

Town of Royalton
Special Selectboard Meeting
November 24, 2009

Knight's Opera House
Meeting Called to Order at 6:33 PM

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

Public Present – John Breault, Chief of Police Robert Hull, Stuart Levasseur and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland.

Chairwoman Trombly opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. by introducing the Selectboard members and welcoming John Breault (an applicant for the part time police officer position). Chair Trombly asked Mr. Breault to introduce himself and discuss his past education and work history. Discussion ensued on Mr. Breault's experiences during his police training, and the Town's expectations of their Police Department.

Follow up on the Town Plan Hearing held November 17, 2009

J. Goldstein made a motion to include the recommendation that the Town is considering a "junkyard ordinance" in the proposed 2010 Town Plan. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

P. Ainsworth made a motion to include the description of the Vermont Academy of Science and Technology (VAST program) in the education section of the proposed 2010 Town Plan. J. Goldstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Goldstein made a motion to update the Town plan to note that the Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) has been approved by the state. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectboard also asked that the listers' office update the proposed Town Plan with the historic properties in the town.

Minutes

P. Ainsworth made a motion to accept the minutes of October 27, November 3, November 10 and November 17, 2009 as amended. Discussion ensued on the draft minutes of November 10, and it was noted that the request to dismiss a parking ticket was received from a Law School student. **J. Goldstein seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Proposed FY 2010/2011 Budget

Discussion continued on the need to continue with meeting weekly until the proposed budgets are completed. The board set December 1st as a budget meeting.

Correspondence

VLCT health insurance rates were reviewed and discussion ensued on possible plan options that would reduce the cost of premiums. The Selectboard asked that Administrative Assistant Cleveland contact our insurance representative to notify them of the Town's intent to pursue additional options.

Royalton Memorial Library Insulation quotes –

Because the quotes that have been received were not using the same specifications, the Selectboard asked that bid specification be prepared and presented to the Selectboard at the next meeting with funding options.

Town Office Building

L. Trottier made a motion to proceed with Town office plans utilizing a crawl space throughout the entire building. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued on hiring a clerk of works or a general contractor to oversee any potential construction. Board member E. Amsden expressed an interest in volunteering as the clerk of works if the Selectboard was successful in passing a bond measure for the proposed modular built town office building.

Royalton Academy Building

Discussion ensued on potentially increasing the hourly rate of the Royalton Academy Building effective January 1st 2010. Current rental rates are set at \$15.00 an hour without the use of the kitchen and \$20.00 an hour with the use of the kitchen. A minimum rental of two hours is required. **L. Trottier made a motion to increase the Royalton Academy hourly rental rate to \$20.00 an hour regardless of whether or not the kitchen is used. E. Amsden seconded the motion. The motion passed with J. Goldstein abstaining.**

J. Goldstein made a motion to hire Dale Thresher to remove snow at the Royalton Academy Building with the assurance that no subcontractors will be utilized for a total cost of \$750.00 for the season. L. Trottier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Goldstein made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by E. Amsden. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectboard entered executive session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Selectboard exited executive session at 10:07 p.m. with no action taken.

Police Department

J. Goldstein made a motion to hire John Breault as a Part-Time Royalton Police officer at a rate of \$13.00 per hour. E. Amsden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectboard agreed to pay for Mr. Breault's required training.

Accounts Payable

The Selectboard reviewed and signed the accounts payable orders submitted by the Town Treasurer.

Additional Business

Board member E. Amsden mentioned a meeting he had with the Assistant Town Clerk, who indicated that she intended to run for Town Clerk and if elected she might be receptive to an hourly wage versus a defined salary.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Peggy Ainsworth, Selectboard Clerk and Nathan P. Cleveland