

Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

July 12, 2011

Public Present: Mr. Robert Townsend (American Consulting Engineers) and Mr. Eric Jacobs (VT 18 Ltd.), Mr. Peter Gill VLS Assistant Director of Students, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Stuart Levasseur, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Appointments –

Peter Gill - VLS Assistant Director of Students, and Community Relations Officer

Mr. Gill was present to discuss the proposed “VLS Community Day” on September 24th. He reported that the proposed event would be to celebrate the role and interaction of the Vermont Law School and the greater Royalton community. Events would include family field games and tours of the Vermont Law School campus and a potential expanded farmers market. Discussion ensued on the proposed event.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to approve the use of the South Royalton village green on 9/24/11 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. by the Vermont Law School's proposed community day. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Townsend American Consulting Engineers, Eric Jacobs VT 18 Ltd. – Mr. Townsend was present to discuss the former Pleasant Street railroad crossing and its relation to Mr. Jacobs development plans for the former grain mill. A small portion of the former crossing does not appear to have been formally discontinued and has not been deeded to a specific property. Mr. Jacobs is proposing to formalize the discontinuance and have approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the road deeded to Mr. Manning (the abutting land owner) with the remainder deeded to himself. This process would mean the Selectboard would have to follow a statutory discontinuance proceeding.

Mr. Jacobs asked about 39 South Windsor Street. He is seeking permission to allow tenants of the building to park along the edge of the town highway known as United Church Road.

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P. Ainsworth made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein to accept minutes of June 28, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Request to use the South Royalton Village Green

Discussion ensued on the request to use the South Royalton Village Green on September 10, 2011 for the purpose of a fundraising event to benefit the Wellspring School.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to approve the request to use the South Royalton Village Green. The motion passed unanimously.

Crawford Property

Brownfields Assessment

Discussion ensued on the progress of the environmental assessment of the former Crawford Autoland property. The Selectboard reviewed the draft Phase 1 report that identified potential contamination that will be investigated (soil tests) further in a recommended Phase 2 assessment.

Gravel – Test Pits

Discussion ensued on the results of the gravel test pits dug on the former Crawford Autoland.

Board member P. Gates noted that a resident has noted that 2 portable classroom modular trailers (28' x 52') are available for \$20,000 delivered to a poured concrete slab. (No action taken)

Knight's Opera House

Discussion ensued on the State Fire Marshal's investigation report on the Knights Opera House. The report was requested by a resident of Royalton who was concerned with the structural integrity of the building that the town leases for office space utilized by the Royalton Selectboard and Royalton Police Department. The findings of the State Fire Marshal will require that the building's owner develop a corrective action plan to address the most imminent deficiencies.

Royalton Planning Commission – Proposed Land Development Bylaw

Discussion ensued and it was noted that the Selectboard would like to meet with the Planning Commission to discuss the proposed Land Development Bylaw.

Land Sale Agreement – 8.5 acre parcel of Royalton Town Forest

Discussion ensued on the potential land sale agreement with Nava Bio-Energy, Ltd concerning a portion of the Royalton Town Forest on VT Route 107.

E. Amsden made a motion that was seconded by P. Ainsworth to sign the sale acknowledgement letter to Nava Bio-Energy Ltd, accepting the offer of \$70,000 for the 8.5 acre parcel of the Royalton Town Forest located off of VT Route 107. The motion passed unanimously.

Highway Department

Street Cleaning

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to hire Seth Stoddard for the position of street cleaning on Monday, July 18, 2011. Discussion ensued on the street cleaning position. Motion passed unanimously.

P. Gates made a motion to terminate David Dube, the current street cleaner on the basis that the position's supervision will be transferred to the highway department. Discussion ensued. The motion carried with P. Ainsworth opposed.

Perley Farm Road – Request for Proposals

The Selectboard reviewed the request for proposals (RFP) for the stream bank stabilization project on Perley Farm Road as prepared by Administrative Assistant Cleveland.

Selectboard asked that the RFP be sent to the companies on the emergency highway contractor list.

North Road – proposed road work (paving)

Discussion ensued on the proposed paving of the North Road.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein to approve the contract with Pike Industries, Inc., for a price of \$121,427.00 to pave the North Rd. The motion passed unanimously.

Bloss Ballou

The Selectboard deliberated on the public hearing that was held concerning the petition to discontinue a portion of the Bloss Ballou Road that begins at the intersection of Post Farm Road and continues through lands owned by Perry and Carol Hodgdon, and ends at the common property boundary with the Benson family.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein that the Selectboard has decided to continue the existence of the petitioned portion of the Bloss Ballou Road as it would be in the best interest and necessity of the residents of the Town of Royalton. The motion was discussed further concerning the wording of the motion.

Chairman L. Trottier called for a vote on the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Business

P. Gates noted that Mr. John Tuller has a failing septic system at a residence that he owns on Pleasant Street. His backup system is the town's sewer system. Mr. Tuller has inquired about the possibility of the Town extending the sewer line. Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland noted that he has inquired with the town's engineer about the requirements concerning the extension of the sewer line on Pleasant Street.

E. Amsden made a motion that was seconded by P. Ainsworth to move into executive session for the purpose of evaluating employees. The motion passed unanimously.

Entered executive session at 11:13 p.m.

Exited executive session at 12:30 p.m., with no action taken.

The Selectboard will meet on July 18, 2011 for the purpose of employee evaluations.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nathan P. Cleveland