

Royalton Selectboard

July 15, 2008

Selectboard Present – Larry Trottier (Chair), Peg Trombly (Vice Chair), Peggy Ainsworth, Ernie Amsden, John Dumville

Present – Roger McCrillis, Nathan Cleveland

L. Trottier - called the meeting of the Royalton Selectboard to order at 7:07 PM

L. Trottier reported to the Selectboard that he spoke to the Town Treasurer about the Capital Improvement Reserve. There is \$14,000 left in the account from last year. Pike Paving increase of 30% in August, they have finished both the S. Windsor project and Dairy Hill Rd. project.

Repeated calls to LDS concerning the Dairy Hill Paving project were not answered. Because of the time constraints on the paving estimates Pike Industries paved a portion of Dairy Hill Rd.

R. McCrillis – Reported that extra paving was able to fill in holes by underpass and Pleasant St. He believes that Pike Industries had done a good job and were able to accommodate our projects.

L. Trottier – Speaking with Theresa Harrington made him comfortable that the projects will be paid for. (Dairy Hill Rd., S. Windsor St. and the Fox Stand Bridge project) These projects would be funded with excess money until taxes are due in November. The paving was not done at the Town Garage.

R. McCrillis – Reported that Paving on S. Windsor Street had been completed from the Sharon line to school and Safford to Chelsea St. Lines will be painted soon. A call has been made by N. Cleveland to AOT to schedule the line painting.

J. Dumville made a motion to approve the Pike Industries paving proposal for Dairy Hill Rd. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing no further discussion called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Trottier reported that a change order had been received by Daniel's Construction. The additional cost of \$1,954.00 is due to economic conditions. The additional cost is to complete the repair of Abutment #1 footings as quoted in the original contract dated July 2007.

P. Trombly made a motion to approve Daniels increase for the Fox Stand Bridge Project. J. Dumville seconded the motion.

NC stated estimate for time to complete is August when traditional low water will allow for better access.

L. Trottier asked for any further discussion on the motion and hearing none called for a vote. The Motion carried unanimously.

L. Trottier asked for a report on the Gilman Rd. project.

R. McCrillis reported that he and N. Cleveland have taken pictures to document the variety of the stone that is being used. Most of the trees that needed to be removed have been cut. A few more need to be cut that are down in the hole. They are stock piling the stone and working with two trucks.

N. Cleveland reported that he spoke with Trevor Starr from the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation about requisition of funds that we have been billed. There is a form that needs to be completed and Trevor will be contacted to ensure that the right procedures are followed.

E. Amsden – asked how the roadside mower was working

R. McCrillis – trying to finish the mowing on roads that are blacktopped but the machine is working well.

L. Trottier asked if there were any other updates on the Gilman Rd.

L. Trottier asked of K. Barnaby and how the street sweeping was going?

N. Cleveland reported that K. Barnaby stated that he was going to work on sweeping the streets around the Green prior to old home days. It was noted that the damage to the tractor was caused when K. Barnaby's shed caved in due to the excess weight of snow.

K. Barnaby noted to N. Cleveland that he would pay for the damages that the tractor sustained. K. Barnaby noted that he is a subcontractor and reviewing the invoices that the Town has received shows a lack of detail on his hours. K. Barnaby has been asked to keep a better log of his time to present to the Selectboard. Theresa also printed out the payments made to K. Barnaby and it was noted that the Town does contribute to his taxes. He was added to the payroll because K. Barnaby does not have any Federal ID number or insurance.

P. Trombly noted that we should take up his offer to have him pay the bill for fixing the hood on the tractor.

L. Trottier – Should we speak w/K. Barnaby and state that the town employee would be a lower rate and not \$20/hr as a subcontractor.

E. Amsden stated that it would be fair if we ask him to accept the lower pay rate prior to placing an add seeking a subcontractor or town employee.

