

**Town of Royalston
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

Present: Andrew West, Chairman; Thomas Kellner and Linda Alger, Members.

1. Chairman West called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. At 7:04 p.m., Mr. Kellner made a motion to go into Executive Session to comply with provisions of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, according to MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B, number 7. The regular meeting will resume after the conclusion of the Executive Session. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was Ms. Alger, yes; Mr. Kellner, yes; and Mr. West, yes.
3. At 7:23 p.m., Mr. Kellner made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. Kellner, yes; Ms. Alger, yes; and Mr. West, yes.
4. Acknowledgements/Announcements/Correspondence:
 - a) Mr. Kellner presented a letter he wrote to Senator Brewer for the Board's signature requesting an evaluation of the proposed Grandview Acres development by the Mass. Environmental Protection Agency as discussed at the last meeting.
 - b) Mr. Kellner spoke with Glenn Eaton at MRPC regarding possible grant funds for demolition of 1 School Street. Mr. Eaton stated that there is grant funding for such projects, but the deadline was last month. He will check to see if there will be another round of grants in the near future.
 - c) The Board signed forms as requested by the Fire Chief relating to Excess Government Equipment.
 - d) Keith Newton reported that a meeting was held recently at Tully Lake regarding the Route 32 project with a representative from Mass. Highway and other town departments. The group drove the road and trouble spots were identified. A different approach for the project was discussed with a lesser degree of rebuilding and to fit into what our road systems are like. Mr. Newton will send a letter to Guertin Associates advising them that we will be taking a more moderate approach and will be putting their services on hold for now. Details of mapping that was done in the 1980's that will be a tremendous asset to the project were discussed.
5. Department Head Reports:
 - a) Police Department:
 - 1) Chief Deveneau reported that he will be applying for a Child Passenger Safety Grant. Sherry Miner has attended training and has been certified as a Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician. The grant would provide the community with child safety seats, which Ms. Miner would correctly place into residents' vehicles. Chief Deveneau hopes to utilize space at Whitney Hall for storage of the safety seats. Mr. Kellner made a motion to support this grant application. Ms. Alger seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.
 - 2) The cruiser has been undergoing repairs estimated at \$2,300.00.
 - 3) Helen Divoll will be asked to check with Verizon about the pay phone in front of the Fire Station, which is currently costing approximately \$70/month. Because it is the only pay phone in a rural area, Verizon may provide it to the town at no charge.

b) Water Department: Vicki Paine reported on a recent problem at the water tank site with people camping there and going on top of the tank. There was no evidence that the tank was entered into. A security fence is needed. She has contacted Senator Brewer regarding possible funding sources for fencing through the state or federal government. No Trespassing signs will be placed around the area.

c) DPW:

1) Keith Newton stated that the grader has been out on rotation, and the sweeper has been working on the Village area. He discussed other projects currently in progress.

6. Old Business:

- a) Union Contract: Mr. West stated that he has sent a clean copy of the new contract with applicable amendments and is waiting for a response from Mr. Tuttle.
- b) Special Election Warrant: Ms. Alger made a motion to call a Special Election on 6/12/06. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Kellner made a motion to approve and sign the election warrant, with Ms. Alger seconding, and the vote being unanimous in favor.
- c) Centrex System: Mr. West reported that he has spoken with another company regarding providing telephone service for the town, at a possible savings of \$1,000 per year. Internet service through the other company is also being discussed, but further information is needed. Mr. Kellner made a motion to switch to the reseller on a per month basis to include verifying contract obligations with Verizon before a change is made. Ms. Alger seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

7. The Treasury Warrant was signed.

8. Awards for Bids & Services: Keith Newton made the following recommendations for bid awards from 39M vendors:
- 1) Bituminous Concrete – Mass. Broken Stone - \$52.50 ton
 - 2) Reclamation – All States Asphalt – w/grader \$1.82 square yard; w/out grader \$1.46 square yard
 - 3) Chip Seal – All States Asphalt - \$1.62 square yard
 - 4) Road Oils & Emulsions – All States Asphalt – cut back/rc \$2.00/gal; Emulsions \$1.90/gal
 - 5) Processed Gravel – Powell Stone & Gravel - \$11.90 cubic yard

Ms. Alger made a motion to accept Mr. Newton's recommendations and to award bids as noted for MGL Chap. 39M vendors. Ms. Kellner seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mr. Newton noted the following responses to bids from MGL Chap. 30B Vendors for

- 1) Diesel Fuel – A. R. Sandri at \$2.78/gal & tax and
- 2) Heating Oil – A.R. Sandri at \$2.586/gal. Mr. Kellner made a motion to reject the responses to bids number 1 & 2 as noted above. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Newton stated that there were no responses to the bid for L.P. Gas.

Mr. Newton recommended the following vendors for bid awards for the remaining MGL Chap. 30B items:

- 4) Sand for ice control – Powell Stone & Gravel - \$12.40/cubic yard
- 5) Washed sand for construction – P.J. Keating - \$28.00/cubic yard
- 6) Washed stone – P.J. Keating – 3/8" \$19.50/ton; 1/2" \$19.50/ton; 3/4" \$17.75/ton; and 1-1/2" \$17.75/ton

- 7) Road Salt – Eastern Salt - \$53.10/ton
- 8) Guard Rail – Premier Fence – single face/type SS \$22.58 and type SS End \$1,046.75 ea.
- 9) Drainage Pipe – no response
- 10) Construction Equip. Rental – no response
- 12) Crack Sealing – Crack Sealing Inc. - \$5.60/gal.

Mr. Kellner made a motion to award the bids as recommended by Mr. Newton for Items 4-8 and 12. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Newton will solicit bids according to MGL Chap. 30B Guidelines for those items not yet awarded.

A discussion was held regarding the bid specifications for number 11 on the bid list – Grounds Maintenance. The Board felt that the specs should be consistent for all commons and parks. Mr. Kellner made a motion to reject the bid in order to redefine the bid specs. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

9. ATM Warrant Article Review: The Board reviewed the articles and noted those that they would endorse.

10. At 10:40 p.m., Mr. Kellner made a motion to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with a non-union employee, per MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B, number 3. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. West, yes; Mr. Kellner, yes; and Ms. Alger, yes.

11. Mr. Kellner made a motion to adjourn from the regular meeting at 11:11 p.m., with Ms. Alger seconding the motion and the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Minutes recorded by Diana Newton.