

Town of Royalton
Selectboard Meeting Minutes DRAFT
10/11/2022 6:30 PM
Virtual / In-person Meeting

Royalton Selectboard: John Dumville, Chris Noble, David Barker, Tim Murphy,

Town Staff & Committee Members: Victoria Paquin (Town Administrator), Rita Hull (Treasurer), Loretta Stalnaker (Police Chief), Geo Honingford (Planning Commission)

Public: Jo Levasseur, Hoyt Bingham

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 PM

Approve the Agenda: John moved to approve the Agenda. Tim noted that we will tend to the planning commission agenda items before public comments. Chris seconded and the motion carried.

Royalton Planning Commission: Geo spoke with the board regarding a grant opportunity. The grant would provide funding for the Planning Commission to work with an outside agency on developing a subdivision ordinance for the town. There was significant discussion regarding whether the town's people would be in favor of such an ordinance. The board requested time to consider the information and learn more about the proposal before making a determination on a grant application.

Geo noted that the planning commission is working on making an update to the land use section of the town plan. The general objective is to better align Royalton's Town Plan with the Regional Plan. Geo anticipates having the updated sections ready for a vote at Town Meeting 2023.

Public Comment: Hoyt Bingham requested permission to collect signatures for a petition against Dollar General at the Transfer Station on a couple of Saturdays. The board discussed whether this would be permissible and what negative impacts could arise as a result of allowing this activity. Victoria noted that there is a policy regarding politicking at the Town Office Building, but nothing regarding the Transfer Station. The board requested that Victoria send them the policy and noted that it seemed acceptable for someone to be at the transfer station for the purpose of requesting signatures provided that town staff were not asked to assist.

Community Dinner: Vermont Law and Graduate School is once again hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for the community. Volunteers and donations are needed. John moved to give \$500 from the community betterment fund for the dinner. David seconded and the motion carried.

Approve Warrants: Warrants were reviewed and approved as presented. Victoria requested that the board approve the final payment to the artists who have completed the installation of art on the Safford St. Underpass. John moved to approve the contractual payment to the artists. David seconded and the motion carried.

Approve Minutes: John moved to approve the minutes of the September 27th meeting. Chris seconded and the motion carried.

Other Business: John went up and looked at Pepperell Rd after receiving a report of damage. It is presumed that damage to the road was caused by individuals from the Pilgrimage Overlanding event that was held last weekend. There was no further discussion.

John attended the Board of Transportation hearing that took place on October 6th regarding the Town's petition to close the southern Stearns rd crossing and requesting improvements to the northerly crossing. The railroad requested a second Jersey barrier be placed to ensure that drivers are aware the crossing is closed. It was also recommended that the town officially declassify the portion of the road between S. Windsor St and the tracks. Gates and lights will be added to the northerly crossing by the railroad next summer. The Board of Transportation will issue their official statements in a few weeks time.

David attended VLCT's town fair. He noted that there are state contracts for pricing on various items and suggested that the town should make use of them. Victoria noted that we utilize contract pricing for a number of items within the town. David also reported that there was good information regarding local roads, maintenance plans etc and that we should utilize these resources.

There have been a few candidates for the open road crew positions. Discussion was had regarding the possibility of offering to aid candidates in obtaining a CDL. There was continued discussion regarding the cost and time commitment of such an endeavor. More information is required before taking any action on this suggestion.

Adjourned: 7:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Paquin
Royalton Town Administrator