

Town of Royalton
Selectboard Meeting Minutes DRAFT
6/11/2024 5:00 PM
Virtual / In-person Meeting

Royalton Selectboard: Stuart Levasseur, Tim Murphy, John Dumville, Patrick Dakin, Nell Gwin

Town Staff & Committee Members: Victoria Paquin (Town Administrator), Rita Hull (Treasurer), Loretta Stalnaker (Police Chief), Todd Ballentine (Constable), Brad Salzman (EMD)

Public: David Kimball (SRRS Advisory Board), Jeff Knudsen (SRRS Advisory Board), Julia Bowen, Sarah Ballentine

Approve the Agenda: John moved to approve the agenda. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment: There were no public comments this evening.

Royalton Fire District #1: The selectboard received the proposed land lease for the rescue squad building back from the lawyer. They need to set up time to review the comments either separately or jointly. John and Stuart offered to review the lease comments and meet with the lawyer if needed and then they will get the adjustments back to the fire district.

WRVHS – Expository Reading & Writing Group: Julia Bowen presented the board with her group's idea to have a dog park in town. There was discussion regarding location and potential liability of having a dog park. Victoria offered to meet with the students to go over municipal project planning processes.

Royalton Planning Commission: Geo was present to discuss the planning commissions class IV road plan with the selectboard. The group discussed the class four roads, their current conditions and the planning commissions proposal for each road. The planning commission is willing to continue adding detail to the plan, but wanted to make sure that the selectboard was in favor of the plan before committing more time and resources. It was suggested that the planning commission hold a public meeting regarding the class 4 roads. Patrick moved to empower the planning commission to say that the selectboard is in favor of their proposal. Nell seconded and the motion carried.

Transfer Station: Victoria reminded the board that we have previously discussed acceptance of credit cards at the transfer station. John L. would like to be able to accept cards, but the board needs to determine how much of the fees would be passed on to customers. Tim moved to accept credit cards at the transfer station with the fees being passed on to the consumer. John Dumville seconded and the motion carried.

Victoria reports that John L has discussed with her that there is a leak in the leachate tank at the transfer station. Liquid is gathering in the liner, but is not leaking out to the ground. John L is looking for contractors and quotes to make the repair and is talking with the DEC as needed.

Town Administrator: Victoria requests that the board certify the TA-60 for submission to VTrans. John moved to certify the TA-60. Patrick seconded and the motion carried.

Victoria reports changes to the open meeting law as a result of S 55. The bill requires hybrid meetings and that the recordings be posted. There are some other changes to required informational

postings as well. She is still waiting for additional guidance from VLCT, but expects that the Selectboard, and the Board of Abatement will be subject to the changes. It was noted that we will be required to hold the information meeting for the bond vote in a hybrid format. The board agreed that Victoria should seek to hire a contractor to facilitate appropriate sounds & video.

Approval of Warrants: Tim moved to approve the warrants. John seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: John moved to approve the minutes. Patrick seconded and the motion carried.

Other / Ongoing Business:

Victoria reports that she was able to speak with the engineer who performed the work for the last Act 250 permit for the gravel put. He is supposed to be putting together a proposal for the board.

There was no update from the health officer this evening.

The personnel policy will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Tim reminded the board that reviews should be being worked on.

Nell asked if additional speed enforcement is being done on Back River Road, yes.

Patrick reports that David Brandeau is stepping down as Royalton's representative to the TRORC board. He is willing to be appointed in David's stead if the board agrees. John moved to appoint Patrick as Royalton's representative to TRORC. Tim seconded and the motion carried. The board expressed thanks to David for his many years of service.

Tim noted that TRORC has indicated they may be available in the fall to assist with a guardrail inventory.

Patrick moved to enter executive session at 8:17 PM to discuss a personnel matter. Chief Stalnaker was invited to stay. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

Executive session concluded at 8:37 PM.

Patrick moved to accept the chief's recommendation for an increase in officer compensation and hours. Tim seconded and the motion carried.

Adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Paquin
Royalton Town Administrator