

Royalton Selectboard
Knights Opera House

May 10, 2011

Public Present: Sue Cain representing Royalton Roots and Building a Local Economy, Journey Church Pastor Brad Keller, Pam Levasseur, Hope Community Garden organizers Liz Edsell, Elizabeth Ferry and Leslie Mann, Ron Cavanaugh, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

Selectboard Present: Chairman Larry Trottier, Ernie Amsden, Peggy Ainsworth, Joan Goldstein, Phil Gates

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Appointments

Sue Cain, Royalton Roots and Building a Local Economy – Request to use the South Royalton Village Green (June 16, 2011)

Ms. Sue Cain, representing the Royalton Roots and Building a Local Economy groups discussed the request to hold an event promoting local economies on the South Royalton Village Green. Discussion ensued on the proposed event.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates to approve the use of the South Royalton Village Green on June 16, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by P. Ainsworth to approve the request to allow alcohol to be served at the Royalton Roots and Building a Local Economy event on June 16, 2011.

J. Goldstein noted that the craft brewing is an important part of the local economy which the event is hoping to support. She suggested having beer served from 5 – 10 p.m. Discussion ensued on the possible beer tent at the proposed event on June 16, 2011. **The motion failed 3-1 with J. Goldstein voting in favor of the motion.**

Liz Edsell, Hope Community Garden – Organization update

Mrs. Edsell discussed the Hope Community Garden management plan. It was noted that Jenny Lane would be collecting plot fees and registering participants. The Garner Rix and Royalton Roots organizations will have plots that will be growing food for the school, food shelf and possibly the area Senior Center. A sign has been made and the \$500 town contribution will be used for tool storage and tools. The \$300 donation from the Vermont Law School (VLS) Food and Agriculture Law Society will be used towards soil improvement (ie; fertilizer). Mrs. Edsell noted that there is a work day this Saturday May 14th at 10:00 a.m. She also noted that Mr. Steve Judge offered to donate a water trough to use for water storage. Mr. R. Cavanaugh expressed concern with the garden being used by VLS students. Chairman Trottier noted that the garden was intended to be a community garden and would benefit the surrounding community which VLS students are part of. He also noted that he may be able to donate twine and hay for the garden.

Pastor Brad Keller – Grease Trap Installation

Pastor Keller reported that the Journey Church has upgraded the kitchen and is now considered a commercial kitchen.

The kitchen will be used to bake bread, cookies, pies, and prepare community meals. It was noted that no grease will be deposited directly into the drains. Pastor Keller asked if the church would be required to have a grease trap installed.

Discussion ensued on the need to install a grease trap. It was asked that the Church install a grease trap.

Selectboard minutes of April 26, and April 29, 2011

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates to approve the minutes of April 26th and April 29th, 2011 with corrections as made by Selectboard Clerk P. Ainsworth.

Planning Commission Vacancy/Appointment

Chairman Trottier noted that there are two people that have expressed interest in joining the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued on the need to fill the vacancy as Mr. Steve Judge has resigned from the commission. The Selectboard asked that Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland schedule interviews of interested candidates.

Chelsea Street and Route 14 Gardens

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland updated the Selectboard on the proposed flower gardens at the intersection of VT Route 14 and Chelsea Street. The gardens would be on both sides of the Chelsea Street Bridge (VT Route 14 side of the Bridge). He noted that the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation had approved the site plan with some minor changes that included reducing the number of proposed tree plantings. He also noted that a site visit would be conducted in the near future to locate the planting sites with the Vermont Agency of Transportation. The Selectboard asked that the contractor who mows town properties be included in the site visit.

Carpenter Recreation Field – Multi use policy

Discussion ensued on the multi use policy for the Carpenter Recreation Field. A requirement for sanctioned Cal Ripken little league events requires a home run fence for sanctioned tournaments.

Recreation Path

Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland reported that the Vermont Law School (VLS) Land Use Clinic had offered to assist the Town in proceeding with plans to develop a recreation trail from Paine's Beach to the South Royalton School. Discussion ensued and it was requested that a representative of the VLS Land Use Clinic be invited to the next Selectboard meeting to discuss the proposed recreation path and the assistance that they could provide.

Crawford Property – Gravel Test Pits

Discussion on needing permission to access property for test pits. Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland was asked to contact the agent of the Crawford Estate in writing to request permission to access the property to assess the potential quantity and quality of the gravel deposits. It was also requested that Mr. Robert Townsend of American Consulting Engineers be contacted to complete the evaluation of the potential gravel deposits. Mr. Townsend currently assists the town with permitting at the Carpenter gravel pit.

Bloss Ballou Road – Public Hearing and site visit notice

The formal notice to be posted was signed by the Selectboard notifying the public of the previously scheduled site visit and public hearing. The site visit and public hearing on the petition to discontinue a portion of the Bloss Ballou Road located on lands owned by the Hodgdon family will commence at the Selectboard office on June 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Highway Department

South Royalton Village Parking Alignment

Discussion ensued on potential ways to improve visibility and safety along the Village Green.

A motion was made by P. Ainsworth and seconded by E. Amsden to increase the angle of the parking lines on S. Windsor and Chelsea St. The motion passed unanimously.

Culvert Maintenance Policy

Discussion ensued on how to clarify the culvert maintenance policy. The Selectboard asked that Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland draft a policy to clarify the maintenance responsibilities of the land owner and the town concerning driveway culverts.

Additional Business

Sewer Department

Discussion ensued on the Sewer Department's request to authorize expenditures to perform maintenance pumping of the wet well at the South Royalton sewer pump station as well as the purchase of a continuous run type sump pump for the chlorination treatment at the Waste Water Treatment facility.

A motion was made by E. Amsden and seconded by P. Ainsworth to approve the expenditure of sewer maintenance funds and capital improvement funds for the pumping of the wet well at the pump station and the purchase of a continuous run type pump at the wastewater treatment facility. The motion passed unanimously.

Bloss Ballou Rd

Discussion ensued on the Bloss Ballou Road litigation.

E. Amsden made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation, inviting Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland to join the Selectboard. The motion passed unanimously.

Entered executive session at 8:53 p.m.

Exited executive session at 9:15 p.m. (PG/PA) with no action taken

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nathan P. Cleveland