

Royalton Selectboard
Knight's Opera House

November 18, 2008

Public Present: Mary Demar, Nathan Cleveland

Selectboard Present: Larry Trottier, Peg Trombly, John Dumville, Ernie Amsden
Selectboard Absent: Peggy Ainsworth (surgery)

Larry Trottier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Royalton Academy Building - Budget

Chairman L. Trottier welcomed Mary Demar (Royalton Academy Building Manager) to the meeting and asked if she had any concerns before beginning work on the Academy Building budget. M. Demar noted that the leases were in need of review. N. Cleveland noted that 4 of the 6 tenants did not have leases that were up to date and current. He noted that he would have new leases to be reviewed by both the tenants and the Selectboard before Christmas. M. Demar noted that she would like to include some of her concerns.

M. Demar noted that if the hall is to be rented with the use of the kitchen she would recommend that the fee be higher than the cost of just renting the hall without the kitchen. It was noted that the cost of cleaning should be reflected in the cost of renting the hall. M. Demar noted that in a year she has only had to keep three deposits because of renter's not cleaning up after themselves.

Discussion centered on the renegotiating the leases with the tenants. P. Trombly offered to research the budget and help contact the lease holders.

The Selectboard agreed on a new hourly rental rate for those who use the kitchen. This new rate will be \$20.00/hour.

N. Cleveland was asked to research the surrounding area for similar sized meeting spaces and compare the different rates.

Highway Budget

The budget was discussed for FY 2010. It was noted by N. Cleveland that an increase in health insurance was foreseeable, effective January 2009. This cost for health insurance is expected to be a 15% increase from our current rates. Due to this increase and the possibility of another increase in January 2010 it was suggested that the Selectboard keep the line item for insurance at \$45,000.00 to cover the shortfall that will be seen in this year's budget due to the increase in January.

Discussion continued concerning the Highway Departments proposed FY 2010 budget.

Pollution Abatement Facility Budget

The Selectboard reviewed the proposed FY 2010 Budget for the Sewer Operations. N. Cleveland was asked to speak with Mark Simon of Simon and ask for his input and request that he attend an upcoming meeting.

E. Amsden made a motion and J. Dumville seconded the motion to adjourn. L. Trottier asked for further discussion. Hearing none he called the motion to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Nathan P. Cleveland