

**MINUTES
ST. JOHNSBURY SELECTBOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010
6:00 PM – MUNICIPAL BOARD ROOM**

The St. Johnsbury SelectBoard held a special Selectboard Meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Board Room in the Municipal Building.

SelectBoard Members Present: Chairperson Jim Rust, Bernard Timson, Rod Lamotte (by telephone), Daniel Kimbell, and Bryon Quatrini.

Also present: Interim Town Manager Ralph Nelson, secretary Ida Rainville, Recreation Department Director Joe Fox, St. J. Academy Headmaster Tom Lovett, Russ Hutchins, Diane Beck, Michelle Fox, Nancy Cohen, Laural Ruggles, Lisa Warren, Taylor Reed, Cathy Deleo, Newscenter 7 crew, .

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rust at approximately 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge.

Warrants: The following warrants were unanimously approved on a motion by Bernie Timson and seconded by Bryon Quatrini:

AP Checks	#64943 – 64986	\$232,439.34
	#64987 – 65033	\$614,545.36
	#65034 – 65097	\$161,977.25
Grant Check # 2268	\$75.00	

Interim Zoning Administrator – Chairman Jim Rust reported that the Planning Commission had unanimously supported the idea of appointing Interim Town Manager Ralph Nelson as Interim Zoning Administrator. On a motion by Daniel Kimbell, seconded by Bryon Quatrini the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ralph Nelson as interim zoning administrator.

Easements – West Side Project – Interim Town Manager Ralph Nelson reported that 51 easements have been signed in the past 12 days. Of the remaining 21 to be signed, 5 have pending agreements, and 3 have issues to be resolved. Mr. Nelson also reported that Fairpoint Communications also needs easements signed for work on the southern portion, and he intends to circulate through the neighborhood with the Fairpoint representative to try to coordinate the work and facilitate the process without having to duplicate work. Mr. Nelson is checking with Ed Zuccaro about possibly combining the easements with Fairpoint.

St. Johnsbury Academy Recreation Department Proposal – Headmaster Tom Lovett presented a proposal from the St. Johnsbury Academy to assume the role of a home base for the Town Recreation Department. Mr. Lovett proposed the Academy would hire Joe Fox to head up the program and transfer activities to the Academy venues, taking much of the burden off the Town, offering more diverse facilities in a more concentrated area, with the vision of eventually creating a regional recreation and fitness center. The advantage to the Academy would include the development of a feeder system for future sports figures at the Academy. Mr. Lovett proposed the Town pay a nominal fee of (perhaps) \$10,000 per year in administrative costs to maintain its interest in the long-term plan. Recreation

Director Joe Fox also spoke of his role in the proposal. General consensus of the Board and others present indicated overall approval for the proposal. The Board encouraged quick action on presenting the information to the public and arranging for a public forum to discuss the proposal, so that an immediate decision can be made.

Town Manager Search – Chairman Jim Rust reported that the packet of applicants had been delivered from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including all 45 applicants. The packets had been distributed to the Board.

Executive Session – On a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Bernie Timson, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Adjournment – the Board came out of executive session at 7:07 p.m. On a motion by Daniel Kimbell, seconded by Bryon Quatrini, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Ida W. Rainville
Executive Secretary