

Town of Royalston
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Present: Werner Bundschuh, Chairman; Thomas Kellner, Clerk; and Andrew West, Member.

1. Chairman Bundschuh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. The minutes of the 11/1/05 meeting were read. Mr. West made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.
3. Acknowledgements/Announcements/Correspondence:
 - a) Mr. West made a motion to approve a request from Mary Barclay to hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on 11/19/05 and to allow the ceremony to be held on town property. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
 - b) A public meeting of the Quabbin to Cardigan Conservation Collaborative will be held on Thursday, 11/17/05 at the Town Hall.
 - c) Mr. West will check into obtaining informational signs to place on the commons before town meetings.
 - d) Mr. Kellner will speak to the Building Inspector about what the Board's rights are relative to the condemned LaRoche property on King Street.
 - e) Mr. Kellner reported that some of the sodium vapor streetlights in South Royalston have been replaced with white bulbs.
4. Department Head Reports:
 - a) DPW – Mr. Bundschuh reported the following in Keith Newton's absence:
 - 1) The grader is back in service and is working very well.
 - 2) Mr. Bundschuh, Vyto Andreliunas and Mr. Newton interviewed three engineering firms for engineering phase of the Route 32 project recently: Bryant Associates, Guertin & Elkerton Associates, and Dufresne Henry. There will be a ballot system among the three interviewers to weigh the different aspects of the proposals, with the Selectmen making the final decision early next week.
5. Old Business:
 - a) 7:30 p.m. – Shelly Hatch, MRPC – Grants: Ms. Hatch was invited to attend to discuss a wish list for future grants. She spoke with Glenn Eaton regarding the possibility of utilizing CDBG funds for a riverfront park project in South Royalston. He felt that a block grant would not be the correct type of funding, but there may be other options through agencies such as the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. MRPC could investigate other options for the town. Other possibilities for CDBG funds were discussed, such as demolition of substandard buildings and a feasibility study for a senior center or senior housing. Ms. Hatch will attempt to set up a meeting with the DHCD program representative and the Board. Vyto Andreliunas suggested that the Board might explore grants for rural firefighting and for the utilization of town sites for a

telecommunications tower. Mr. Bundschuh will ask Helen Divoll to invite Wayne Newton to the next meeting to discuss these suggestions and other pending matters.

- b) Kim MacPhee presented the Board with paperwork for the Smart Growth Grant, including documents that must be signed and returned to the state before the Town can go forward. Also included is the scope of work. Ms. MacPhee will complete what she can, and then will meet with Helen Divoll regarding the remaining information. Mr. West made a motion to authorize Mr. Andreliunas and Ms. MacPhee to take steps to secure a provider of services relating to the Zoning Bylaw revisions as outlined in the scope of work. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
 - c) Jeff Mangum, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Mr. Kellner stated that Mr. Mangum was invited to the meeting to discuss the possibility of making a public swimming beach at Tully Lake north of the boat ramp. Mr. Mangum said that he has spoken with his direct supervisors and others, and there have been no objections yet, however, there are quite a few issues to consider. The Corps of Engineers has strict standards for a swimming beach, such as providing additional parking and meeting environmental standards. Also, there is currently no money available for such a project and budget requests are submitted two years in advance. Mr. Mangum spoke with the Environmental Compliance Officer who offered three possible options: 1) the federal government could do everything; 2) there could be a cost share where the Town and the Corps of Engineers would contribute; or 3) the area could be leased out to the town, and they'd incur all costs. After some discussion, the Board decided to write an official letter to the Operations Manager of the Lower Connecticut River Basin expressing the Town's interest in a cost-sharing project.
6. The Treasury Warrant was signed.
7. Mr. Bundschuh made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Minutes recorded by Diana Newton.