

Town of Royalton

Special Selectboard Meeting – FY 2010/2011 Budget Preparation

November 3, 2009

Knights Opera House

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 PM

Selectboard present – Peg Trombly, Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Joan Goldstein, Ernie Amsden

Public Present – Town Treasurer and Clerk Theresa Harrington, Assistant Town Clerk Leanna Stickney, Road Foreman Roger McCrillis, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland.

Highway Department

The Selectboard discussed the proposed FY 2010/2011 Highway budget. Upon discussion Treasurer Harrington noted that the Town has received \$35,800.00 in State Highway aid for the first quarter. The remaining three quarters would see equal payments of \$31,800. It was noted by E. Amsden that the assessment line item was used to reimburse the Lyman's for water rights. Discussion ensued on the need to include legal fees in the proposed budget to cover expenses associated with such items as surveying of equipment turnarounds on private property, and the ongoing litigation concerning the "Bloss – Ballou road".

E. Amsden made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein to get a legal opinion on the need to survey and deed over land used for equipment turnarounds. The motion passed unanimously.

The line item, subcontractors was discussed. It was noted that this line item is used to cover expenses associated with renting equipment used to do ditch maintenance, and reclaiming the gravel pit. Discussion ensued on the need to do more ditch work on Happy Hollow rd. It was noted that due to a storage container within the Town's right of way a portion of the road was not able to be worked on. Discussion ensued on how best to proceed with the removal of the storage container, as past attempts to have it moved by the owner of the property has yielded no results.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Ainsworth to seek legal council on removing the storage container on Mr. James McCleery's property. The motion passed unanimously.

Attached is a copy of the proposed highway budget worksheet

General Fund proposed FY 2010/2011 budget

Discussion ensued on the proposed budget presented by the Town Clerk and Treasurer. It was noted that organizations seeking appropriations from the Town have been submitted. Discussion ensued on the Town's policy to include these appropriation requests in the warning of the Town meeting.

A motion was made by E. Amsden and was seconded by J. Goldstein to honor an organization's request for an increased appropriation without requiring additional petitions if the organization has been on the warning for the annual town meeting in the past. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by E. Amsden and was seconded by J. Goldstein to require any organization that is requesting an appropriation that was not on the warning the previous year to submit a petition signed by 5% of the registered voters in the town of Royalton. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by P. Ainsworth and seconded by L. Trottier. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:
Nathan P. Cleveland**