

Royalton Selectboard
Knight's Opera House

October 12, 2010

Public Present: Stuart Levasseur, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Jim Rikert, Roger McCrillis, Royalton Fire District #1 Board Member Paul Brock, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

Chairman L. Trottier called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Public Concerns

Mr. Jim Rikert addressed the Selectboard concerning performing minor maintenance work on the western side of the class 4 portion of the Otto Merrill Road. Mr. Rikert proposed to perform the work at his own expense and complete the work in accordance to the town of Royalton's specifications.

A motion was made by E. Amsden and seconded by J. Goldstein to grant Mr. Rikert permission to do maintenance work in accordance to the town's specifications on the western side of the class 4 section of the Otto Merrill Rd. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of September 28, 2010

A motion was made by P. Gates and seconded by J. Goldstein to accept the minutes of September 28, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Royalton Recreation

Paul Brock addressed the Selectboard concerning installing a water line to the Carpenter Recreation field. The water line would be used for irrigating the field and for a water bubbler for drinking purposes. To install the water line the town must apply for a water allocation permit from to the Royalton Fire District #1. Discussion ensued on the proposed water allocation.

A motion was made by P. Ainsworth and seconded by E. Amsden to apply for the water allocation at the Carpenter Recreation Field. The motion passed unanimously.

Bloss Ballou Rd.

E. Amsden noted that a letter proposing to relocate the portion of the Bloss Ballou Rd. at the intersection of Post Farm Rd. that runs through the Hodgdon property had been sent to the Hodgdon family through the town's attorney. To date, no response on the proposed relocation of the road has been received by the town.

Police Department

The Selectboard reviewed the police department budget with Chief Bob Hull. Chief Hull noted that \$20,696 was received from policing the town of Sharon. Discussion ensued on the need to replace the 2001 police cruiser. The Selectboard will continue to search for a new police vehicle as the 2001 cruiser is in need of replacement.

Town Forest

Proposals on brush hogging the field at the Royalton Town Forest were reviewed.

A motion was made by J. Goldstein and seconded by P. Ainsworth to contract with the low proposal received from Homestead Landscape to brush hog the field in the town forest. The motion passed unanimously.

Royalton Fire District #1

Mr. Paul Brock noted that the Fire District has adopted a water ordinance and sprinkler ordinance and they are now in affect. Mr. Brock updated the Selectboard on the ongoing work and future capital improvements within the Water District. Improvements needed include the upgrading the water line on South Windsor Street from the South Royalton School south, and upgrading the water line in the Fairview Terrace area. Both lines are currently 6 inch lines and would be upgraded to new 12 inch lines. Mr. Brock also noted that the Pleasant Street line would need to be upgraded if additional development were to be proposed. He also noted that much of the equipment at the water plant is nearing the expected useful life (20 year) and the Water District is considering installing a third purification machine. Many water leaks have been identified and corrected. Water usage has been reduced by 1/3 to a 1/2. Plans have been submitted to the state of Vermont to repair the overflow/spillway. The State is also asking that the water district inventory the connections. A timeline to complete the needed upgrades has not set but the dam upgrades is the first on the list and the second project would be the upgraded South Windsor St. line. Mr. Brock noted that the coordination of any line upgrades will have to be performed to ensure that roads are not being dug up twice.

Municipal Complex

Discussion ensued on the potential use of the Crawford property. Board member P. Gates opened discussion on the possibility to use the field behind the old Crawford Garage for a gravel pit and other potential uses for the property.

A motion was made by E. Amsden and seconded by P. Ainsworth to seek permission to dig test pits on the Crawford Property for the purpose of researching potential gravel extraction. The motion carried 3-0-1 with J. Goldstein abstaining.

Royalton/Bethel Transfer Station

The renewal of the bond note for the original construction of the transfer station was reviewed. Annually the town must approve the execution and delivery of the note, a resolution, and non-arbitrage certificate to allow for the annual payment on the original note.

A motion was made by E. Amsden and seconded by J. Goldstein to approve and sign the resolution, note renewal, and non-arbitrage certificate for the purpose of paying the annual payment on the original transfer station construction note. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel

Administrative Assistant Cleveland opened discussion on the condition of the South Royalton village streets.

P. Ainsworth made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to enter executive session to discuss the evaluation of a public employee. The motion passed unanimously.

Entered executive session at 8:54 p.m.

Exited executive session at 9:04 p.m. with no action being taken.

E. Amsden made a motion that was seconded by P. Ainsworth to authorize Administrative Assistant Cleveland to take appropriate action concerning the employment of the street maintenance worker. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Meeting Schedule

Discussion ensued on scheduling meeting to discuss and prepare the 2011/2012 proposed budgets for town departments. It was noted that the first of the budget meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 19.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nathan P. Cleveland