

Royalton Selectboard
Knights Opera House

September 14, 2010

Public Present: Stuart Levasseur, Bill Corwin, Chris Sargent (TRORC), Timothy Fair, Perry and Carol Hodgdon, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Ember Tilton, Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The electricity was out and the meeting commenced outside of the Selectboard office. Chairman Trottier welcomed Chris Sargent, a representative from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) to the Selectboard meeting.

TRORC Energy Audit

Mr. C. Sargent gave an overview of the proposed energy use audit that the regional planning commission is proposing to conduct for the town of Royalton. In order to proceed, the town will have to authorize the release of town energy use data from utility providers. Specific energy use will be limited to fuel consumptions for vehicles, electrical use in town owned buildings as well as heating fuel for those building. Discussion ensued on the proposed energy audit and it was noted that a potential street light audit could be included if TRORC has enough money remaining in their budget.

P. Ainsworth made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein to authorize the release of the town's energy and fuel information to TRORC. The motion passed 3-0-2. (E. Amsden and P. Gates abstained)

Contested Parking Ticket (#5084)

Administrative Assistant Cleveland reported that parking ticket # 5084 issued on 9/9/10 was being contested. The location of the ticket was on N. Windsor St. in front of the Sticky Buns Bakery, where the parking is permitted for 2 hours. Discussion ensued on the grounds for the ticket being contested and it was noted that the Police Department has accurate and reliable methods to determine if a vehicle is parked beyond the 2 hour permitted time.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to accept parking ticket # 5084. The motion passed unanimously.

Bloss, Ballou Road

Administrative Assistant Cleveland reported that the survey of the northern portion of the Bloss Ballou Road commissioned by the Selectboard needs to be approved. He noted that the 30 day period to appeal the survey had expired on September 7, 2010. No appeals were made within the statutory time under Title 19 VSA Section 33.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein to accept and approve the survey, description and the opinion naming the record title holder of the northern portion of the Bloss Ballou Road.

Discussion ensued on the purpose of the survey. Chairman Trottier called a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Knight's Opera House

Discussion ensued on the town's interest in maintaining its current Knight's Opera House lease agreement with the Crawford family. It was noted that the town has been asked to draft a letter of intent outlining the town's intentions concerning continuing to lease the building. Upon discussion it was asked that Administrative Assistant Cleveland draft a letter to notify the Crawford family that the town would like to continue leasing the Knight's Opera House at the current terms and respectfully request a 60 day notice should the Crawford family wish that the town vacate the building, and that the town will also provide notice 60 days in advance should they decide to vacate the building.

Request to Use the South Royalton Village Green

The Journey Church asked for permission to hold their "Trunk or Treat" event on October 30th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Discussion ensued on the proposed event.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to approve the use of the South Royalton Village Green on October 30, 2010 by the Journey Church for their "Trunk or Treat" event. The motion passed unanimously.

The Royalton Historical Society asked permission to use the bandstand to hold a book signing for a book on the historical "Royalton Indian Raid" that will be published by the Vermont Historical Society. They would like to hold the signing on October 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to approve the use of the band stand on the South Royalton Village Green for the book signing on October 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Royalton Town House – Historical Preservation Grant

Discussion ensued on the grant that the town was awarded to repair the foundation on the Royalton Town House.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Ainsworth to execute the grant agreement for the Royalton Town House. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns

Mr. Bill Corwin discussed winter maintenance on Lovers Lane. The Selectboard asked that the Road Foreman discuss the maintenance with the town of Tunbridge as the two town's share winter maintenance on the road. Mr. Corwin also reported that the Jigger Hill sign is missing and needs to be replaced.

Highway

Administrative Assistant Cleveland opened discussion on the federal requirements to replace non-compliant signs. A replacement plan must be in place by 2010 and

regulatory and warning signs must be replaced by 2015 and information and street name signs must be replaced by 2018.

Mill Road

The Selectboard approved sending the request for proposals to pre-selected engineering and construction firms for the proposed retaining wall and Bridge #27 work.

Recreation Department

Carpenter Recreation Field

Discussion ensued on the approved fence and gate at the Carpenter Recreation Field.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates to order the fence and gate at the parking lot and have them installed by the Corner Rail Fence Company. The motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Director

Discussion ensued on the request by the town of Sharon to coordinate recreation efforts. It was noted that the town of Royalton needs to address the need to fill the vacant Recreation Director position prior to pursuing combining services with the town of Sharon. The Selectboard asked that Administrative Assistant Cleveland draft a letter to the town of Sharon to notify them of the decision.

Delinquent Taxes

Discussion ensued on properties with delinquent property taxes. The Selectboard authorized all mobile homes be included in the upcoming tax sale.

Royalton Academy Building

Discussion ensued on the pay schedule for the building manager. Currently the manager is paid once a month.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to authorize the Royalton Academy Building Manager to be paid on a bi-weekly basis. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland