

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003
7:00 PM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the St. Johnsbury Selectboard was held Monday, March 10, 2003, at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the municipal building. Present were Reg Wakeham, Bryon Quatrini, Dale Urie, Kim Allen, and Gib Handy. Present from the Town were Town Manager, Mike Welch, Town Clerk Sandra Grenier, Economic Development Coordinator Joel Schwartz, and Recording Secretary Ida Rainville. Elwin Cross was excused from the meeting.

Also present were Marlene Rock, Kim Achilles, and the news team from Channel 7.

Liquor and Tobacco Licenses approved and signed:

Party Tyme (L/T)	MSZ Inc. d/b/a Jake's (L/T)
P.J.C. of VT d/b/a Brooks Pharmacy (L/T)	A & G Enterprises d/b/a Gerardo (L)
Bradford Oil d/b/a Go Go Mart (L/T)	Price Chopper (L/T)
Bradford Oil d/b/a Go Go Gas BP (L/T)	St. Johnsbury Country Club (L)
Pettyco Jct. (L/T)	Hilltopper (L/T)
AJA Pizzeria (T)	The Convenient One (L/T)
Center Tower (L/T)	Cindee's Country Store (L/T)

The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Sandy Grenier, who led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance. Sandy asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Reg Wakeham nominated Gib Handy for Chairman, seconded by Bryon Quatrini. Hearing no further nominations, the Board unanimously elected Gib Handy Chairman of the Selectboard for 2003.

Chairman Handy presided over the rest of the meeting.

There were no questions on current policy and procedures for the Selectboard meetings.

Minutes of the February 24 meeting were unanimously approved (Wakeham/Quatrini).

2003 Town Meeting

Sandy Grenier reported the results of the 2003 Town Meeting: of 4125 registered voters, 1060 people voted by Australian Ballot on Tuesday. From the results of one ballot vote on Monday night, there were approximately 283 voters who attended Town Meeting. There is a request in for a re-count on Article 13, concerning the charter change. Sandy has scheduled the re-count for Friday, March 14.

Appointments

Mr. Welch noted that one position on the Downtown Commission needs to be filled because of the retirement of David Warden. On a motion by Bryon Quatrini and seconded by Dale Urie, the Board voted unanimously to appoint the list as presented.

Town Planning Commission – Stan Wilkins (4 years); Chris Hardman (4 years); Richard Lyon (4 years).

Zoning Board of adjustment – Alan Boye (3 years); Martha Hanson (3 years).

Design Review Board – Marguerite Impey (3 years).

Recreation Board – Kathy DeLeo (3 years); Jamie Ryan (3 years).

Fence Viewers – Bryon Quatrini and Dale Urie (1 year).

Industrial Park Board – William T. Costa Jr. (2 years).

Town Health Officer – John Stetson (1 year).

Tax Stabilization Committee – William T. Costa, Jr. and Ann Laferriere (1 year each), Alex Clouatre (4 years).

Jay Lyn Revolving Loan Fund – William T. Costa, Jr. (2 years).

St. Johnsbury Development Executive Board – Reginald Wakeham (2 years).

Downtown Improvement District Commission – Theresa Pope (1 year).

Enhanced Aerial Photography – Joel Schwartz

Joel reported that the Town's current aerial mapping is based on state ortho-photography made a few years ago. None of the newer construction by the St. Johnsbury Academy, Route 5 development, and Industrial Park shows in this photography. Railroad Street does not reflect the effects of the Daniels Building fire or construction. Also, the resolution of this photography is not clear.

The proposal for new ortho-photography came from a company in St. Albans, who quoted the job of photographing a 7500 foot corridor along Route 5 that would include most of Breezy Hill and Portland Street, showing those areas of developable land, at the approximate cost of \$9825 for scanning. This would have a 4-inch resolution, very high definition. Joel would try to arrange for this to be done in May, before the foliage is out on the trees. Needs some ground work for markings. Very useful for future development to show detailed surveys of properties, riverfront land use study, NVDA, and Industrial Park. On a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Dale Urie, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the project.

St. J. Center Fire District Boundaries

Town Manager Mike Welch reported that, since the Board approved the resolution assigning the boundaries to the St. J. Center Fire District, pending approval from the Town Attorney, Mr. Zuccaro had contacted Mr. Welch with concerns that the Board was not approving the original district, and should petition to confirm the existing boundaries of the fire district. Mr. Zuccaro also recommended the Board rescind their resolution to establish the existing boundaries. So moved by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Reg Wakeham. Passed Unanimously. Mike reported the Fire District held their bond vote the afternoon of March 10, but the results were unknown yet.

Goals – Postponed discussion until full membership of the Board is present.

Manager's Report

Mr. Welch included copies of the VOSHA report in the Board members' packets. Most issues had already been addressed. Most issues were not considered serious violations. The final report would be received in a week or so. Bryon Quatrini said he felt it was a good report, and helpful to keep our workplaces safe.

NEP Meeting – Mike Welch reported on the meeting of the Community Health Commission, VT CARES, and Selectboard members to discuss the Needle Exchange Program (NEP) and formation of the Advisory Commission, as recommended by Dr. Jan Carney of the VT Health Department. Expansion of the program is still on hold until the Advisory commission can be formulated (approximately March 31). The 15-member commission will be formally appointed by the VT Dept. of Health, selected from various areas of expertise.

A complaint about the rise in the road on Breezy Hill obstructing vision will require a site visit, perhaps in April, with the Board of Selectmen and Larry Gadapee.

The next scheduled Neighborhood Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 PM at the Lively Center, combining the neighborhoods of Central, Summer, Spring, Winter, and other streets off Main Street.

Mr. Welch reminded people of the "Cabin Fever Reliever" activities set for March 15 and encouraged participation.

Gib Handy mentioned the burned out house in St. Johnsbury Center, and indicated he felt it was time for formal action.

Kim Allen said she had organized a variety day for next week at St. Johnsbury Academy to help raise funds to help the people whose property was damaged by a broken water main on Jones Street. Mike indicated the property owners have been notified and are also willing to help establish a fund for others who made need the same assistance. Outside contributions are also welcome.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 24. After asking for other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 (Quatrini/Urie).

Respectfully submitted _____, Ida W. Rainville, Executive Secretary