

Royalton Selectboard
Knights Opera House

August 10, 2010

Public Present: Robynn Bryar, Mathew Lyrch, Jim Hewitt, Stuart Levasseur, Claudia and David McCullough, John Dumville, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Chief of Police Bob Hull, Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and welcomed Ms. Robynn Bryar to the Selectboard meeting.

Carpenter Recreation Field - fence

Ms. Robynn Bryar was present to discuss the proposed split rail fence that the Selectboard approved to be installed along the property line between the Royalton Carpenter Recreation Field and Ms. Robynn Bryar's property. Ms. Bryar presented a handout outlining her stance on the installation of the fence. Ms. Bryar contested the location of a berm that was installed in 1996 prior to her purchasing her property in 1999. She noted that she is concerned with the proposed fence and the location of the berm. Discussion ensued on Ms. Bryar's concerns with the approved fence and her concern that damage was done to her driveway when the prudential board installed a water line to supply the water.

L. Trottier noted that a split rail fence with a swing gate and a cable at the northern end of the parking lot at the Carpenter Recreation Field would both prevent people from trespassing on her property and also prevent unauthorized vehicles from accessing both her property and the town's recreation fields. The discussion ended with no action taken.

Town House Foundation work

Chairman Trottier welcomed Mr. John Dumville. Mr. Dumville was present to discuss the matching grant (Grant awarded in the amount of \$3,750.00) the town received for proposed repairs to the stone foundation on the old Town House in Royalton Village. The historical society has money saved for needed repairs for the historical Town House. The Selectboard reviewed the estimates received for the work.

A motion was made by J. Goldstein and seconded by P. Gates to contract with Live Edge (\$6,200.00) to repair a portion of the foundation at the "Royalton Village Town House". The motion passed unanimously.

Handy Memorial

Mr. Dumville also presented a proposal from D.S. Masonry to repair the deteriorated base of the Handy Memorial. The total cost of repairs is \$960.00.

A motion was made by J. Goldstein and seconded by P. Ainsworth to approve the repairs to the Handy Memorial for a cost of \$960.00, with funds being used from the Community Betterment Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectboard Minutes of July 27, and July 30, 2010

Selectboard Clerk P. Ainsworth made minor grammatical changes to the minutes and reviewed those corrections with the Selectboard.

A motion was made by P. Gates and seconded by E. Amsden to accept the minutes of July 27, and 30, 2010 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Commission

Discussion ensued on the length of terms for Planning Commission members. The Planning Commission has asked the Selectboard to change the terms from 4 years to 3 years. It was noted that the change in term lengths would apply to all future members as terms expire.

A motion was made by P. Gates and seconded by E. Amsden to set all future terms of Planning Commission members to three years. The motion passed unanimously.

Highway

Salt Contract

The Selectboard reviewed the proposal from Cargill Inc. to supply 200 tons of road salt for the fiscal year 2010/11. Road Foreman McCrillis noted that the salt shed is currently full. Discussion ensued on the salt pricing.

A motion was made by P. Gates and seconded by E. Amsden to contract with Cargill Inc. to supply 200 tons of road salt at a price of \$63.50 per ton. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional Highway Issues

Backhoe

Discussion ensued on the backhoe that was sold to the town of Tunbridge and the new backhoe that was purchased to replace it. Foreman McCrillis noted that the new backhoe has had issues with the "clam bucket". The company who sold the backhoe has worked on the issue and is due to return to complete repairs..

Happy Hollow Rd. - Storage Container

The Selectboard asked Road Foreman R. McCrillis if he was able to meet with Mr. Jim McCleery about where to move the storage container that is located on his property but is located within the town's right of way. R. McCrillis noted that he has reviewed the location that he wants the container moved to with Mr. McCleery.

Adam's Driveway Access for Dale Camp's subdivision

R. McCrillis asked that the Selectboard request the new land owners (Steven and Doralee Adams) who purchased a parcel of the Dale Camp subdivision located on Gee Hill Rd. apply for a driveway access permit. This will allow the Adams to have a permit exclusively for their property and not tied to the subdivision. Discussion ensued on the

driveway access permit for Mr. and Mrs. Adams. The Selectboard agreed to waive the permit fee as the property already was approved for an access when the subdivision was approved by the State of Vermont under the former landowner's name.

Request for Proposal – Mill Road Bridge #27 and Retaining Wall

Discussion ensued on the draft request for engineering services needed to repair the Mill Rd. retaining wall and bridge #27. Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland asked that the Selectboard review the draft RFP and provide any additional information at the next meeting.

Sewer System Study

The Selectboard was updated on the progress of the current sewer system study. It was noted that a status meeting will be held on August 30th. The next steps of the study include recommendations by the engineering firm for future work as well as identifying infiltration and inflow on the business block back alley line, the South Windsor Street sewer line, and the sewer line that feeds the pump station behind the South Royalton School.

Pump Station – Electrical repairs

High level alarm at the pump station behind the High School needs electrical work to meet State electrical codes. The Selectboard noted that this work should be paid for from the sewer maintenance account that SOS maintains.

Emergency Generator

Discussion ensued on the need to replace the aging generator at the pump station. The possibility of working with the School to purchase a new emergency generator that would serve both the pump station and the High School was discussed. Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland was asked to discuss the possibility of a combined generator that would serve the school and the pump station with school officials.

Vermont Law School (VLS) request to use the South Royalton Village green

The Selectboard discussed a request from VLS to use the village for an orientation event that will include a performance by the Bread and Puppet marionette group from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on August 25, 2010.

A motion was made by P. Gates and seconded by P. Ainsworth to allow the use of the South Royalton Village Green from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by VLS and Bread and Puppet. The motion passed unanimously.

Royalton Branch Library

Chairman Trottier noted that the road crew has removed the trees around the “old bank building”. Discussion ensued on the need to repair the soffit and repair the roof of the building to prevent leaking. A second project was discussed that included potentially removing and replacing the insulation in the ceiling.

Tax Sale

Discussion ensued on including mobile homes in future tax sales and scheduling for a tax sale on the properties that are currently delinquent.

A motion was made by J. Goldstein and seconded by E. Amsden to include mobile homes on future tax sales. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

The Selectboard reviewed the correspondence log as prepared by Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland.

Recreation Commission Request to use the South Royalton Village green

The Royalton Recreation Commission would like to sponsor a concert on the South Royalton Village Green. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by P. Gates and seconded by E. Amsden to allow the use of the Green on Sept. 3, 2010 for a concert by Hilary and the Party Crashers from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (with the alcohol ban remaining in place). The motion passed unanimously.

GW Plastics – Proposed Addition

GW Plastics' proposed addition will require an amendment to their Act 250 Land Use Permit. The Act 250 permit amendment will require a Municipal Impact Questionnaire to be completed before proceeding. The board reviewed the proposed site plan, and asked Administrative Assistant to coordinate the review of municipal services and return to the Selectboard at the next meeting.

Carpenter Recreation Field

Chairman Trottier asked if the board should take any further action on the recreation field issue concerning Ms. Robynn Bryar. The Selectboard asked that Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland contact Ms. Bryar and notify her that the Selectboard would like to install fence on the property line between the recreation field and Ms. Bryar's property. The fence would incorporate a swing gate, and a locked cable across the north access to the recreation field. A key for the cable will be provided to Ms. Bryar for limited access to the her field..

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nathan P. Cleveland