

**Town of Royalton
Royalton Selectboard Regular Meeting
Tuesday December 11, 2018 at 7pm
Town Office on Route 14**

Royalton Selectboard: Larry Trottier, Sandy Conrad, Gidget Lyman, Tim Dreisbach, Chris Noble
Late: Chris Noble 7:40pm

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, Royalton Town Treasurer LuAnn Bingham

Public: Harry Dodge, Brian Mahon, Nell Gwin, Ian Mackenzie, Jojo Levasseur, Stuart Levasseur, Grant Young

Meeting opened at 7:10pm

Nell Gwin spoke to the Selectboard about a Vermont Arts Council Grant called Animating Infrastructure. It is a \$15,000 grant that requires no match from the town. The purpose is to integrate art with town infrastructure. Nell worked with others to determine a project for these funds. It was suggested that the funds could go toward a mural façade by the underpass near the library. **G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to approve the application for the grant and convey support for the project. Motion passed 3-0**

Ian Mackenzie Chair of the Royalton Recreation Committee presented the FY 19/20 Recreation Budget. Discussion ensued about additional programs for the town and issues regarding mowing.

Royalton Town Clerk Petition: A petition was presented to the Selectboard requesting an article to be placed on the 2019 Town of Royalton Annual Meeting Warning that reads “Shall the Town of Royalton make the elected office of municipal clerk a three year term beginning March 3, 2020 pursuant V.S.A. §2646(2)? Discussion ensued about the petition being placed on the warning and the request for a paper ballot. **T. Dreisbach motioned and C. Noble seconded to place the article on the Town of Royalton 2019 Annual Meeting Warning. Motion passed 4-0.**

Royalton Academy Shelter Manager S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to appoint Anna Mary Zigmann as Royalton Academy Shelter Manager effective immediately. Motion passed 4-0.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to accept the Municipal Planning Grant Agreement and authorize Larry Trottier to sign. Motion passed 4-0.

G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to sign the NEMRC Service Agreement for the Tax Administration Module. Motion passed 4-0.

S. Conrad motioned and G. Lyman seconded to approve the town taking over ownership of the Haven Cemetery and approval to hire attorney to prepare quitclaim deed Motion passed 4-0.

Royalton Police Department Chief Loretta Stalnaker reviewed Town of Royalton November Police Department incident Stats.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to sell Demi Boles the 2004 Ford Explorer for \$500.00 motion passed 4-0.

G. Lyman motioned and T. Dreisbach seconded to enter executive session at 8:03pm to discuss personnel matters. Rose and Loretta were invited to stay. Motion passed 4-0

Demi and Paul entered executive session at 8:08pm and Loretta departed.

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to exit executive session at 8:19pm.

Action taken

T. Dreisbach motioned to accept Gary Roglers's performance evaluation and as per the recommendation of Chief Stalnaker increase Gary's hourly wage by .25 per hour retroactive to 10/29/2018. Motion passed 4-0

T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to accept the 90 evaluation of Jeffrey Shores and increase his hourly wage by \$1.00 effective 12/09/2018. Motion passed 4-0.

Signs on Alumni Field: Paul said those funds paid for the signs on Alumni Field belong to a 501c3 called Friends of Alumni Field. The money has been going toward the upkeep of the field. An organization can request funds by letter to the board which consist of Troy Stratton, Marty Adams and Bridget Barry.

Small structure on North Windsor Street. Discussion ensued about whether the structure was in the town right of way. Larry and Marc will investigate the matter further and report back to the board at a later date.

The Selectboard review the FY 19/20 Highway Budget. The amount to be raised by taxes has increased and it was explained that in prior years highway surpluses have been used to reduce the tax rate.

Royalton Wastewater Facility FY 19/20 Budget the Selectboard reviewed the Royalton Wastewater Facility FY 19/20 Budget.

Royalton Operations Manager tabled for future meeting.

December 25, 2018 Selectboard Meeting T. Dreisbach motioned and G. Lyman seconded to cancel the 12/25/2018 Selectboard meeting. The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting will be 01/08/2019 at 7pm.

The Selectboard was informed that due to the holidays and vacation the Selectboard Office will be closed from 12/24/2018-01/02/2019. The office will reopen on 01/03/2019 at 8am.

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

Meeting minutes 11/28/2018 tabled for future meeting.

Gidget reported the Royalton Open House on 12/06/2018 was well attended by many representatives from various town commissions and organizations. It was a positive town event that the Selectboard may consider doing again. Tim and the rest of the board thanked Gidget for all her effort to make this event a success.

Sandy mentioned that she will be resigning as Royalton representative on the Vermont Council on Rural Development. She will be looking for a replacement.

Meeting adjourned 10:05pm

Respectfully submitted by

Town Administrator Rose Hemond