

Town of Royalton
Selectboard Meeting Minutes DRAFT
1/9/2024 6:30 PM
Virtual / In-person Meeting

Royalton Selectboard: Chris Noble, John Dumville, Stuart Levasseur, Tim Murphy, Jerry Barcelow

Town Staff & Committee Members: Victoria Paquin (Town Administrator), Demi Boles (Highway Foreman), John Leighton (Transfer Station Manager), Karmen Bascom (Town Clerk), Rita Hull (Treasurer)

Public: Dan St. Cyr (Allegiance Trucking), Hoyt Bingham, Jo Levasseur

Approve the Agenda: John moved to approve the agenda with the addition of time for Dan St. Cyr from Allegiance Trucking to speak to the board. Stuart seconds and the motion carries.

Public Comment: Hoyt asked about when pretown meeting would be held. Victoria notes it is typically the second regular meeting in February that is changed out for pretown meeting. Typically this does not conflict with school meetings.

Allegiance Trucking: Dan St. Cyr spoke with the board about an invoice that was sent from Allegiance Trucking to the town for repairs to a truck that was traded in. The parameters of the trade agreement were discussed. The trade value was given 18 months before the actual trade took place, and the truck was found by Allegiance to not meet expectations when they received it. Continued discussion around the Town's obligation and Allegiances expectations. The board requested the ability to send a third party to look at the vehicle and confirm the repairs.

Royalton Planning Commission: Geo reports that the planning commission has been working on a revision to the flood plain ordinance. The changes to the ordinance that are being proposed would incorporate additional flood hazard areas to the ordinance. This work is being conducted to ensure that as we continue to experience floods and flood hazards that we are reducing the risks to people who already live in these flood prone areas, and those that may be downstream. Geo requested that the planning commission be allowed to start holding public meetings to discuss the ordinance with the public so that all can understand the proposed changes. Chris would like Geo to meet with Selectboard members first so that they can become more knowledgeable about the changes and then the board will hold meetings with the planning commission and the public.

Royalton Transfer Station: Jon Leighton requested to repair the cardboard compactor at the transfer station for a cost of \$2,500. Tim asks how long the machine will be down for repair. John thinks it is a relatively quick repair – a day or two if they run into problems. Jerry moved to approve the cost to repair the compactor. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

John requested to have windows in the transfer station building replaced for a cost of \$2,600 for two windows. Tim moved to approve the replacement of the windows. Stuart seconded and the motion carried.

Highway Department: Tim reviewed and approved the overweight permits.

Borrowing Resolution: John moved to adopt the borrowing resolution for Vermont bond Bank. Jerry seconded and the motion carried.

Sewer Rate: John moved to set the sewer rate at \$2.48/100 gallons. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

Budget Review: After discussion, the board adjusted the wage increases for employees from a 5% increase to a 3.5% increase and approved the budgets by consensus.

Town Meeting Warning: John moved to approve the town meeting warning as presented. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants: The warrants were reviewed and approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes: Jerry moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. John seconded and the motion carried.

Other/Old Business: Chris moved to authorize a contractor to perform winter plowing on Urdstat, & Lovejoy roads at a cost of \$225 per storm. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

An invoice for work conducted on Johnson Hill Road has been paid.

Jerry moved to pay an invoice for snowplowing that occurred on the Barnard side of the Broad Brook road closure. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Paquin
Royalton Town Administrator