

**REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2002  
6:30 PM -- MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the St. Johnsbury Selectboard was held Tuesday, May 28 at the Municipal Building at 6:30 PM. The date was changed because of Memorial Day. Present were Chairman Reg Wakeham, members Elwin Cross and Bryon Quatrini. Members Dale Urie and Gabriel Handy were excused. Also present were Town Manager Michael Welch, Town Clerk Sandra Grenier, Zoning Administrator Priscilla Messier, Secretary Ida Rainville, Marlene Rock, representatives from the news media, Louis LaCroix.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman Wakeham, who led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance. Minutes of the May 13 meeting were approved as presented (Quatrini/Cross).

**Grant and Loan Applications**

Two applications for the State of Vermont were considered by the Selectboard. A construction grant for 25% of the cost of CSO preliminary engineering and construction, and a revolving loan fund loan for 50% of the CSO cost. Also a planning advance grant of \$38,000 which will allow the State to reimburse the Town for the design phase of the E. St. Johnsbury solid waste plan. On a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Elwin Cross, the Board unanimously approved these applications.

**Skate Board Ordinance**

Representatives of the Selectboard have met with the Skate Board committee to review proposed ordinance to control skating and skateboarding on public sidewalks and streets. Bryon Quatrini pointed out that some streets are left available for skating for those who wish to continue with exercise routines of in-line skating. Chief Devenger requested clarification on certain points to aid in enforcement. It will be forwarded to Ed Zuccaro for legal comment. A projected public hearing is for June 10 with tentative opening for mid-June. A lease agreement with Ned Hamilton, owner of Peter Glenn, has been approved by Mr. Zuccaro. Insurance is estimated at \$1,500 per year. Also the town will pro-rate taxes for the portion being leased. Permits will be issued to employees of the Peter Glenn shops for parking in the reserved spaces of the lot. The Recreation department is working on fund-raising, and project \$5,000 to \$7,500 necessary to build the basic park. On a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Elwin Cross, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Mike Welch to proceed with signing the agreement with Ned Hamilton.

**St. Johnsbury Center Fire District**

Preliminary study of the current water system projects \$600,000 cost to upgrade. Large turnout for meeting with the State indicated the group is ready to go forward with a long-term study on upgrading the system, vs cost to connect to the Town water system. The State indicated grant funds available to limit the per household cost of \$289 maximum.

**Committee Reports**

Bryon Quatrini reported that the committee meeting with the Corrections Department is starting off with a good working relationship, consisting of several representatives from Corrections, local business people, Chiefs of Police and Fire Department.

**Manager's Report**

Received a request from a local person for the use of South Park every other Saturday, 6 - 9 PM for roll playing games. Put on hold until the Board has further information.

Town Clerk Sandra Grenier reported good response to delinquent tax letters, with 15% of outstanding delinquent taxes received. A meeting of the tax sale committee was arranged to proceed with information going to Ed Zuccaro to initiate tax sale.

Zoning Administrator Priscilla Messier reported that Frost Avenue, a small dead-end street off Main Street, has never been deeded to the Town, though the highway department maintains it. On a motion by Elwin Cross, seconded by Bryon Quatrini, the Board voted unanimously to accept the street by simple deed work.

The Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed new roadway to the Academy. Due to limited visibility and egress onto Main Street, they recommended reducing the speed limit to 25 mph as a school zone from the intersection of Main and Western Avenue to Central Vermont Public Service garage. Motion was made and seconded by Elwin Cross and Bryon Quatrini, and passed unanimously to designate this area as a school zone.

**Public Hearing - Zoning By-law Amendment - Home Occupation**

At 7:00 PM a public hearing was called to order to discuss the possible adjustment of home occupation to include some businesses which might operate out of a home, but not have the principal work performed at the home site. An example would be a person who wants to operate a seeding/mulching operation requiring storage of supplies, but work to be done off premises. It would come under the heading of conditional use and would include tightening up the definitions of conditional use for home occupation. Hearing no comments from the public, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the by-law on a motion by Elwin Cross, seconded by Bryon Quatrini.

Chairman Wakeham asked if there was any more business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM (Cross/Quatrini).

Respectfully, \_\_\_\_\_ Ida W. Rainville, Executive Secretary