

Town of Royalton
Selectboard Meeting Minutes DRAFT
11/8/2022 6:30 PM
Virtual / In-person Meeting

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

Town Staff & Committee Members: Victoria Paquin (Town Administrator), Rita Hull (Treasurer)

Public: Peter Anderson, Jo Levasseur

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 PM

Approve the Agenda: Jerry moved to approve the agenda as presented. David seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment: Peter Anderson inquired about the report on the roads requested for ATV use. Chris and David have not yet reviewed the roads. Peter noted that he was disappointed that the minutes of October 25th did not include more specific quotations from the lawyer. Peter also commented that an ATV ordinance would put the town at risk, and that there is no need to adopt one, it is not a good idea.

Highway Dept: Due to the restructuring of the highway wage scale one employee needs a wage increase. Victoria reported that Demi requested a pay rate of \$24.50 an hour. There was some discussion regarding wage setting and whether the department heads can set a wage without coming back to the board for authorization. David moved to approve the wage increase as requested by the foreman. John seconded and the motion carried.

Police Dept: Victoria reported that Loretta has requested a wage increase for a part time officer to \$22 an hour. The increase and hours are within the Chief's labor budget. Tim moved to approve the wage increase as requested by the Chief. Jerry seconded and the motion carried.

Land Lease Request: David moved to enter executive session for discussion of a contract at 6:44 PM. John seconded and the motion carried. Executive session concluded 7:05 PM. No action taken.

Approve Warrants: Jerry moved to approve the warrants as presented. David seconded and the motion carried.

Approve Minutes: John moved to amend the minutes of the October 25th meeting to include a link to the meeting recording. Jerry seconded and the motion carried. John moved to approve the minutes of November 1st as presented. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

Other Business: David asked about the possibility of utilizing the academy building for voting due to concerns about the continued availability of space at the school. The academy building has not been seen as a viable polling place in the past, but alternates to the school should be kept in mind. Tim notes that he is receiving 2-3 calls a week as health officer, suggests that this should be a paid position in the upcoming budget. Victoria asked if the board had questions or concerns after the initial review of the Bridge 31 rehab bids. The board would like to know what debris containment method will be used during sanding and asked to check references.

Adjourned: 7:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Victoria Paquin
Royalton Town Administrator

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