

Town of Royalton
Selectboard
June 10, 2008
Knight's Opera House
Minutes

Selectboard Members present: Chairman Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, John Dumville, Peg Trombly, and Ernie Amsden.

Public and invited guests present: Mary Demar, Chris Babcock

Selectboard Chairman Larry Trottier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

L. Trottier stated that prior to the meeting Mary Demar had dropped off a couple of estimates for painting the room that the preschool rents. The estimates were more expensive than what the board had hoped. It was noted that M. Demar had stated that she would be able to work on the painting project throughout the summer at a much more reasonable cost. M. Demar would do the job if the Selectboard agrees but said she is waiting for another estimate from Trish Pearson. The board discussed the possibility of having M. Demar paint the room.

L. Trottier noted that the Fire District had sent in a plan to protect the Town's water sources at Lake John, and the intake from the White River. The fire district was looking for support from the Selectboard in protecting our water sources. The letter that was received stated that through the assistance of the non-profit group, Vermont Rural Water potential pollution sources were identified. L. Trottier noted that he believed there was no action that the board could take. P. Trombly asked if fertilizing the Carpenter field would have an adverse affect on the water pumped from the White River. It was decided that the Selectboard would notify the Prudential Committee if any proposed development was made in the areas that the letter and map identify as being critical to protection.

Simon Operating Services (SOS) has provided an estimate to purchase a new pump and motor from the Cornell Company. SOS has also stated in a letter presented to the Selectboard from Nathaniel Fredericks (PAF Operator) that the impeller on the old pump should be replaced as it has eroded to the point that it may break the existing pump. **P. Trombly made a motion to purchase the pump (model # 4NHTA) from Cornell for \$6835.00 and an impeller (model # ENPO 4NHT) for \$1,920.00. E. Amsden seconded the motion.** L. Trottier asked for further discussion on the topic, and P. Ainsworth asked to get an estimate on repairing the old pump and impeller. Hearing no further discussion on the motion, L. Trottier called the motion to a vote. **The motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made by P. Trombly to accept the meeting minutes of May 27, 2008. The motion was seconded by E. Amsden. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Babcock, who has taken over running the video store in Town, presented the idea of forming a business co-op that would be focused on marketing South Royalton Businesses. C. Babcock would like to develop a website for businesses in Town. J. Dumville noted that he, E. Amsden, P. Trombly, and Joan Goldstein had attempted to help organize a chamber of commerce type group but had run in to dead ends. E. Amsden suggested speaking with J. Goldstein at the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation for assistance. He also noted that small business owners may not have the time for much and

would need someone to organize them into action. E. Amsden suggested a line item in Town Warning for monetary support. Our membership in Green Mountain Economic Development should help. E. Amsden is attempting to join the Board of Directors for the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation.

Access Permits/Planning Commission - L. Trottier asked for approval of road access permits that had been signed by Roger McCrillis.

Access Permit numbers 08-04 (Regina Winot), 08-05 (Greg Lamson), and 08-06 (Safe Haven Legal Services) were reviewed. After discussion it was noted that 08-04 and 08-05 are ok. **P. Trombly made a motion to approve the two permits with any recommendations. The motion was seconded by E. Amsden. L. Trottier called the motion to vote and the motion was passed unanimously.**

The access permits were discussed further. It was noted that permit application number 08-06 had a problem and the Selectboard should review. R. McCrillis saw no problem with the driveway as it was proposed. J. Levasseur and P. Trombly considered the proposed location to have poor visibility. As there was only one “grade stake” to go by it was difficult to make a decision.

Access Permit number 08-03 (Stephen Montgomery) was discussed. **A motion was made by P. Ainsworth and seconded by P. Trombly to accept the access permit with recommendations. L. Trottier called the motion to a vote and the motion passed unanimously.**

Access Permit 08-07 (Ryan Harrington) was discussed. P. Trombly noted that she could not locate the proposed access and J. Levasseur also noted that she could not find the markers but the Planning Commission had approved. **P. Trombly made a motion to approve with the access permit with recommendations. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. L. Trottier called the motion to a vote and the motion passed unanimously.**

It is important to let applicants know there was approval for construction and not use. Final approval is needed by the Selectboard to ensure that the recommendations have been met by the applicants. N. Cleveland is to contact Safe Haven Legal Services to get them to re-mark the access for permit 08-06. E. Amsden suggested using a four foot “grade stake” to mark the proposed access.

