

Royalton Selectboard Meeting  
Knight's Opera House  
September 23, 2008

Selectboard Members Present- Larry Trottier, Peg Trombly, John Dumville, Peggy Ainsworth, Ernie Amsden

Public Present: Jon Tuller, Ryan Bechtel, Stuart Levasseur, Mary Demar, Bob Hull, Jo Levasseur, Roger McCrillis, Ronnie Johnson, Nathan Cleveland

L. Trottier called the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Sewer Department Report**

Mark Simon of Simon Operation Services updated the board on ongoing issues and camera work that was performed on the storm water drain located behind the business block. He noted problems with the storm drain line 1. it has a 90 degree corner to avoid the sewer line and causes a back up at that point. The condition of the line is very good and the flow is only reduced by 3 to 4 inches of sediment. Suggests periodically cleaning the silt out at the man hole's and that every 4-5 years flush the lines. Board will ask Road Foreman to complete the work as suggested by Mark Simon.

Mark Simon updated the Board on the High School Gymnasium project. He had been called out to the High School addition project. Noted that there was a line that led to no place and was blocked. M. Simon discussed the problem that occurred when the line was discovered. He noted that there was a back up into the High School's septic system. He noted that there was a new connection made to the man hole and now that it is made there is no concern to the town due to the fact that the school is still billed for their water that goes through the building. P. Trombly asked what would be done with the Jacobs new building. N. Cleveland was asked to contact Jacobs and inquire about office and house connection.

M. Simon suggests that there is infiltration from either roof drains or sump pumps and that there should be a study to investigate the issue.

P. Ainsworth asked about baffling and M. Simon noted that estimates were about \$5000 for material. He noted that he was waiting on the system evaluation from Forcier & Aldrich and associates before suggesting future additions to the Town's Sewer system. Discussion continued concerning future needs of the system.

### **John Tuller – Extending Pleasant St. Sewer Line**

Mr. Tuller addressed the Selectboard on extending the sewer line on Pleasant St. He noted that he owns an apartment building that has a septic system that needs replacing. He also noted that an alternate plan is to go to town sewer line. Cost for this would be \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00. Approval had been granted from state for extension. J. Tuller believes that an extension would possibly be an option if the town is planning on an extension of the line. Discussion continued on his options and the demand for an extension of the sewer line. N. Cleveland was asked to research the sewer ordinance for financing options.

**E. Jacobs sewer connection**– No action was taken as the Selectboard requested further documentation on the sewer connection on his property at 415 S. Windsor St.

### **Royalton Academy Building**

M. Demar – Reported on the Royalton Academy Building and its rental history as well as other operations issues. She noted that Mary Russ would like the desk removed from the White River Partnership’s office. It is too large for her needs.

M. Demar also noted that there were also file cabinets and some recreation supplies that should be removed at the same time.

N. Cleveland reported on the work that was done to the septic tank. Jerry Swasey has recommended replacing the pump in the pump station as it was 17 years old. Both the pump station and the septic tank had to be pumped out by Silloway’s Septic for the work to be done.

**P. Ainsworth made a motion to purchase and install a new pump at the Royalton Academy Building. J. Dumville seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mary Demar asked that the septic tank be cleaned once a year.

**P. Ainsworth made a motion to pump the septic tank once a year. Discussion continued. The motion was seconded by J. Dumville. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mary Demar noted that the building will require to be stripped of lead paint and re-painted. She would like to have fundraisers to pay for the needed repairs. Rules are strict due to the building being occupied by the pre-school children and the senior citizens.

### **Ancient Roads – Stewart Levassuer and Ryan Bechtel**

Presented the work on the Broad Brook Cemetery Rd. and the Putt Road surveys. This work included the mapping and GPS layout that was performed. Discussion continued on the Ancient Road Committee’s findings including the Broad Brook Road being a travelable road.

**Putt Rd** – found survey and another road that was in use. Determined that the new road is being used and the surveyed road is represented in stone walls and is shown with the red line. This Rd. has an exit/entrance on the north rd. Recommend Putt Rd. to be a trail and not a 4<sup>th</sup> class rd. P. Ainsworth asked how to label the road and when it would be done. Discussion continued on the process of laying out the road and recognizing the road as a town road.

J. Levaseur asked if Litchfield lane is it on the town highway map? N. Cleveland was asked to research the minutes of the discussion and the results/action taken.

### **Roger McCrillis – Highway Department**

**Back Alley Catch Basin** – line is plugged and it is due to the sag in the line. Flushing the line would require it to be pushed all the way to the river. A plastic line was installed where the dip is. The distance is 150 feet between each line. R. McCrillis believes that the line leveled its self and it has reduced the area to a 12 inch pipe rather than a 15 inch.

Suggests that the line have a grate installed to prevent large debris from clogging the storm drain. He confirmed what M. Simon had also noted. There is a 90 degree corner to avoid the sewer line. Discussed the camera process and the findings from the camera work performed by SOS. This line was put in some time in the 80's and is not the original design which was meant to go toward North St.

#### **Roberts Rd. – Ditching proposed**

Property owners responded well. Were all in favor of the work and it was noted that the ditching would go from the top by the town turn-around and go to the White/Branch driveway.

**Roadside Mower** – will be completed this week. Noted that if it breaks again we will have to look at our options of purchasing a new mowing machine for next year.

**Unloading Zone** – Roger and Police Chief Bob hull have marked out a 12' X 90' unloading zone that is roughly 25' from the crosswalk. Discussion continued on the layout of the actual unloading zone. Will paint the unloading zone as soon as possible.

**Unifirst Contract** – Contract expires in October 2009. Issue why we changed to unifirst was because the former Road foreman was unsatisfied. It was noted that the contract with Unifirst had been signed prior to the folley contract expired.

Options were discussed concerning uniforms and providing them to the employees.

**Mulch Hay** – would like to put hay in upper level of the Carpenter Barn, for use next year. The hay was in exchange for old telephone poles that were unused at the garage. Noted that there is wood in the basement that prevents storage.

**Carpenter Barn** – Dale Thresher will be cutting brush away for the building. An old hay loader is in the building and could be donated to Dennis Cilley in Tunbridge for the Antique hill exhibit at the Fairgrounds in Tunbridge. Two old shelves at the barn are junk and can be removed.

#### **Knights Opera House**

**Key-** Contacted Daniel Boone and will have new keys made.

**Fuel-** It was noted that H. Crawford was ok with the town using our fuel supplier if their price is less expensive than the price from Patriot Fuel. N. Cleveland noted that the price from Patriot fuels had not been received.

**Renew Lease-** N. Cleveland noted that H. Crawford was interested in keeping the Town in the building throughout the winter.

#### **Planning Commission Bylaws-**

J. Levasseur noted that the terms can be changed by the Selectboard and the bylaws need to be approved by the Selectboard for final adoption. The amended bylaws were presented to the board and discussed, and editing comments were suggested. Change of appointments to three years rather than 4yrs was discussed.

**P. Trombly made a motion to approve the proposed planning commission bylaws as amended with the three year term to be decided on. P. Ainsworth seconded the motion. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Times and Seasons – ACT 250 reconsideration**

J. Levasseur noted that the time and date has changed for the environmental board's hearing. The New date of the hearing is October 27, 2008, at the Royalton Academy Building immediately following the site visit at 8:30 a.m., and noted that it was unclear as to what will be discussed at the hearing. Some Planning Commission members feel that the stance has not changed and that the Dairy Hill Rd. area should not be viewed as a commercial area. Other members of the Planning Commission feel that the focus of the Planning Commission should be directed by the Selectboard. The next Planning Commission meeting is the 13<sup>th</sup> of October and the Selectboard meets the following day (October 14, 2008). L. Trottier noted that he understood that the Planning Commission and Selectboard would wait to hear from the Environmental board before taking any action concerning the Times and Seasons LLC's ACT 250 application. He noted that he would be supportive if the Planning Commission would like to go and observe the hearing. The board was in agreement of waiting to take any action until after the hearing. Discussion continued on the stance that the Selectboard will take.

**ACT 250 Updates** – Kevin Rogers, Charlie Welch, Jeff and Laurie Barcelow

#### **Ambulance Service**

It was noted that the White River Ambulance Service is charging for paramedic intercepts was anticipated. A letter from the Lebanon Fire Department was received stating that they will begin charging \$229.00 per intercept effective October 1, 2008. Discussion continued concerning the pressing issue of maintaining our rescue squad. L. Trottier noted that the day time coverage was the most important as 60% of the calls are during working hours.

#### **Transfer Station**

Reported Bethel Town Manager, Dell Cloud's recommendations and summary of the problem with the scales at the Transfer Station.

**Motion made by P. Ainsworth and seconded by J. Dumville to have the Bethel Town Manager, Dell Cloud get quotes for the repair work on the Transfer Station Scales and the town of Royalton will support any work needed if there is no additional charges to the alliance. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Tax Mapping**

N. Cleveland reported on the Town Lister's. It was noted that Gordon Tuthill's terms are the same as the Town Lister's and that the process of mapping the Tax maps is an ongoing process and that it would require at least one person to continue with the work.

**Carpenter Barn** – Contact Dennis Cilley

#### **Revolving loan Fund**

**Motion by P. Trombly to reappoint Charlie Leighton and Joshua Powers to a three year term for the Revolving Loan Committee. The motion was seconded by E. Amsden. L. Trottier asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Dog inpound**

If an animal is adopted the person adopting the animal should pay for the needed fees.

**P. Ainsworth made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by P. Trombly.**

**L. Trotter asked for further discussion and hearing none called the motion to a vote. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Nathan P. Cleveland