

MINUTES

St. Johnsbury Board of Selectmen
Thursday, April 5, 2012
Municipal Board Room, 6:00 P.M.

The St. Johnsbury Selectboard met in the Municipal Board Room on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 600pm for a Special 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 600p.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Also present: Special Assistant to Town Manager Dawn McPhee, Executive Assistant Jessi Hudson, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Stacy Jewell, Rep. Gary Reis, Maureen Hennings, Tom Cole, Anne Cosgrove, Susan Cherry, Bob Swartz, Pat Swartz, Nancy Cohen, Richard Lyon, Sheryl Turner, Jim Herold

PRESS ATTENDANCE

Taylor Reed of Caledonian-Record and Matt Wocjic of KATV

ARNOLD PARK RESTORATION

Chairman Rust opened the meeting by introducing Bob White, the landscape architect who did a walk-through of Arnold Park earlier that afternoon.

Rust reported that the restoration of The Lady is coming along nicely & is expected to be finished in May or June of 2012.

Bob White presented a power point presentation of the conceptual drawings for the renovation of Arnold Park.

There was much discussion on the drawings presented. Representative Gary Reis discussed bench styles and requested other benches for comparison.

With respect to the flagpole, Maurine Hennings along with numerous residents agreed that they would prefer to see the flagpole at the far north-west corner of the park. Bob White suggested that the new lighting on and around the flagpole would minimize any reflection to residents, as the lighting would need to be on 24/7 to comply with federal guidelines. Linda Garey explained that the flagpole was donated by Fortin family, therefore it is a very important part of the park.

Sheryl Turner discussed leaving trees as is for cost savings; however, it was explained that with new fill being added, those trees most likely would not survive.

Tom Cole inquired about pool usage. Rust explained that the fountain would use approximately 36 gallons of water per minute. Nancy Cohen encouraged the use of old style basin, even if shallow, to keep the historic perspective of the park. Pat Swartz voiced concerns about contaminated water in pool.

Linda Garey stated that some of the donations specifically should be allocated for fountain restoration. She brought up the idea of giving recognition to donors of over \$1000 somewhere in the park, whether on pavers, plaques, etc. Maureen Hennings expressed the need for a Parks Maintenance Fund which Rust stressed would be considered for next budget.

On a motion by Ruggles, seconded by Timson, the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the fountain restoration and park renovations. .

OFFICE OPERATIONS

Rust mentioned that Monday's agenda would be revised to include budgetary line item.

In future meetings, the agenda will reflect "Town Manager's Office" rather than "Town Manager's Report".

For any simple zoning permits, the Board authorized Jessi Hudson as Interim Assistant Zoning Administrator to sign any permits. She will work with the Planning Commission should she have any issues signature and Sue Cherry has offered her time and assistance to the office.

The Board authorized Dawn McPhee to sign all invoices in Town Manager's absence. She will continue to follow the same procedure with respect to purchase orders.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 755pm, on a motion by Oddy, seconded by Timson, the Board unanimously voted to move into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 825pm on a motion by Oddy ,seconded by Timson , the Board unanimously approved to come out of executive session as well as adjourn the special meeting.