

Royalton Selectboard
Knight's Opera House

November 9, 2010

Public Present: Simon Operation Services representative Mark Simon, Joe Duncan, and Kevin Camara representing Forcier, Aldrich and Associates, Inc., Chief of Police Bob Hull, Stuart Levasseur, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

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

Chairman Trottier opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed Joe Duncan and Kevin Camara, Chief Engineers representing Forcier, Aldrich and Associates, who completed the wastewater treatment facility refurbishment study and Mark Simon, president of Simon Operation Services which operates the town of Royalton's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Forcier, Aldrich and Associates – Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Refurbishment Study

Mr. Duncan began discussion by reviewing the components the town of Royalton's Wastewater Treatment facility (WWTF) that the study focused on. The components of the study include the following: the sewer collection system, the main pump station, and the actual wastewater treatment facility. The recommended improvements outlined in the study would allow for the system to operate in compliance with current and future requirements for the next 20 years.

- The system is 31 years old and was designed for 25 years. The plant was designed to treat 70,200 gallons per day (currently the system is operating at roughly 57%).
- Peak flows however are in excess of the allowed 70,000 g.p.d. by roughly 140% of the allowed capacity at the maximum peak flows (typically in the spring months).
- Design criteria have changed, and now the state requires the treatment facility to be able to handle max flows and not average flows.
- The assessment of the pump station resulted in the following:
 - control panels should be moved out of the confined space below the ground surface
 - a new exterior generator is needed to replace the existing 30 year old generator
 - the building roof must be replaced
 - Upgrading ventilation equipment to meet current requirements is also needed.
- The assessment of the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) resulted in the following:
 - Installation of an influent flow meter
 - Control Building

- Blower Building
 - Roof is in need of replacement
 - Chlorine Contact Tank
 - The tank is undersized based on current design criteria (minimum length to width ratio requirements are 40:1 and our building is 9:1
 - Construct new Chlorine Contact Tank
 - Effluent Control Structure
 - Replacement of the existing 3-way plug valves
 - Aerated Lagoon System
 - control valve replacement
 - lagoon capacity is sufficient to handle projected flows for the next 20 years
 - Lagoons 2, and 3 would require replacement of the aeration system
 - Removal of sludge is needed in all lagoons
- Estimated costs for the recommended upgrades are as follows:
 - Main Pump Station: \$260,000
 - WWTF Refurbishment (excluding sludge removal): \$446,000
 - WWTF Sludge Removal: \$172,000
 - Total Project Cost (excluding sewer collection system work): \$1,158,000
 - Funding Sources for the proposed improvements may include the State of Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund (state CWSRF), USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Program (USDA RD), or a local loan source.
 - Of this total, the cost of sludge removal is not eligible for state/rd funds, and \$958,000 is eligible for state CWSRF/USDA RD funds.

Selectboard Minutes of October 19, 26, and 28, 2010

A motion was made by J. Goldstein and seconded by P. Ainsworth to approve the minutes of October 19, 26 and 28, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Department

Citizen Complaints

Chief Hull reported that two complaints were received concerning police conduct from one resident. The resident believes that he was being unnecessarily pursued or watched on October 26, 2010. Additional complaints concerned an accident that occurred on October 29, 2010 and an incident on Stearn's Rd that occurred on October 31, 2010. Chief Hull reported that the patrol records indicate that the officer on duty on the 26th was responding to a DUI and the Chief was at the Selectboard meeting and there were state troopers on duty in the south Royalton village area, and may have followed the resident. On October 29th no record was received concerning the accident, and on the 31st the Chief instructed the officer on duty that he was mistaken and that the road has only one section that is a one way road. The Selectboard advised Administrative Assistant to send the resident a letter notifying him that the board is under advisement and that the resident is encouraged to bring his complaint in writing to the Selectboard.

Police Cruiser

The new 2006 Explorer is being equipped with radios, and other police equipment. Chief Hull noted that the old light bar could be sold to a local EMT if the lens' were replaced with red lens'. The Selectboard authorized Chief Hull to sell the equipment.

Patrols

Citizens have complained about speeding on Waterman Rd. at an Act 250 hearing for GW Plastics which is located on Waterman Rd. The citizen's have requested increased patrols on Waterman Rd. The Selectboard asked that the police department increase patrols on Waterman Rd. in an effort to reduce speeding vehicles.

Administrative Assistant Cleveland reported that a resident on Gee Hill Rd. has asked that the Selectboard address concerns with vehicles speeding on the a section of Gee Hill Rd. that is narrow and consists of an "s" turn. The resident has suggested granting an alternative right of way that would remove the "s" turn and create a safer road. The Selectboard asked that the police department increase patrols on Gee Hill Rd, and noted that if the resident would like to present a proposal to relocate the road they would review the proposal. No additional action was taken.

Crawford Autoland Property

Potential use of the former Crawford Autoland property located on VT Route 14 was discussed. Potential uses that were discussed included emergency facilities, town offices, and a town operated gravel pit.

Christmas Pageant

A request to use the South Royalton Village Green for the annual Holiday Pageant on December 19th was received from the United Church of South Royalton.

A motion was made by P. Gates and seconded by E. Amsden to approve the use of the South Royalton Village Green by the United Church of South Royalton on December 19th. The motion passed unanimously.

Street Maintenance Position

Discussion ensued on the Street Maintenance job opening, and Administrative Assistant Cleveland was asked to interview the applicants and recommend an applicant to the Selectboard at the November 16th meeting.

Royalton Academy Building

The alarm bell needs repair on the handicap lift. The bell must be repaired within 90 days. N. Cleveland reported that he has received one quote so far and felt that it was too expensive. He noted that he will get additional price quotes.

Carpenter Gravel Pit

Discussion ensued on the contracted gravel price for extracted gravel from the pit owned by D. Carpenter.

A motion was made by J. Goldstein that was seconded by P. Ainsworth to increase the price paid for gravel from \$3.75 to \$4.00 per yard. The motion passed unanimously.

Driveway Access Permit Application #10-06

A motion was made by J. Goldstein and seconded by P. Ainsworth to approve Driveway Access Permit application #10-06 for construction. The Motion passed unanimously.

Dump Truck

Discussion ensued on the need to replace one of the town plow trucks. The Selectboard is researching the possibility of replacing the truck with a ten wheeler.

Correspondence/Additional Business

J. Goldstein reported that EC Fiber Network is interested in developing a wireless area on the South Royalton Village Green. EC Fiber is also pursuing installing new utility poles along VT Route 107. She reported that at this point there is no need for action.

The Selectboard reviewed and discussed correspondence received.

Payroll and Accounts Payable

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the accounts payable vouchers and payroll.

Bloss Ballou Rd.

Discussion ensued on the proposed relocation of the Bloss Ballou Rd. where it intersects with Post Farm Rd.

E. Amsden made a motion to enter into executive session, inviting Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland, to discuss pending litigation. The motion was seconded by P. Gates. The motion passed unanimously.

Entered executive session at 10:15 p.m.

Exited executive session at 10:45 p.m. with no action taken

The Selectboard asked that the town's attorney be invited to the November 23, 2010 meeting to discuss the potential litigation concerning the Bloss Ballou Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nathan P. Cleveland