone for the detailed report and presentation.

C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to reduce the fine on Suzanne McCullough's ticket #5198 for parking in the crosswalk to \$20.00 based on the recommendation of Town Constable Marc Preston. Motion passed 4-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded seconded to reduce the fine on Randy Leavitt's ticket #5188 for parking in the crosswalk to \$20.00 based on the recommendation of Town Constable Marc Preston. Motion passed 4-0

Robert Molinari Project Superintendent from Pike Industries discussed with the Selectboard, Paul and Demi, about using town property for a project staging area for Route 110 and Route 107 road projects taking place April-October 2019. This includes stockpiling material (2800 yards) at our pit, two trailers located near the power line in the parking lot and storing signs here until they can be places on the roads. **T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to give contingent approval for use of town property for \$500.00 month once a diagram is provided that shows trailer and material stockpile locations. Pike also needs to provide documentation showing monthly payment information and proof of insurance. Motion passed 4-0**

Tim Murphy, Royalton Highway Department liaison to the Selectboard will work with Demi and Paul to create Mud Season Protocol (Rules) to make available to the public. Discussion ensued about better communication efforts at times when there are challenging road conditions.

Royalton Memorial Library T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to authorize Sandy Conrad to Sign Memorandum of Understanding for Royalton Memorial Library Renovation Project. Motion passed 4-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Preston seconded to authorize Sandy Conrad to sign the Upland A1A construction Contract for the Royalton Memorial Library renovation Project for a total project costs of \$737, 451.00 Motion passed 4-0

C. Noble motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to authorize Sandy Conrad to sign Addendum 9.9 to contract A1A Document A101-2017 Motion passed 4-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Preston seconded to award the clerk of the works contract for the Royalton Memorial Library project to VIS Construction Consultants (Paul Simon) for a fee range of \$24,900.00 to \$28,800.00. Motion passed 4-0.

T. Murphy motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to appoint Stuart Levasseur and David Brandau to the Royalton Planning Commission for another 3 year term. Motion passed 4-0

Stuart was asked about what the Royalton Planning Commission is currently working on. They are working on the latest version of the Town Plan (to be adopted at the 2020 Town Meeting) with Two River Ottauquechee Planning Commission. He is working with various committees and town departments to get their input. He will be presenting the report in increments for the Selectboard to review. There will be an energy section in the new town plan.

T. Murphy motioned and C. Noble seconded to appoint David Brandau as Royalton Representative and Bushrod Powers as Alternate Representative to the Executive Committee for Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission. Motion passed 4-0

Highway Department

T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded authorize the Selectboard to sign the Certificate of Compliance for town Road and Bridge Standards. Motion passed 4-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and P. Preston seconded to authorize the Selectboard to sign the Annual Finance Plan for Town Highways Motion passed 4-0.

T. Murphy motioned and C. Noble seconded to approve the following Excess Weight Permits and authorize Sandy Conrad to sign the permits as amended, Romano Trucking, Pike Industries, Wind River Environmental, Demag Riggers and Crane, Rock of Ages Corp., United Natural Foods. Motion passed 4- 0.

Public Concerns: Sandy mentioned an issue brought to the Selectboards' attention about the signs on Alumni Field and the funds that are collected for these signs. Since the town owns Alumni Field, the Selectboard feels they have an obligation to learn more about how these funds are collected and spent. The Selectboard is aware that there is a potential Title 9 violation and would like to be certain that these funds are being distributed equitably between girls and boys. Rose will invite several people who may provide more information about this fund to the 05/14/2019 Selectboard meeting.

Phoebe questioned an invoice for a payment to former Royalton Police Chief Jim Beraldi. Chief Loretta Stalnaker will contact Jim and ask him to keep her informed if he has any more future court obligations for the town.

Discussion ensued about the Highway Department and how to communicate to the public when road conditions prove challenging.

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 03/12/2019 motion passed 4-0

Additional//New Business

It was agreed Tim Dreisbach will continue to plan a Selectboard Strategic Retreat for a Thursday evening special meeting at the Vermont Law School.

Tim suggested the Selectboard work on a job description for a building and grounds position.

Tim asked the Selectboard if they would like to have their meetings videotaped. No one wanted the meetings videotaped. Tim also suggested reorganizing the agenda to allow highway and police departments to present first before appointments. Sandy will consider his suggestion when she is reviewing the agenda.

Meeting Adjourned 9:55pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Town Administrator Rose Hemond

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