

**ST. JOHNSBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012**

The St. Johnsbury Selectboard met in the Municipal Board Room on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 530p 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 530p.

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Also present: Special Assistant in Town Manager's Office Dawn McPhee, HR Manager Courtney Daniels, Town Clerk/Treasurer, Stacy Jewell, Tom Cole, Brian Christman, Frank Landry, Al Dunn, Janet Quatrini, Cindy Robillard, Mike Fortier, Ray LaBounty, Heather Ruggles, Michelle Fay, Sarah Garey, Jeff Moore, Bill Vermeullen,

**PRESS ATTENDANCE**

Shawn Gaffney of KATV and Taylor Reed of Caledonian-Record

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACT, LEGAL, PERSONNEL**

At 531p, on a Motion by Timson, seconded by Lamotte, the Board unanimously voted to move into executive session on a legal and personnel matter. Town Attorney Kyle Sipples and Fire Chief Troy Ruggles were requested to attend.

At 657p, on a Motion by Timson, seconded by Lamotte, the Board unanimously voted to move out of executive session.

On a motion by Ruggles, seconded by Timson, the Board unanimously approved to pursue obtaining legal representation from its insurance carrier in the Ralph Nelson lawsuit against the Town of St. Johnsbury.

Oddy confirmed that this motion in no way should be a reflection on Kyle Sipples. However, the lawsuit can be handled by our insurance company for whom we pay our premiums. All legal invoices would become the responsibility of the insurance company.

Town Attorney Sipples confirmed that the insurance company will cover certain items with respect to the lawsuit. He will, however, continue to represent the Board in this lawsuit.

Rust reads the following statement: "The Selectboard is in unanimous agreement that a Town Manager should be appointed. Former Town Manager Ralph Nelson's lawsuit has made it impossible to assure a candidate that the position will be long term. The Board will explore methods to obtain the best possible candidate within this context". Rust confirmed that the Board is in agreement as to this statement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

714p, on a motion by Lamotte, seconded by Timson, the Board, with Ruggles opposing, adjourned the special meeting.