

ST. JOHNSBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting of Monday, October 29, 2012

The St. Johnsbury Selectboard met on the First Floor of the Pomerleau Building on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 700pm for its Regular 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 720p.

Public Attendance

Also present: Special Assistant in Town Manager's Office Dawn McPhee, Town Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Jewell, Michelle Fay, Cathy LaBounty, Bob South, Mike Fortier, Brian Christman, Ray LaBounty, Bill Vermeullen, Susan Dugan, Thomas Moore, Sharon Heidermann, Werner Heidermann, Donna Rowell, Avery Rowell, Tim Persons, Robert Swartz, Isabel Swartz, Dinah Yessne, Chad Whitehead, Hugh Wescott, Cindy Robillard, Bruce Corrette, Len Hychalk, Janet Quatrini, Brian Christman, Ronald Steen, Meredith Steen

Press Attendance

Shawn Gaffney of KATV and Todd Wellington of Caledonian-Record

Public Comment

Upon inquiry by Ray LaBounty, Chair confirmed that the Board could not comment on the recent lawsuit filed by LaBounty.

Upon a motion by Ruggles, seconded by Oddy, the Board approved DPW to obtain an estimate for repairs to Breezy Hill Road, as requested by resident Len Hychalk. The vote was unanimous.

Brian Christman provided requests to the Chair and Vice Chair for emails and an outside investigation of the police department.

Representative Bob South offered his help in the Town's contract with the Work Camp, should it be needed.

Mike Fortier requested an update on the VLCT process and timeline for the Town Manager search.

Minutes

Upon a motion by Lamotte, seconded by Ruggles, the regular meeting minutes of October 8th, the special meeting minutes of October 8th, and the special meeting minutes of October 15th were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Warrants

Upon a motion by Ruggles, seconded by Lamotte, the warrants were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Liquor and Catering Licenses

Upon a motion by Oddy, seconded by Lamotte, the catering license requested by Dylan's Café for November 10th and 17th events were approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Director of Public Works/Assistant Director of Public Works

Upon a motion by Ruggles, seconded by Lamotte, the Board appointed Hugh Westcott as the new Director of Public Works, beginning November 5th. The vote was unanimous. The job description for the Assistant Director of Public Works should be ready for Board review at its next meeting.

VCDP "Roof" Grant Agreement

Upon a motion by Lamotte, seconded by Timson, the Board approved the Legislative Body executing the grant agreement and the Chair to attest the members. The vote was unanimous.

Eastern Avenue Revolving Loan Fund Document

Upon a motion by Timson, seconded by Lamotte, the resolution for the revolving loan was approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Calderwood Lease Agreement

Upon a motion by Oddy, seconded by Ruggles, the \$1 per year lease was approved as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Resale Tax Exempt Form

Upon a motion by Lamotte, seconded by Timson, the Town Treasurer was authorized to sign the renewed Resale tax exempt form. The vote was unanimous.

Special Appropriations Process for 2013

Upon a motion by Lamotte, seconded by Oddy, the Board authorized the same process for special appropriations request for fiscal year 2013. The vote was unanimous.

Office of Town Manager

- a. Upon a motion by Lamotte, seconded by Oddy, the Board approved to write a letter to the State to support the School Board's request for new speed limits on Western Avenue. The vote was unanimous.
- b. The request from Bruce Cate regarding contingency fees for The Lady at Arnold Park was on hold as the Fountain Committee would need to consider the request.
- c. On a motion by Ruggles, seconded by Timson, the Board approved Chair to execute the copier lease. The vote was unanimous.
- d. On a motion by Ruggles, seconded by Oddy, the Board approved Chair to execute the ARC Mechanical maintenance contract for the Pomerleau Building. The vote was unanimous.
- e. The request for Town support for the Black Friday 5k Run was on hold due to potential scheduling conflict.

Other Business

With respect to the Audit, the Board hopes to address the reserve issues at its next meeting.

Executive Session

Upon a motion by Timson, seconded by Lamotte, the request to move into executive was granted on three legal matters and one real estate matter. The vote was unanimous.

Upon a motion by Oddy, seconded by Timson, the Board moved out of executive session. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Timson, seconded by Oddy, the meeting was adjourned. The vote was unanimous.