

**TOWN OF ROYALSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2005
7:00 P.M.**

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

1. Chairman Bundschuh called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the 6/7/05 meeting were read. One change was made and noted. Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. West seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.
3. Acknowledgements/Announcements/Correspondence:
 - a) The Board received notice from the state of \$177,418 in Chapter 90 Funds. Also received was the agreement regarding the extension of the STRAP grant.
 - b) Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept a letter of resignation from Norma Butterworth, Town Custodian, and to advertise the position. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
 - c) Mr. Kellner made a motion to send the letter drafted by Mr. West to King Street residents regarding current actions and expectations of the Board relating to the LaRoche property. Mr. Bundschuh seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
 - d) Mr. West reported that he wrote the letter to National Grid and also requested information regarding the type of spray they use.
 - e) Mr. West will contact Beth Gospadarek and suggest that she contact the Assessors for space in their office for the Open Space Committee's file cabinet.
4. Department Head Reports:
 - a) DPW –
 - 1) Keith Newton reported that bids for Goods & Services were received with standard responses except for rock salt, which he recommended be rejected and put out to bid again. He will meet with the Board on Monday, 6/27 at 8:00 a.m. to review the bids. The bids for painting of the Town Hall will also be reviewed on 6/27.
 - 2) Mr. Newton reported on a water issue at the Salidino property, where part of the old water system was dug up during the School Street construction. Mr. Kellner will call Mr. Salidino to see if there is a problem with the water at the garage.
 - b) Police Department –
 - 1) Discussion was held regarding a letter of complaint about trains idling up to 24 hours at the railroad crossing. Chief Deveneau stated that dispatch should be called if this occurs so that police can respond. The railroad is not supposed to do this. Mr. West will write a letter to Guilford Railroad telling them to stop.
5. Old Business:
 - a) Town Offices and Committees Appointments: Discussion was held regarding appointments to the Finance Board. Wayne Newton said that, as moderator, he has always appointed 6 members. Mr. Winitzer reported on information he had on this issue

from the Annual Town Meeting on 5/10/96 and Special Town Meeting in 2000. Mr. Bundschuh volunteered to research this further. Mr. Winitzer suggested that the bylaws be corrected based on what the town voted. Mr. Kellner felt that this would be a task for the new town clerk. Mr. West made a motion to appoint all those listed on page 1 (attached) of the appointment list for fiscal year 2006. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Discussion was held regarding the Overseers of the Poor and Board of Public Welfare. Wayne Newton said that people are elected to positions on the Board of Public Welfare for 3-year terms. Mr. West suggested that along with sorting out membership of the Finance Board and matching up appointments, the Board make a recommendation to clean up the bylaws at a future town meeting. Wayne Newton noted his appointments of at-large members, which are listed on page 2 of the appointment list. Mr. Bundschuh made a motion to leave the position of School Committee Representative on the Finance Board vacant because Donna Caisse is already appointed as an at-large member. Mr. Bundschuh then amended his motion to appoint Donna Caisse as the School Committee Representative. Mr. Kellner said that Roberta Newman had approached him and said that she would like to be the representative. We should check with Donna to see if she's willing to be the representative. Mr. Bundschuh then withdrew his motion. Mr. Kellner stated that he would contact Donna Caisse, and the Board decided to hold off on this appointment. Mr. West made a motion to appoint Dispatch, Capital Planning Committee, Conservation Commission and Council on Aging, with amendment of terms for the Conservation Commission from all 3-year terms, as noted on page 2 (attached) of the appointment list. Mr. Bundschuh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. West then made a motion to modify the appointments of the Conservation Commission back to 3-year terms. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Kellner made a motion to appoint members to the Historic District Commission, Open Space Committee, Memorial Day Committee, and Personnel Committee, as noted on page 3 (attached) of the appointment list. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. West made a motion to appoint all those listed on page 4 (attached) of the appointment list. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

- b) Smyly Lawsuit: Mr. Bundschuh reported that the Board received a letter regarding a notice of a hearing. Kopelman & Paige has informed the court that the town's interests have been taken over by Mt. Grace Land Trust.
- c) Mr. West reported that the Historic District Commission met and accepted the application for the light on the Town Hall and will hold a public hearing on 7/21/05 at 7:00 p.m. The application for the Town Hall sign was discussed. The Commission felt that it might be better to have a banner style sign over the door. He withdrew the application to take it back to the Board. Mr. Kellner made a motion to change the application to what the Commission suggested. Mr. West seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

6. New Business:

- a) Payment for the Animal Inspector was discussed. Mr. Bundschuh will look up when Robin Mowry was appointed and request that he be paid a prorated amount.
- b) Nancy Monette Subdivision: Mrs. Monette presented information (copy attached) to the Board regarding property owned by her and her husband. Discussion was held regarding the discontinuation of Toney Road and how the Monettes can divide their property into building lots for their children. Keith Newton advised the Monettes to go to the Planning Board. Mr. West said that another avenue would be to have the road re-accepted, which would have to be done at a town meeting. He felt that the Selectmen couldn't make a determination.
- c) Interviews for Town Clerk will be held at the Board's meeting on Monday morning. Mr. West will contact the applicants.

- d) Mr. Kellner made a motion to encumber the balance of the funds in the Legal Account to pay the expected bill for June 2005. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
 - e) Town Meeting Recommendations: Mr. Bundschuh felt that the Board should make recommendations on the article regarding increasing the administrative assistant's hours and the article on proposed Zoning Bylaw changes (citizen's petition). Mr. Bundschuh made a motion that the Board state that they are not in favor of raising the hours of the Administrative Assistant to 24. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. Mr. Bundschuh stated that the main reason is because the Board did not submit the article; it was submitted as a citizen's petition. Mr. Kellner reiterated that Keith Newton should have his own secretary. Mr. Bundschuh said that it should be brought up at budget time. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the above motion. Mr. Kellner made a motion that the Board takes a position to not support the zoning bylaw changes because they do not significantly improve or clarify the bylaw. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. Mr. Bundschuh stated that Kelly Newton has requested funds to print copies of her explanations of the proposed bylaw changes. Mr. West made a motion to deny this funding request. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor.
7. The Treasury Warrant was signed.
 8. At 9:50 p.m., Mr. Bundschuh made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss deployment of personnel and strategy with respect to collective bargaining. The meeting will reconvene to make appointments to the Police Department. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
 9. Open Session resumed at 10:05 p.m. Mr. Kellner made a motion to appoint the members of the Police Department with 1, 2 and 3 year terms as noted on the Police Department Appointments, page 5 of the appointment list (attached). Mr. West seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.
 10. Mr. Kellner made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Minutes recorded by Diana Newton.

