

**Town of Royalston  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, June 6, 2006  
7:00 p.m.**

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

1. At 7:12 p.m., Mr. West called the meeting to order.
2. Ms. Alger made a motion to call a Special Town Meeting on 6/30/06 at 6:30 p.m. at the Royalston Community School. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor. Ms. Alger made a motion to open the warrant for the 6/30/06 Special Town Meeting, with a second from Mr. Kellner. The Board voted unanimously in favor. Mr. Kellner made motions to approve as Articles 1, 2, and 3 those submitted by Lori Blanchard via memorandum (copy attached). Ms. Alger seconded the motions. The votes were unanimous in favor. Ms. Alger made a motion to approve as Article 4 an article submitted by the Board of Health for the transfer of \$7000 to pay FY06 bills. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Ms. Alger made a motion to approve as Article 5 an article submitted by the DPW Supervisor and Administrative Assistant for the transfer of funds from the Public Halls to the Public Halls Maintenance account. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor. Ms. Alger made a motion to approve as Article 6 an article to transfer \$28.00 from stabilization to pay a FY 05 legal bill. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. West and Ms. Alger, yes; and Mr. Kellner, no. Mr. Kellner made a motion to approve as Article 7 an article to empower the Board of Health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with other towns. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. The minutes of the 5/16/06 meeting were read. One addition was made and noted. Mr. Kellner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
4. Acknowledgements/Announcements/Correspondence:
  - a) Signing of DEP Administrative Consent Order – Raymond Building Water System: Mr. West recused himself from any discussion of this issue. Discussion was held regarding the current problem with release of wastewater at the Village School. Keith Newton stated that when the operator, Dana Cooley, did the testing, the results showed contamination. Mr. Cooley's opinion was that the system had failed due to lack of venting. Upon further investigation, there was an odor where the vents are even though the system had already been pumped. There were stones and sticks shoved down the vent, which would cause a blockage. Mr. Newton stated that repairs will probably be expensive and felt that the school should help pay the bill. The Consent Order from DEP allows until the beginning of the 2006 school year to correct the problem. Ms. Alger made a motion to sign the consent order. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. Kellner and Ms. Alger, yes; with Mr. West abstaining. Ms. Alger will speak to Risa Richardson regarding the bill for cleaning of the vent and how to work together to correct this problem.
  - b) Mr. West read a portion of a copy of a letter from the DOR, Division of Local Services, regarding issues in the Assessors' Office. James Richardson from the Board of Assessors' was present and explained some of the aspects noted in the letter. Discussion was held regarding the reasons for the delay in getting tax bills out. Mr. Richardson stated that it was not one person's fault; that there had been several issues involved. He said that all necessary paperwork has now been completed and has been in the DOR's hands for one month. Brenda Putney said that she needs to do something about

borrowing because the \$300,000 previously borrowed from Stabilization is due on 6/30/06 and there is no revenue coming in, as tax bills have not gone out. She is looking into short-term borrowing. Mr. West made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to \$500,000. Mr. Kellner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Ms. Alger suggested that an article be placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant regarding funds for servicing short-term debts. Mr. Kellner made a motion to approve this article as Article 8. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

- c) MRPC Representatives – Ms. Alger made a motion to appoint Vyto Andreliunas as the town’s representative to MRPC. Mr. Kellner seconded this motion, with the Board voting unanimously in favor. An alternate is still needed.

#### 5. New Business:

- a) Request for Sales Permit by College Students: Two students representing Southwestern Company requested a sales permit to sell the New Volume Library in town. Discussion was held regarding the town bylaws, which state that such sales are not permitted on town property. They already have a permit from the state to sell and are asking the town for permission as a courtesy.
- b) Jody Edwards – Request for Dealership License: Mr. Edwards is attempting to get liability insurance but has been told he cannot without a dealership permit. He sells an item called a Snow bear at trade shows and fairs, but not at his property. He has two of the vehicles parked in his yard that he uses to show the product. Mr. West stated that he would look at the Mass. General Laws regarding Class I licenses and how they work with the town’s bylaws.
- c) Mr. Kellner will talk to George Northrop this week regarding appointments to the Finance Committee.
- d) Mr. West stated that he would like to meet with department heads to discuss goal setting. He will ask Helen Divoll to work on scheduling these meetings.

#### 6. Department Head Reports:

##### a) Police Department:

- 1) Chief Deveneau requested that the Board support the Click It Ticket grant by proclaiming a Buckle Up week. Mr. Kellner made a motion to proclaim the week of June 18 as Buckle Up Town of Royalston week. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
- 2) Mr. Kellner made a motion to approve as Article 9 on the Special Town Meeting warrant an article to take from available funds the amount of \$2,599.00 to replenish the police department patrol budget, these funds having been reimbursed to the General Fund by the US Army Corps for FY 2006 patrols. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
- 3) Chief Deveneau stated that he has investigated getting ID’s for town employees. The cost would be approximately \$7.25 for regular white ID’s and \$9.75 for ID’s with a bar code. There would be a \$75 set up fee to put the town seal on. He will get samples for the Board’s review.
- 4) Chief Deveneau has checked the phone at Doane’s Falls and found that it does not work. He will contact Richard O’Brien from the Trustees of Reservations.
- 5) Antennas for the radio system for the Police Department were to be put up today. The entire project should be completed by the end of the week.
- 6) The report for the accident on Route 68 involving the guardrail has been received, and the repair is in the process.

b) DPW –

- 1) Keith Newton reported that the ad for surplus equipment has appeared in the Athol Daily News. The bid opening will be on 6/9/06 at 10:00 a.m. He will also be advertising for a truck driver/laborer. The request for bids for the grader will appear in the Central Register and the Athol Daily News. The bid deadline will be 6/26/06 at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) Mr. Newton is waiting to hear from the Sheriff's Department regarding having prisoners do work in town over the summer. If that does not work out, he will be looking to hire summer help.

c) Building Inspector –

- 1) Geoff Newton presented an article for the Special Town Meeting to add \$400 to his expense account. Mr. Kellner made a motion to approve the article as Article 10. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
  - 2) Mr. Newton presented a form for Temporary Certificate of Inspection and a recommended list of rules to be followed when events are held at the Town Hall when alcohol is served, music is played, and a large number of people are in attendance. The Board will review this list.
  - 3) The Board of Health, Police Chief, and Mr. Newton will hold the first round of meetings on 6/14/06 with property owners to address junk & trash on their property.
7. Closing of Special Town Meeting Warrant – Ms. Alger made a motion to make changes to Article 1 as discussed. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mr. Kellner made a motion to close the Special Town Meeting warrant, with Ms. Alger seconding the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
8. At 10:33 p.m., Mr. Kellner made a motion to go into Executive Session per MGL Chap. 39, Section 23B, number 9. Ms. Alger seconded the motion. The vote was Mr. West, yes; Mr. Kellner, yes; and Ms. Alger, yes. The regular meeting will reconvene to sign the Treasury Warrant only. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:56 p.m.
9. The Treasury Warrant was signed.
10. At 11:02 p.m., Mr. Kellner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. West seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Minutes recorded by Diana Newton.

