

Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

September 27, 2011

Public Present: Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Donna Carpenter, Brandon McAdams, Stuart Levasseur, John Scoskie, Demetra Small, Mike Clark, Hank Clark, VLS Community Liason Thomas Neirdecke, Elliot and Wife??? and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

Selectboard Clerk Peggy Ainsworth opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Public Concerns

Recreation Commission – Carpenter Recreation Field, Debris Cleanup

John Scoski and Demetra Small representatives of the Royalton Recreation Commission presented a plan of action to remove debris, silt and sedimentation from the Carpenter Recreation Athletic Fields. They reported that an estimated 15,000 cubic yards of silt and sedimentation needs to be removed from the field. Initial estimated cost for this removal is between \$50,000 - \$75,000 (excluding final grading and reseeding). It is the hopes of the Recreation Commission to use donated skilled laborers to reduce the overall expense to the town. The initial cost of the debris removal will be paid through funds available in the Recreation Commission's existing budget. The recreation Commission requested the use of the town's front end loader to begin the debris removal. They noted that they had a certified equipment operator to run the loader. The Selectboard approved the use of the town loader.

Highway Department

Road Foreman R. McCrillis reported that the 2003 dump truck had been sold and that Selectboard member E. Amsden had authorized the sale of the vehicle for a cost of \$12,000.

J. Goldstein made a motion that P. Gates seconded to sell the 2003 sterling dump truck to Dan Taylor Excavation for a cost of \$12,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Road Foreman R. McCrillis reported that Bridge Street and Johnson Hill Road are now completely open to traffic. Discussion then ensued on the project prioritization. It was noted that a site meeting was held with the engineering firm Dubois and King at the Foxstand Bridge (Bridge #30). The meeting identified potential rebuilding options. Due to the need to rebuild the retaining walls on the eastern side of the bridge it was recommended that a temporary one lane approach be constructed in a manner that would be expanded at a later date when the complete project could be engineered to include the retaining walls. To move forward with the reconstruction of the temporary one lane approach a electrical utility pole and lines must be moved to allow excavation of debris. The debris on the bridge must be removed for a final inspection by the Dubois and King prior to allowing traffic on the bridge.

P. Gates made a motion that J. Goldstein seconded, to hire additional contractors to complete a temporary one lane approach from the VT Route 14 side of Bridge #30. The motion passed unanimously.

P. Gates made a motion that J. Goldstein seconded to solicit for estimates to remove the debris from the bridge structure as well as solicit for estimates on temporary traffic control lights for bridge #30. The motion passed unanimously.

Gilman Road

Discussion ensued on the process of stabilizing the land slide located on Gilman Road. It was noted by Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland that FEMA has indicated that the town should receive a cost estimate to reconstruct the road to pre-disaster conditions.

P. Gates made a motion that P. Ainsworth seconded to contract with Dubois and King to evaluate the road slide and provide a cost estimate for the stream bank stabilization and the reconstruction of the road while continuing with the process to relocate the road due to safety concerns caused by flooding associated with Tropical Storm Irene.

North Windsor Street

Discussion ensued on the reconstruction of North Windsor street from the intersection of Bridge Street south. Road Foreman R. McCrillis recommended that the town highway Department not be used to complete this project as there was a lot of maintenance that must be completed to the town's highways prior to winter.

J. Goldstein made a motion that P. Ainsworth seconded to have Dubois & King develop bid specifications for the reconstruction of North Windsor Street. The motion passed unanimously.

Bloss Ballou Road

The Selectboard discussed issues that were raised by the Benson family in concern to the relocation of the northern end of the Bloss Ballou Road that lies on land owned by the Carol and Perry Hodgdon. Concerns with this relocation of the road included the location of a short "spur road" that was included in the Superior Courts 2009 declaratory judgment. It was noted that the "spur road" was added to the town's certificate of highway mileage. It was also noted that the relocation of the northern end of the road would be overseen by the Royalton Highway Department.

J. Goldstein made a motion that P. Ainsworth seconded to install the road in a condition that allows passenger vehicles to navigate the relocated portion of the road and to maintain the relocated road as the current town of Royalton highway policy allows. The motion passed unanimously.

P. Gates made a motion that P. Ainsworth seconded to have two Royalton Selectboard members meet with the Benson family and the town's surveyor Lisa Ginet to identify the location of the "spur road" that is included in the Vermont Superior Court's 2009 declaratory judgment. The motion passed unanimously.

FEMA – Project Management

Discussion ensued on the request for project management services associated with the highway projects that will require engineering services. It was asked that Selectboard Member J. Goldstein meet with Dubois and King President Jeffrey Tucker to discuss the project management role.

Survey of Sarnoff Property

The Selectboard tabled this subject.

Accounts Payable and Payroll

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the accounts payable and payroll expenditures as prepared by the town Treasurer.

Knight's Opera House

Discussion ensued on the status of the structural analysis that the State Fire Marshal had requested from the town concerning the Knight's opera house. It was noted that a copy of the report had been sent to the State Fire Marshal and that no additional information was available at this time.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates to enter into executive session for the consideration of contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

Entered executive session at 10:23 p.m.

Exited executive session at 10:38 p.m. with no action taken. (PG/JG)

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland

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