

MINUTES

St. Johnsbury Board of Selectmen
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Municipal Board Room, 1:00 P.M.

The St. Johnsbury Selectboard met in the Municipal Board Room on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 100pm for a Special Workshop Meeting of the Select Board. Present were: Chairman Jim Rust, Vice-Chairman Alan Ruggles, Rodney Lamotte, Bernard Timson, and Kevin Oddy.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 100p.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Also present: Special Assistant to Town Manager Dawn McPhee, Executive Assistant Jessi Hudson, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Stacy Jewell, Dinah Yessne, Frank Landry, Deb Taylor, Michelle Fay, Peter Whitney

PRESS ATTENDANCE

Taylor Reed and Todd Wellington of Caledonian-Record

Chairman Rust read the press release with respect to the termination of Mr. Nelson.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SELECTBOARD

Chairman Rust presented the other Board members with the Vermont Handbook for Selectmen which is put out by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. It is an important document for the members of the Board as it outlines their duties and responsibilities. Chairman Rust confirmed that members of the Board have and will attend the selectmen training.

Second document provided were the By-laws and ordinances of the Planning Commission and DRB. This is important as the PC is revising the ordinances. Mr. Anderson, the consultant hired to work with the Commission, will be attending the May 15th session.

The Town Plan was the last document provided. The Board is encouraged to review the Plan as it outlines the goals and objectives of the Town. The Board along with the Commission should ensure that goals are met. Extra copies are available at the Town offices as well as on the Town website.

The Board then made the following site visits as part of this work session: first, it went to the Town Garage where the vac truck was reviewed. Mechanic Rocky Larocque gave a brief overview of the issues with the truck as well as a tour of the garage. Next, the Board toured the Water Filter Plant with Dan Gray. He outlined the filter needs as well as the potential upgrades on the Town dam and spillway. Next, the Board toured the Water Waste Treatment Facility. Finally, the Board ended the tour at the State Highway Garage.

At 427 pm, the Board returned to the Town offices. Rust commented that there are significant issues that the Board must face both in maintenance of Town facilities and upkeep of Town vehicles and equipment. In order to make informed decisions, the Board will now have a better understanding of those needs as it budgets and plans to meet these needs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 445pm on a motion by Ruggles, seconded by Oddy, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the special meeting.