

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

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bundschuh.
2. The minutes of the 5/17/05 meeting were read. Mr. West made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
3. Mr. Bundschuh announced the opening of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on 6/24/05 at 7:30 p.m. at the Royalston Community School. Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept an article from the Fire Chief regarding the Town's acceptance of funds from the Fire and EMS Association for the purchase of a new emergency response vehicle with amended language in the last sentence as follows: "The new emergency response vehicle to be owned by the Town of Royalston and operated by the Town of Royalston Fire Department". Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Discussion was held regarding how payments will be made to the town and how the vehicle will be utilized once purchased. Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept an article submitted by the DPW Supervisor and Administrative Assistant regarding transfer of money from the public halls account. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept an article submitted by the Town Accountant regarding transfer of money into the Stabilization Account with items deleted as noted. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept an article from the Town Accountant to transfer funds from Stabilization into the Snow & Ice Account. Mr. West seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor. Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept an article submitted by the Sewer Commission and DPW Supervisor for installation of a sewer manhole on Pleasant Street. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. After some discussion, Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept an article submitted by the Police Chief regarding the establishment of a Firearms Licensing Fund. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. Kellner and Mr. West, yes; and Mr. Bundschuh, no. Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept an article for the town to accept the agreement negotiated with the Selectmen and the AFSCME bargaining unit beginning 7/1/05. Mr. West seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
4. Acknowledgements/Announcements/Correspondence:
  - a) Mr. Kellner announced that the Personnel Committee had met with the Police and Fire Chiefs and the DPW Supervisor.
  - b) Mr. Bundschuh read letters of commendation to be sent to Gary Winitzer and Vyto Andreliunas.
  - c) Mr. Kellner made a motion to sign off on paperwork from Ted Neale for work done by him and paid for out of the John Bartlett Fund.
5. Department Heads Reports:
  - a) DPW:
    - 1) Keith Newton requested Chairman Bundschuh's signature on paperwork required by the state in order to extend the School Street project for one year.
    - 2) Discussion was held regarding the Route 68 washout area and how to block off Old South Royalston Road. Mr. Newton said that this area is still a work in progress.

b) Police Department:

- 1) Chief Deveneau presented the Board with a list of current policies and one new policy for their review.
  - 2) He requested that re-appointments be held off until the next meeting.
  - 3) An illegal solid waste dump has been discovered in town. He is working with the Board of Health on the issue.
  - 4) He will work with the Fire Chief on the new Homeland Security grant.
- c) Treasurer: Brenda Putney reported that it looks like the tax taking process on 1 School Street will have to be withdrawn and started over because a step was missed when it was recorded with the land court.
- d) Tree Warden: Larry Siegel announced that a Tree Hearing will be held on 6/14/05 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall regarding four trees on the Common.
- e) Sewer Commission: Clayton Holmes stated that the Sewer Commissioners met today and voted to abolish the \$5000 entry fee and return it back to \$150. The cost of all work required to be connected to the sewer system is the responsibility of the homeowner. Also, Mr. Holmes announced that Kevin Fabrizio has moved out of town and asked if he can still be a Commissioner. The Board felt that he could not continue if he is not a resident. Mr. Kellner made a motion to post the position. Mr. West seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

6. Old Business:

- a) Town Clerk Position: Lloyd LeBlanc stated that he will be moving out of town, but will stay until the Board can replace him. Mr. Kellner made a motion to appoint Mr. LeBlanc as temporary town clerk for 30 days. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. West made a motion to advertise the position. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion, with the Board voting in favor. Applications will be requested by 6/17/05, with interviews to be held at the 6/21/05 meeting.
- b) Discussion was held regarding moving the Selectmen's meeting nights to Mondays. It was decided to revisit this issue at a later date.
- c) Mr. West asked about the status of the LaRoche property on King Street. Mr. Kellner stated that he had not contacted the property owners yet. Mr. West made a motion that the Board send a letter to the residents of King Street regarding the actions of Selectmen. Mr. Bundschuh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. West offered to write the letter.

7. New Business:

- a) Mr. Kellner made a motion to accept the bid for the town's insurance coverage from Kimball-Cooke at a cost of \$34,534.00. Mr. West seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
- b) Correspondence received from Kopelman & Paige regarding payment options for the month of June was reviewed. Mr. West made a motion to accept Option 1. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
- c) The Board received notification from National Grid about spraying under the power lines. Mr. Bundschuh made a motion that the Board send a letter to National Grid requesting that they do not spray from mid-July to mid-August, which is blueberry season. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion, with the Board voting in favor. Mr. West will draft the letter.

- d) Mr. West made a motion to appoint Mr. Kellner as alternate to MRPC. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
  - e) Mr. Bundschuh asked that the Board review the list of appointments. The make-up of the Finance Board was discussed. There is some confusion about who should serve. Mr. Bundschuh will research the issue with the help of Gary Winitzer.
  - f) Mr. Bundschuh will check into the Grounds Maintenance contract for the new fiscal year.
8. The Treasury Warrant was signed.
9. Mr. Kellner made a motion to close the warrant for the 6/24/05 Special Town Meeting. Mr. West seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
10. At 10:00 p.m., Mr. Kellner made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was all in favor. Mr. Kellner announced that no other business would be conducted after the Executive Session.
11. Mr. West made a motion to adjourn at 10:23 p.m. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Minutes recorded by Diana Newton.