

Royalton Selectboard Meeting
Royalton Town Clerk's Office

November 8, 2011

Public Present: Linda Marx, John Scoski, Demetra Small, Kevin Geiger, Richard Downing (FEMA), Joe Colburn, Stuart Levaseur, VLS representative Thomas???, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, Town Treasurer Theresa Harrington, Chief of Police Robert Hull, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

Chairman Larry Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Appointments

Richard Downer, FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Mr. Downer, who works for FEMA was present to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program that home owners who have been affected by the flooding event caused by Tropical Storm Irene, and whose property is in the flood zone may participate in. The State of Vermont administers the grant program. The program works as follows: the town applies for funds that will essentially remove any structure, recover septic tanks, fill up water wells, pay for the purchase of the property from the owners and place deed restrictions that will require the land to become green space. State wide it is expected that in excess of \$20 million is available for the program. The program is 100% voluntary by both the town, who will buy the property if approved and by the land/homeowner. 75% of the project cost including cleaning up the property will be covered by FEMA, 25% of the remaining cost will be required to be covered by the town, or the homeowner. Mr. Downer, Flood Zoning Administrator N. Cleveland and K. Geiger then met with interested land owners to review the estimated assessed value of the offer that the town may make on their property should the individuals choose to partake in the program.

Public Concerns

Demetra Small and John Scoski representing the Royalton Recreation Commission updated the Selectboard on the cleanup efforts at the Carpenter Recreation Field. All of the silt and sediment deposited by flood waters during the Tropical Storm Irene flooding event has been removed, mostly by volunteer labor. It was noted that the reconstruction plans would be developed with assistance from Dubois and King, Inc.

Town Treasurer Theresa Harrington – FEMA/Highway Project Funding

Treasurer T. Harrington reviewed the promissory note, current expense note and resolution for borrowing funds for road repairs as a result of damage that was caused by Tropical Storm Irene. The Selectboard signed the promissory note and resolution.

P. Gates made a motion that J. Goldstein seconded authorizing the Town Treasurer to take out \$600,000 for current expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Treasurer T. Harrington reported that delinquent taxes for the current fiscal year total approximately \$280,000, compared to \$271,000 at this time last year.

Town Treasurer T. Harrington requested authorization to purchase a copy/fax/scanner machine. **P. Gates made a motion that J. Goldstein seconded approving the purchase of a new copy/fax/scanner machine. The motion passed unanimously.**

FEMA Road/Stream Bank Stabilization Projects – Contract Awards

The Selectboard reviewed the contract award recommendations as presented by Dubois and King, Inc.

The recommended awards for the projects were as follows:

Back River Road – GW Tatro: Bid price = \$454,050

Royalton Hill Road – GW Tatro: Bid price = \$136,425

Broad Brook Road – Terry Rogers/Matt Loftus: Bid price = \$88,477.20

Municipal Sewer Outfall – JP Sicard, Inc: Bid price = \$41,825

J. Goldstein made a motion that E. Amsden seconded to accept Dubois and King, Inc. recommendations for awarding contracts for the road and stream bank stabilization projects. The motion passed with P. Gates opposed.

Bloss Ballou Road

Discussion ensued on the progress of relocating the northern portion of the Bloss Ballou Road. It was noted that due to the lack of time before the construction season ends for the year, the relocation of the road will take place next summer when time and weather cooperate.

Crawford Autoland Property – Purchase and Sales Agreement

The Selectboard reviewed the purchase and sales agreement concerning the former Crawford Autoland property. The Selectboard is in the process of completing phase two of the brownfields assessment.

This assessment will identify any potential environmental concerns that will be required to be remediated prior to the town purchasing the property.

E. Amsden made a motion that P. Gates seconded authorizing Selectboard Chairman L. Trottier to sign the purchase and sales agreement with changes to section 10 – A (change from Two Rivers Brownfields to State of Vermont Petroleum Brownfields redevelopment program). The motion passed unanimously.

Parking Ticket Appeals

The Selectboard reviewed five (5) appeals to parking tickets that were issued to vehicles that were found to be in violation of the town of Royalton's Traffic Ordinance. Discussion ensued on the appeals.

J. Goldstein made a motion that P. Gates seconded to uphold the five (5) parking tickets (ticket #'s: 5805, 5822, 5812, 5817, and one issued to Mr. Jones) and respond by sending letters indicating that there is sufficient signage posted throughout town indicating the parking ban from 2 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. and that the ordinance can be viewed at the Selectboard office or online.

The motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable and Payroll

The Selectboard reviewed and approved accounts payable and payroll vouchers as prepared by the Town Treasurer.

Adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland