

Royalton Selectboard
Knight's Opera House

December 28, 2010

Public Present: Pam Levasseur, and Administrative Assistant Nathan Cleveland

Selectboard Present: Chairman Larry Trottier, Ernie Amsden, Peggy Ainsworth, Joan Goldstein, and Phil Gates

Chairman Trottier opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Selectboard Minutes of December 14, 2010

P. Ainsworth suggested grammatical corrections to the minutes.

P. Ainsworth made a motion that was seconded by J. Goldstein to approve the minutes of December, 14, 2010 as amended. Discussion ensued on the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Sewer Study

Administrative Assistant Cleveland noted that the system inspection portion of the complete sewer study will need to be postponed to the spring of 2012 due to the need to complete camera inspections of sewer lines.

Project Prioritization List

Discussion ensued on the process that the Selectboard will use to develop a capital improvement budget. The board instructed Administrative Assistant Cleveland to make a list of known projects by department and forward to the Selectboard for review.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budgets

Discussion on the proposed FY 2011/2012 budgets ensued. The Selectboard hopes to keep any potential increases to 3%.

Highway Department

Bloss Ballou Rd.

Administrative Assistant Cleveland reported that the Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hodgdon have filed an appeal concerning the survey of the disputed portion of the Bloss Ballou Rd. He also reported that they have not accepted the town's terms of requiring the Hodgdon's to pay for relocating the road away from the barn and pond that are within the town's right of way.

E. Amsden made a motion that was seconded by P. Gates to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Entered executive session at 9:03 p.m.

Exited executive session at 9:22 p.m. with no action taken. (PG/PA)

Discussion ensued on the legal process that must be followed to enforce the Vermont Superior Court's ruling that the disputed road must be returned to the location described in the court's ruling without any obstructions in the town's right of way.

J. Goldstein made a motion that was seconded by P. Ainsworth to authorize the town's attorney to file a Rule 70 motion to enforce the judgment regarding the road location, and file an answer and discovery requests, specifically asking the Hodgdon's to fully divulge any expert/surveyor opinion they have which concludes that the town's survey of the disputed section of the Bloss Ballou Rd. is incorrect. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nathan P. Cleveland