J. Levasseur noted that the Planning Commission asked her to write a letter in response to the Clavelle driveway access which was constructed prior to approval by the commission. She would like a time frame for permit review and fees be assessed to the applicant if the project begins prior to approval. Discussion followed on how driveway permits are handled. L. Trottier suggest the Road Foreman and the Planning Commission get the permit to review at the same time. It was also suggested that a few members of the Planning Commission be assigned to review the access permit applications, and that the review should be completed within two weeks of receipt of the application.

P. Trombly asked if the number of people on the Planning Commission was resolved. Three members terms are ending and they are choosing not to run again. J. Levasseur feels the commission should remain a nine member commission. J. Levasseur asked that N. Cleveland place an ad for vacancies on the planning commission and the ancient roads committee.

Highway Department - Roger McCrillis presented the proposals that he received for front end loaders and updated the Selectboard of ongoing Highway Department issues. R. McCrillis noted that he had received seven (7) proposals. The road crew tested loaders from the different companies and showed a preference for the Komatsu, Volvo, and John Deere. Demi and Dave both liked the Komatsu the best,

Brad ranked the Komatsu second. R. McCrillis has questions he wants to ask about the Komatsu. Roger ranked the John Deere second amongst the machines that he tested. Larry Suggests asking the Komatsu dealer to provide a list of contacts that could give their opinion on the Komatsu Machine. L. Trottier asked that Roger report his findings at the next Selectboard meeting.

- The road crew was half way through the sand pile and would be getting 4,000 yards from the Crawford pit and the rest was coming from the Haykara pit.
- It was reported by that the truck bodies were being worked on by the Tenco Company in Barre.
- Pike Paving and Blacktop Paving were contacted for estimates on resurfacing the South Windsor Street, as well as paving the area in front of the Town Garage. (Roger would like to pave the entire area from the north entrance to the south entrance and extend the paving over to the salt shed.)
- The snow blower has been returned. The hood and snow blower shoot are broken. (Tractor did not fall off the trailer in Tunbridge.)
- The telephone company wants to bury a line from Romeo's to Applied Research on Waterman Road. The line will be four feet deep and covered with concrete. R. McCrillis has no problems with this project.
- Oxbow Rd., there is a problem the will require cutting trees. R. McCrillis believes the Town can do it, and Mike Enright agrees. (The road will need to be closed during this project.)
- Crushing gravel at the Carpenter pit was discussed. R. McCrillis would like to crush 3,000 yds and noted that the cost per yard would be \$8.00. To go with McCullough's we would pay over \$10.00 a yard. (The Selectboard authorized R. McCrillis to have the crushing done.)
- L. Trottier said the guard rails on Dairy Hill from the John Deere Dealership up the road should be replaced. R. McCrillis suggests band rail be used and that the wood and metal rail should be taken out.
- P. Trombly noted that a problem area exists by Eric Jones'. Cars constantly slide off. Due to a problem with the culvert.
- Roadside mower has a broken door window that is being repaired at L.F. Trottier's. The window broke when our operator was mowing on Dairy Hill Rd. and a rock hit the door.
- J. Dumville noted that there were boards on the deck of the Royalton Village Bridge that are curling up and some boards are missing.

The Selectboard approved the sewer allocation for the school's gymnasium addition.

E. Amsden made a motion to increase the Road Foreman's salary to \$18.00 and offer the position to Roger McCrillis. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion, and L. Trottier called the motion to a vote. The Motion passed unanimously.

E. Amsden commented on painting bids that were received for the Royalton Academy Building. It was noted that the estimates were not for the same amount of work, as one only quoted a price on one coat of paint and another quoted two coats.

E. Amsden suggested installing a wood fired boiler in the Town Garage at an estimated cost of \$10,000. (Ten thousand dollars)

It was noted that there was a hazardous waste day scheduled for Saturday June 14, 2008. Posters had been placed at the different bulletin boards throughout town.

P. Ainsworth noted that Gordon Tuthill was being deposed on Friday. She asked that N. Cleveland provide her with the time and location of the deposition so that she could attend.

The Selectboard would like to invite I. Mayer (delinquent tax collector) to the next meeting.

To date there was no word on the funding for the Gilman Rd. project.

P. Trombly would like to look at the Lyon Road crossing issue.

L. Trottier noted that R. McCrillis had spoken with Dave Whitney and Dave said that the fire department would be able to do the bridge cleaning.

A motion was made to adjourn by P. Trombly. The motion was seconded by J. Dumville and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Nathan Cleveland