P. Trombly asked if we are satisfied w/his work and who oversees his work?

L. Trottier noted that it was the Selectboard who presently oversaw the work. He also stated that the snow blowing machine could have a street sweeping machine added. But because of the dust that is created it would have to be done early in the morning would have to be the time.

R. McCrillis that a street sweeper made for a “bobcat” sweeps into the bucket all the debris into the bucket and cuts down on the amount of dust that is sent into the air.

P. Trombly suggested that B. Hull could use people required to complete community service could be used for sweeping the streets. The two people in question could complete a couple of weeks of work.

The Selectboard discussed the possibility of creating a public works position to do both street sweeping and snow removal.

P. Trombly noted that if people are happy with the street sweeping and snow removal she would be happy to have discussion with K. Barnaby.

P. Ainsworth asked; can we approach him (K. Barnaby) and state that if he is to stay as a subcontractor he needs to provide his own insurance and needed documentation. If he can not a new agreement would have to be worked out.

P. Trombly asked if the Town Treasurer was ok with hiring a subcontractor.

LT – ask KB to come to the next meeting and we can go from there. He noted that there were interested parties that would like a job and would accept \$15/hr.

E. Amsden stated that the machine being used to clear snow could be stored in town, perhaps the carpenter barn.

L. Trottier asked N. Cleveland to invite K. Barnaby to the next meeting to discuss the street sweeping and snow removal situation.

Discussion continued concerning street sweeping and snow blowing.

L. Trottier asked to review the agreement for the carpenter pit. Discussion concerning the agreement and the price of gravel was reviewed.

P. Trombly made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement for gravel payment from the Carpenter Gravel Pit. J. Dumville seconded the motion.

L. Trottier asked for discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

R. McCrillis had spoken with Alex Boles and the side walk project will be looking to start soon.

L. Trottier asked for an update on the Bloss - Ballou rd. He asked N. Cleveland to contact the Ancient RD's to show the map and the discontinuance.

N. Cleveland outlined the procedure to continue with the discontinuance procedure.

L. Trottier noted that a lawyer representing the town had spoken with him about the budget of the litigation. He also noted that Larry Swanson would be an expert witness for the Town of Royalton. If he is deposed we would have to pay his regular rate.

Discussion continued on what time to have the site visit and allow time for the public to review the road and then have our public hearing.

P. Trombly made a motion to accept the notice of Discontinuance concerning the Bloss – Ballou Rd. and schedule the hearing. E. Amsden seconded the motion. It was decided that a site visit would take place at 5PM on August 26, 2008 and the board would reconvene at 7pm the same night to hold the public hearing. L. Trottier asked for any more discussion on the motion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

The Selectboard asked N. Cleveland to work on completing the step required to comply with Road Discontinuance procedures.

The Selectboard noted that it was time to interview possible planning commission members. The PC has appointed 2 members to interview and meet w/SB.

N. Cleveland asked the Selectboard to review the draft letter addressing the concerns in a letter received from B. Benoit. Suggested editing was remove “due” and add “and” between policies and procedures

P. Ainsworth made a motion to approve and authorize right of way for waterman rd line work. P. Trombly seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for any more discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. J. Dumville – abstain. Motion carries.

P. Trombly noted that the Selectboard should look at the Crawford Building and Carpenter Property. She was hoping to get a clear idea as to how to proceed with the appraisal of the carpenter property. Discussion continued concerning the purchase and sales agreement to be drafted by F. Berk.

P. Trombly made a motion to authorize Frank Berk to draft a purchase agreement for the Carpenter Property abutting the Gilman Rd. slide. E. Amsden seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion on the motion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

L. Trottier asked for volunteers from the Selectboard to interview potential Planning commission members. L. Trottier volunteered to participate and E. Amsden noted that he would try to be available for the interview. The Selectboard noted that they would try to have two members available for the interview.

The Selectboard discussed the Crawford building and performing due diligence to determine the extent of renovations needed to make the building a feasible option.

Motion to adjourn was made by P. Ainsworth and E. Amsden seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for any further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted by N. Cleveland