

Royalton Selectboard
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

October 19, 2010

Public Present: Royalton Town Treasurer Theresa Harrington, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, 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 7:00 p.m.

Bloss Ballou Road

Discussion ensued on the proposed relocation of a portion of the Bloss Ballou Road where it intersects with Post Farm Road. The town felt that the pond and barn, owned by the Hodgdon family, that are located within the town's right of way, are assets to both the town and the Hodgdon family and proposed relocating the section of the road to the east of these structures. An email dated October 4, 2010 requested that the Hodgdon family respond on or before October 19, 2010 to the proposed relocation of the road. In response the Hodgdon's family attorney in an email dated October 18, 2010 requested an additional two weeks to review the recorded survey. Discussion then ensued on the enforcement action that was recommended by the attorneys representing the town.

P. Gates made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to authorize the town's attorney to commence a civil lawsuit under 19 VSA sec. 1105 by serving the Hodgdon's with a complaint and not to file the complaint with the superior court for 20 days. (That statute provides for recovery of a fine up to \$1,000, the actual cost to the municipality of repairing damage to the highway (in this case, removing the pond and barn and restoring a road bed), and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Town.) The motion passed unanimously.

Davis Road

Road Foreman McCrillis noted that a large culvert on Davis Road has been obstructed to prevent cattle from entering it. The road crew has had to remove the obstruction to allow water to flow freely through the culvert. The obstruction has caused damage to the town road. The board asked Administrative Assistant Cleveland to research ways to legally prevent the obstruction of the culvert.

P. Ainsworth made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein to send a letter to the land owner who has obstructed the culvert notifying them of the problem that the obstruction causes. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed FY 2011/2012 Highway Budget

Discussion ensued on the proposed FY 2011/2012 Highway Budget.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by E. Amsden to increase the water allocation to the Lyman family for use of their well water at the town garage from \$175.00 per year to \$300.00 per year. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectboard scheduled a budget meeting for Thursday, October 28, 2010 to be held at the Town Clerk's office. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nathan P. Cleveland