

**TOWN OF ROYALSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

Present: Thomas Kellner, Chairman; Gary Winitzer, Clerk; and Werner Bundschuh, Member.

1. Chairman Kellner called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the 2/1/05 meeting were read. Mr. Winitzer made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.
3. Acknowledgements/Announcements/Correspondence:
 - a) Correspondence was received from the Department of the Army thanking the town for their assistance in cleaning up the spill at Tully Lake recently.
 - b) Mr. Bundschuh made a motion to approve two requests from the Friends of the Library for use of the Town Hall; one on 3/23 from 6 – 9 p.m. for Introduction to Yoga; and one for the mornings of 4/16 – 4/22 for comedy improvisation. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
 - c) Mr. Winitzer made a motion to forward information regarding a Central Regional Homeland Security project to Keith Newton, Curtis Deveneau and Wayne Newton and if they are interested, to request that they reply with a letter of intent to the Board by 3/1/05. Mr. Bundschuh seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.
 - d) Correspondence was received from Beth Gospodarek, Acting Chairperson of the Open Space Committee, requesting that the Board appoint the following new members: Ed Goss, Pat Carrier, Glen Freden and Tom Musco. Discussion was held regarding the number of members that should be on this Committee.
4. 7:30 p.m. – Pole Hearing – Brown Road: Kelly Ann Congdon from Verizon stated that they are requesting that two poles be placed on Brown Road to service a new home. Mr. Winitzer explained the problems that had occurred with Verizon recently on School Street regarding placement and removal of poles. He does not want to approve any more poles until the School Street issue is resolved. Mr. Kellner stated that the delay on School Street is costing the town money. Mr. Bundschuh made a motion that further discussion on the approval of poles on Brown Road will be contingent on completion of the pole issue on School Street. Mr. Winitzer seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
5. Department Head Reports:
 - a) Snow & Ice Account – Mr. Winitzer made a motion to authorize overspending of the Snow and Ice Account. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
6. Old Business:
 - a) Forest Stewardship Request: Mr. Kellner has received correspondence from Steve Anderson regarding this program. Glen Freden will send the proper wording for the application to the Board.
7. 8:00 p.m. – Leigh Youngblood, Mt. Grace Land Conservation Trust Re: Taft Hill Road Property: Ms. Youngblood explained that the town has the right of first refusal for purchase of this property under Chapter 61A and can assign this right to Mt. Grace. Mt. Grace can then purchase the land, and then the state will buy the land from them in order to keep the property as protected land, which is surrounded on all sides by protected land. Mr. Kellner asked that Ms. Youngblood send

a letter to the Board stating that Mt. Grace intends to purchase the land, and then the Board will hold a public hearing. The public hearing will be scheduled and posted for 3/1/05 at 7:40 p.m.

8. The appointments to the Open Space Committee were discussed further, as several members of the Committee were present. Mr. Winitzer suggested that the Board hold off on making any other appointments until research is done on the make-up of the Committee. Mr. Bundschuh made a motion to appoint Ed Goss, Pat Carrier, Glen Freden and Tom Musco to the Open Space Committee. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. Kellner and Mr. Bundschuh, yes; and Mr. Winitzer, no. Mr. Winitzer made a motion to amend the previous motion to include that the appointment term will end on 6/30/05. Mr. Kellner seconded the amended motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.
9. New Business:
 - a) Fallon Probationary Period of New Hires: Mr. Winitzer made a motion to make the probationary period for new hires the date of hire. Mr. Bundschuh seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
 - b) Administrative Assistant: Mr. Bundschuh made a motion that the Administrative Assistant receive paid legal holidays when they fall on her workday. He was informed that the library employees get this benefit, so feels that the Administrative Assistant should also. Discussion was held regarding whether or not the library employees actually do get paid for holidays. More research will be done on the issue, and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - c) CDBG Support Letter: Mr. Winitzer made a motion to send a letter to DHCD stating that the Town has prioritized the development strategy contained in Sec. 6 of the FFY 2005 CDBG Application. Mr. Bundschuh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Kellner will prepare the letter.
 - d) Open Mic: The Cultural Council has requested use of the Town Hall for Open Mic on 3/5/05. Mr. Winitzer made a motion to approve the request, waive the fee, and allow the Council to put up a sign on town property. Mr. Bundschuh seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
10. Zoning Bylaw Project: Mr. Winitzer read an excerpt from the minutes from the Board's meeting on 11/2/04, when the Zoning Bylaw Project task force was created and a deadline for presentation of information to the Board was set for 2/15/05. He has prepared, in article format, the proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaws, as done by the previous Zoning Bylaw Review Committee. He will e-mail the document to the other Board members. Vyto Andreliunas stated that the proposed changes could be presented in bits and pieces or as a whole package. Mr. Winitzer said that there are things that need to be corrected as soon as possible. Mr. Andreliunas said that he plans to give an Executive Report and map out the outline of changes to present to people.
11. Union Negotiations: Mr. Kellner made a motion to appoint Mr. Bundschuh and Mr. Winitzer to a negotiation subcommittee to negotiate the union contract beginning 7/1/05, that the subcommittee report directly to the Board, and that the tentative agreement would have to be agreed upon by the entire Board and voted upon by the Town. Mr. Bundschuh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Kellner then made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiation of a labor contract. Mr. Bundschuh seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. Bundschuh, yes; Mr. Kellner, yes; and Mr. Winitzer, yes. Mr. Bundschuh made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. Mr. Winitzer seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. Bundschuh, yes; Mr. Kellner, yes; and Mr. Winitzer, yes.
12. The Treasury Warrant was signed.
13. At 9:53 p.m., Mr. Winitzer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Minutes recorded by Diana Newton.