

**MINUTES
ST. JOHNSBURY SELECTBOARD
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009**

The St. Johnsbury SelectBoard held a Special SelectBoard meeting on Friday, October 2, 2009 beginning at 6:30a.m. in the Board Room of the Municipal Building.

SelectBoard Members Present: Chairperson Daniel Kimbell, Gary Reis, Bryon Quatrini, Jim Rust, and Jean Hall Wheeler.

Others Present: Sandra Grenier, Peter Whitney, Larry Sharer, and Mike Welch.

Chairperson Kimbell called the meeting to Order with the Pledge at approximately 6:30a.m.

SET PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR 2009: Sandra Grenier reviewed the recommended property tax rates for 2009 with the members of the Board. The Education Tax Rates have been received from the State, with a new Common Level of Appraisal of 105.68. The Education Tax Rates are: Non-Residential = 1.2774, and Residential = 1.0920. The Town Manager, Chairperson Kimbell, and members of the Board extended their appreciation to Peter Whitney for his work in completing the Reappraisal. Larry Sharer informed the Board that there are currently 95 Board of Civil Authority Appeals filed, representing about 50 property owners (as some owners appealed multiple parcels). Appeals need to be filed by close of business, October 2, 2009. The Manager reviewed the property tax impact on “Average” property values, by classification.

Following discussion, it was moved by Gary Reis, seconded by Bryon Quatrini, and unanimously voted to set the 2009 Municipal Property Tax Rates and Downtown District Assessment Fee at:

	PROPERTY TAX RAISED 2008	PROPERTY TAX RATE 2008	PROPERTY TAX RAISED 2009	PROPERTY TAX RATE 2009
GENERAL FUND	2256030.0000	0.6100	2186169.0000	0.3657
HIGHWAY FUND	1824420.0000	0.4950	1925545.0000	0.3224
LOCAL AGREEMENT	3340.0000	0.0009	3000.0000	0.0005
TOTAL TOWN	4083790.0000	1.1059	4114714.0000	0.6886
SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT	1003867.0000	0.6050	1034615.0000	0.3862
TOTAL SPECIAL SERVICE	5087657.0000	1.7109	5149329.0000	1.0748

SCHOOL NON-RESIDENTIAL	1.9900	1.2774
SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL	1.7776	1.0920
DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PER LOT FEE (\$500 IN 2008)	500.00	500.00

OTHER BUSINESS:

Kozlowski Lease – The 10-year Lease between the Town and Dr. Kozlowski for parking associated with Community Center property has expired. Dr. Kozlowski would like to have a 10-year Lease Agreement considered by the Board. The lease amount proposed is \$400 per year for the first 5 years, and \$450 per year for the subsequent 5 years. Chairperson Kimbell pointed out that this was for the spaces along the northerly side of Dr. Kozlowski’s building. Following discussion, it was moved by Gary Reis, seconded by Jean Hall Wheeler and unanimously voted to approve a 10-year Lease Agreement with Dr. Kozlowski, and authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement.

Local Liquor Control Board – Liquor Licenses were reviewed, approved, and signed for Berto-Flek Catering - Catamount Opera Series, and for Moose River Lake & Lodge.

Community Justice Center – The Community Justice Center has moved into their new office space on Cherry Street, and computers are set-up. Jean Hall Wheeler said that they are pleased with the space.

Having no further business or requests, it was moved by Gary Reis, seconded by Jean Hall Wheeler, and unanimously voted to adjourn at approximately 6:45a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Welch
Town Manager