

Royalton Selectboard  
May 26, 2009

Knight's Opera House

Public Present: Roger McCrillis, Chief of Police Robert Hull, President Stagecoach Transportation David Palmer, Mary Sue Turner, Gidget Lyman, Tim Dreisbach, Jo Jo Levasseur, Nathan Cleveland

Selectboard Present: Peg Trombly, Larry Trottier, Peggy Ainsworth, Ernie Amsden, Joan Goldstein

### **Stagecoach Transportation Interviews**

Chair P. Trombly welcomed Mary Sue Turner to the meeting and thanked her for her interest in representing the Town of Royalton on the Stagecoach Transportation board of directors. David Palmer noted that this interview process was due to the appropriation of funds to Stagecoach Transportation by the Town of Royalton. He noted that any town that allocates funds is eligible to appoint a representative to the Stagecoach board of directors. The Selectboard and David Palmer then began the interview process starting with Mary Sue Turner, then Gidget Lyman, and ended with Tim Dreisbach.

### **Planning Commission**

Chair Trombly welcomed the Planning Commission Chair Jo Jo Levasseur to the meeting. J. Levasseur noted that she was present to discuss and share the time frame of public hearings and the eventual town vote on the "draft Town Plan". The final draft of the Town Plan is close to being completed. This "draft Town Plan" is the result of many months of work by the Royalton Planning Commission and Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission. Hard copies will be printed by June 8<sup>th</sup>, the hopeful date of approval by the Royalton Planning Commission. An informal hearing to allow the public to review the draft plan would be prior to the formal public hearing. This informal hearing could take place on the 22 of June but as late as July. The first hearing would have to be in mid September or early October. Copies would have to be made available and warning of the public hearing must be made 30 days prior to the first public hearing. The Selectboard asked that Jo Jo coordinate the hearing schedule with Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland.

The Board also asked about current vacancies on the Planning Commission. J. Levasseur noted that currently there is one vacancy on the Planning Commission for two years remaining of a four year term. There will also be additional vacancies in July when three terms are up for renewal. Administrative assistant N. Cleveland was asked to contact the Randolph Herald and post notices of the vacancies throughout town. Anyone interested in the position should notify the Royalton Selectboard by writing a letter of intent.

### **Royalton Academy Building**

Mary Demar noted that she was present to discuss the need to replace two emergency lights (one is a combination exit and emergency light) and all eight of the smoke detectors. We have received an estimate from a retired electrician. The Selectboard discussed the possibility of updating the fire alarm system.

### **Fund-raising**

Mary Demar noted that the fund raising dance will be held this Saturday, May 30, 2009. The dance will be held at the Academy Building and begins at 7:00 p.m. and will last until 11:00 p.m. costing \$5.00 at the door with music provided by Sweet Country. (Children under 12 admitted for free.)

### **Coverage during June**

Tera Weatherall will be covering for Mary while she is away in June. Mary noted that she is subcontracting the work and will compensate Tera for her time. If any issues arise Tera has been instructed to contact Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland.

### **Police Department**

#### **Community Service**

Chief Hull noted that he had been contacted by the State Diversion program looking for work that could be performed by a juvenile who has a required 50 hours of community service.

#### **Inter-municipal Policing Agreement**

Town Agent Frank Berk explained the contract that he drafted based on the written request from the Town of Sharon seeking contractual policing by the Royalton Police Department. The Selectboard discussed the draft contract presented by Town Agent F. Berk. Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland has contacted the Town of Royalton's insurance agent seeking advice on liability to both Town's involved in the agreement. He noted the insurance company has advised that the Town of Royalton would be liable for any issue that arises as they employ the Police officer and provide all equipment.

#### **Traffic Ordinance**

The Selectboard reviewed the draft traffic ordinance with Chief Hull and Road Foreman McCrillis. The Selectboard asked that the revisions identified be changed and a new draft be forwarded to the Members for final review.

#### **Pollution Abatement Facility**

#### **Occupancy Permit 417 South Windsor St.**

The Selectboard reviewed the sewer connection application for 417 South Windsor St. Administrative Assistant N. Cleveland reported that he and the sewer operator had inspected the installed sewer meter and the building to ensure that the installation was complete and that the basement apartments were unoccupied. The sewer operator has

signed off on the inspection and recommends the Selectboard approve the sewer permit for occupancy.

**L. Trottier made a motion to sign the occupancy permit for 417 S. Windsor St. Motion passed unanimously. L. Trottier withdrew the motion.**

**Discussion ensued concerning the approval of the sewer permit.**

**L. Trottier made a motion to approve the connection at 417 S. Windsor St. upon receipt of payment of the meter installation. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Lister's Office**

**P. Ainsworth made a motion to request an extension for reporting the Grand List from June 4, 2009 to June 30, 2009. E. Amsden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **South Royalton Village Green**

**E. Amsden made a motion to approve the use of the South Royalton village Green on June 13, 2009 for the South Royalton High School commencement exercises. J. Goldstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Highway Department**

#### **Paving Projects**

Foreman McCrilliss noted that he strongly urges the Selectboard to consider moving forward on the paving projects as the price of asphalt has dropped and provides the Town an opportunity to repave the Royalton Village Bridge and a portion of Johnson Hill rd. Discussion ensued on funding the paving projects.

#### **Gravel Pit and Sand Pit**

The Selectboard discussed the issue of seeking alternative sand and gravel pits. Foreman McCrilliss noted that he is happy with the Carpenter gravel pit and would be interested in identifying a new sand pit that would be very legal and binding as well as easily accessible. Discussion ensued on possible locations of gravel and sand that could be used by the Town Highway Department.

#### **Royalton Town Forest**

The Selectboard reviewed a recommendation from the Conservation Committee to grant Mr. Chad Couture permission to hay the field at the Royalton Town forest located off of VT Rte. 107.

**E. Amsden made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Conservation Committee to have Mr. Chad Couture hay and maintain the field at the Royalton**

**Town Forest, with the option to enter into a multiple year contract. J. Goldstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Employee Reviews**

**P. Ainsworth made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel reviews. L. Trottier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Entered executive session at 10:28 p.m.**

**The Selectboard came out of executive session at 11:05 p.m. with no action taken.**

**L. Trottier made a motion to increase the wage rate for highway employees as follows; Demetrus Boles \$.25 an hour, Dave Lambert \$.25 an hour, Brad Howe \$.20 an hour and an additional \$.05 raise if improvement is shown after a six month reiview, Corey Rogers \$1.00 an hour. E. Amsden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**J. Goldstein made a motion to appoint Tim Dreisbach to the Stagecoach Transportation Board of Directors, and recommends Gidget Lyman as an “at large” member to the Stagecoach board of directors. E. Amsden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**L. Trottier made a motion to pay Mary Demar (Manager, Royalton Academy Building) her monthly stipend early. E. Amsden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**E. Amsden made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by J. Goldstein. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:18 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Nathan Cleveland Administrative Assistant, and Peggy Ainsworth (Clerk of the Royalton Selectboard)**