

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
Wednesday November 28, 2018 at 6pm
Town Office on Route 14**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trotter, Sandy Conrad, Gidget Lyman, Tim Dreisbach
Regrets: Chris Noble 8:00pm

Town Staff: Town Administrator, Rose Hemond, Royalton Road Foreman Paul Brock, Royalton Road Foreman Demi Boles, Royalton Police Chief Loretta Stalnaker, Royalton Constable Marc Preston

Public: Jessica Griswald, Gillian Lowley, Ben Canellys, Bridgett Taylor, Sherri Michaud, Harry Dodge, Frank Lamson, John Dumville, Carol Radisch from GPI

Meeting opened at 6pm

Carol Radisch, Engineer from Greenman Pederson Inc, presented a Sidewalk Scoping Study Power-Point presentation. The Power-Point presentation and the cost estimates will be uploaded to the town website for viewing. She informed the audience that the Alternate 2 plan was the most favored concept that was presented back at the 09/05/2018 public meeting. This plan included enhanced sidewalks with ADA access to the buildings. Discussion ensued about the various components of that plan. Concerns about bump-outs, the trough, the loss of parking, sidewalk enhancements and snow plowing were all brought up and discussed.

Carol showed examples of other towns sidewalk upgrades and said the South Royalton Village area will benefit economically from this project. Tim agreed that outdoor seating and attractive storefronts will draw more people to our downtown village area.

Carol explained these plans are not engineered and that will come in the next phase. Carol said the town would most likely qualify for 80% funding of this project through the State of Vermont Bike Pedestrian Grant Program. The next grant cycle starts early in 2019 and there is no cap on the funds the town can receive for this project.

Her next step is to present the scoping study report to the state and then come back to the Selectboard for an endorsement.

Nell Gwin Art Grant discussion rescheduled to 12/11/2018

Royalton Highway Department: Demi and Paul informed the Selectboard that the snowstorm on 11/27/2018 caused many trees and power lines to come down. Downed trees hampered getting roads plowed in a timely manner. The Royalton Road crew did the best under the circumstances. They encourage residents with road issues to call the Highway Department at 802-763-7667 and leave messages. The machine is checked on a regular basis and they want the public to know they will respond in due time. The Selectboard asked to change the Highway Department voice mail message during storms to let people know they are checking messages and being responsive to the needs of the town. Demi said the highway department needed two more chainsaws. It was agreed that each road crew member should have their own. Larry helped with downed trees but asked if perhaps the fire department can offer some back up to the road crew.

Road Crew member, Jeff Shores, was hurt clearing a downed tree. He was out for a couple of days with a sore back.

Paul reported that someone on that Otto Merrill Road pushed snow into the town truck turn around which is not allowed.

The sidewalk leading to the South Royalton School is blocked with a large amount of snow due to the plowing for the nearby apartment building and the school. Selectboard member Chris Noble will contact the school and find out what can be done to keep the sidewalks clear.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to sell the Royalton Police Departments 2006 Ford Explorer as is for the best offer. Motion passed 3-0 it will be parked in front of the town office building. Interested parties should call the Royalton Police Department at 802-763-7776.

Loretta informed the Selectboard of Coffee with a cop at the Barrister Book store on 11/29/2018 from 12:45 to 2:00pm

Royalton Police Officer David Leighton broke his leg while off duty. He is currently in rehab.

Parking Ticket Appeal #5207* S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to uphold parking violation # 5207. Motion passed 3-0

Personnel Policy Review T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve inclusion of Summer Hours for the Royalton Road Crew and amend the emergency call out policy in the Town of Royalton Personnel Policy. Approval also given to hire the legal firm of Downs Rachlin Martin to do legal review of the Royalton Personnel Policy. Motion passed 3-0

FY 19/20 Selectboard/Finance Department and other General Fund Budgets. Selectboard reviewed FY 19/20 budgets.

Gidget inquired about funds that are paid for advertisements on Alumni Field. No information was readily available. This matter will be investigated further and reported at a later meeting.

Tim said he will continue working on plans for a strategic planning retreat. Two Rivers Ottaquechee provided three cost proposals for facilitating such an event.

Royalton Operations Manager tabled

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

11/13/2018 Meeting Minutes: Gidget asked that the concerns the Selectboard had about Royalton Memorial Library reserve revenue in the FY 19/20 library budget, be included in the meeting minutes from 11/13/2018. **T. Dreisbach motioned and S. Conrad seconded to approve the meeting minutes from 11/13/2018 with amendments. Motion passed 3-0**

Additional/New Business

S. Conrad motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve giving \$10,000.00 from the Royalton Community Betterment Fund to the Royalton Rescue Squad. These funds will be part of a match for a donation to purchase a new ambulance for the Royalton Rescue Squad. Motions passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectably Submitted by

Town Administrator Rose Hemond