

Town of Royalton
Selectboard Meeting Minutes DRAFT
6/28/2022 6:30 PM
Virtual/In-person Meeting

Royalton Selectboard: John Dumville, Tim Murphy, Jerry Barcelow, David Barker, Chris Noble (arrived, 6:40 PM)

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

Public: Jo Levasseur,

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 PM

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

Public Comments: There were no public comments this evening.

Recreation Department: Jim Hewitt was unable to attend this evening. Victoria shared the rec department's request for permission to hire Miriam Clark as the Recreation director at a wage to be determined within the confines of the budget. There was some discussion regarding oversight of the position and whether the board could request the Rec Committee to spearhead specific events. John moved to approve hiring Miriam as the Rec. Director. David seconded and the motion carried.

Town Administrator:

Walter presented academy building leases for renewal on July 1st. The leases are for existing tenants and include small rate increases. There was discussion regarding the rate structure and cleaning. Jerry moved to approve the academy building leases as presented. John seconded and the motion carried.

Victoria has received a request for an alcohol permit for an event to be hosted by EC Fiber on the town green on July 12th. The event is an employee celebration event. John moved to approve the alcohol permit. Jerry seconded and the motion carried.

Victoria requested the sewer rate to be set at \$2.06 per 100 gallons, which is a \$0.14 decrease from the last billing rate. Jerry moved to set the sewer rate at \$2.06 per 100 gallons. David seconded and the motion carried.

Victoria reports that the Davis Rd. Culvert replacement is substantially complete, and the road is reopened to traffic. The guardrails are on order and should be received and installed around July 15th.

Royalton Police Department:

Loretta reports that the structure that was placed in the Riverview cemetery should be removed by the end of the week. Loretta will follow up on the issue to ensure that the site is vacated.

Loretta presented the contract from Hartford Dispatch to have them begin performing dispatching services. Jerry moved to approve the contract and allow David to sign for the town. John seconded and the motion carried.

Approve Warrants: The warrants were approved as presented.

Approve Minutes: John moved to approve the minutes of June 14. Jerry seconded and the motion carried.

Bethel Royalton Transfer Station: Chris moved to sign the purchase and sale agreement as presented. John seconded. Tim acknowledged the hard work of David and Victoria to work with Bethel to draft the agreement and Jerry's work as the chair of the Bethel-Royalton Solid Waste board.

Other Business: Jerry notes that he received a noise complaint regarding the Solstice Celebration held at the Black Lives Matter House. It was noted that there is no noise ordinance beyond at the State level, which is 10:00 PM. Tim reports that they had wrapped up by 10:00 and that everyone was respectful. There was some discussion regarding how to handle events in the future.

John says that the art project is coming along and that he has signed the contract with the artists, the first payment is included in the warrants.

Tim reports that culvert cleaning is occurring. He also noted that there are some plans in the works to reopen a laundromat in the Chelsea St. block.

There was some discussion regarding refrigerators being left in the alley behind the Chelsea St. Business block. Tim and David will speak with the owner regarding removing the doors or securing the refrigerators in order to mitigate the safety hazard.

Executive Session: The board entered executive session at 7:17 PM to discuss staff evaluations and wages on a motion by Jerry that was seconded by David.

Executive session concluded at 7:54 PM.

Jerry moved that there will be no automatic raises and that all raises will be based on performance and scope of responsibility. Chris seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry moved that the board would discuss real numbers at their next meeting. Chris seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Victoria Paquin

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