

MINUTES
SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011 – 6:00 PM
MUNICIPAL BOARD ROOM

The Board of Selectmen met at the Town Offices on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. for a special selectboard meeting.

Present were: Chairman Bryon Quatrini, Jim Rust, Rodney Lamotte, Alan Ruggles, Bill Merrow, Town Manager Ralph Nelson and Town Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Grenier.

Also present: Secretary Ida Rainville, Jon Beck, Diane Beck, Al Dunn, Taylor Reed and the News 7 crew.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge at 6:00 pm.

Public Hearing – *Agency of Transportation Enhancement Grant Application, Town of St. Johnsbury for Lighting, Landscaping and Sidewalks on Railroad Street.* Town Manager Ralph Nelson reviewed the history of this grant, which was originally awarded in 2001 for \$110,000. On Friday, May 23, 2011, Mr. Nelson submitted a letter of intent to the State for an additional \$300,000 to cover the current projected cost of the original project and sidewalk replacement. The timeline for the project would not start until the spring of 2012. On a motion by Alan Ruggles, seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Ralph Nelson to proceed with the application for the grant.

Public Hearing – *Agency of Transportation Enhancement Grant Application, Rural Community Transportation, Inc. for the Pomerleau Building Transportation Hub.* Ralph Nelson reported that RCT has requested a letter of support from the Selectboard in their applications for an enhancement grant that would address the parking lot and extended area around the Pomerleau Building. Mr. Nelson assured the Board that this would not impact the proposed change of use for the Pomerleau Building or interfere with any other work to be done there, except it would complement the renovations. On a motion by Rod Lamotte, seconded by Jim Rust, the Board voted unanimously to support RCT's grant application.

457 Resolution – Richard Leighton – On a motion by Jim Rust, seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted unanimously to sign a corporate resolution authorizing the rollover of funds from the Town 457 Plan for Richard Leighton.

Tax Anticipation Note – Mr. Nelson reported that a request for bid on a \$1.5 Million tax anticipation line of credit had come back with the following result: Merchants Bank 1.88%; Community National Bank 1.39%; Passumpsic Bank 1.37%. On a motion by Rod Lamotte seconded by Bill Merrow, the Board voted unanimously to accept the rate from the Passumpsic Bank.

2011 Tax Rates- Ralph Nelson presented the following information and comparison on tax rates:

	2011	2010	2009
General Fund	0.3244	0.3422	0.3657
Highway Fund	0.3009	0.3290	0.3224
Local Agreement	0.0013	0.0006	0.0005
Municipal Tax Rate Outside Village	0.6266	0.6718	0.6886
Special Service District	0.3981	0.4010	0.3862
Municipal Tax Rate Inside Village	1.0247	1.0728	1.0748
Municipal Grand List	\$5,790,301.89	\$5,813,211.74	\$5,942,012.08
Special Services Grand List	\$2,575,732.27	\$2,606,203.26	\$2,672,058.95
Tax on \$150,000 House Outside Village	\$939.90	\$1,007.70	\$1,032.90
Tax on \$150,000 House Inside Village	\$1,537.05	\$1,609.20	\$1,612.20

Jim Rust made the motion to accept the 2011 tax rate presented by the Town Manager. Seconded by Alan Ruggles. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Doings – Clinton Avenue Alterations. On a motion by Jim Rust, seconded by Rod Lamotte, the Board voted (4-1) to approve the Report of Doings to adjust the layout of Clinton Avenue. Alan Ruggles abstained from the motion because he was absent from the previous meeting.

Town Plan Approval –Process and Timeline – Mr. Nelson reported that the Planning Commission intends to vote approval on the Town Plan August 16 and asked that the Selectboard hold the first of two public hearings at a special meeting on August 22, and the second public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting on September 12 so the plan can officially be approved by the Board before the current plan expires in the middle of September. Mr. Nelson pointed out that any suggested changes to the Plan could be accomplished with this schedule.

The Board voted to go into executive session at 6:25 p.m. (Rust/Ruggles) to discuss legal and contract matters.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:42 p.m. and adjourned with no further business transacted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ida W. Rainville
Executive Secretary