

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ST. JOHNSBURY SELECTBOARD

JANUARY 3, 2013

The St. Johnsbury Selectboard met on the first floor of the Pomerleau building on Thursday, January 3, 2013 6 p.m. for a special meeting. Present were Chairman Jim Rust, Vice Chairman Alan Ruggles, Bernie Timson, Kevin Oddy, Rodney Lamotte.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: Mike Fortier, Town Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Jewell, Town Attorney Kyle Sipples, Sharon Heidemann, Janet Quatrini, Cindy Robillard, Ray Labounty.

Press Attendance: Taylor Reed of Caledonian Record, and Shawn Gaffney of KATV.

Executive Session

Chairman Rust requested an executive session for Personnel, Contract, and Legal: Interim Town Manager and Town Manager search. Mike Fortier asked if there would be any public comment about items on the agenda and how long will they be in session. Ray Labounty wanted to know why the items are listed the way they are on the agenda. Chairman Rust stated so everyone knows what we are going to talk about in executive session. Cindy Robillard wanted to know about the process that VLCT had with the Town Manager search. Chairman Rust stated that they did the job description, advertising, received resumes, reviewed and rank candidates, background checks and forward all resumes to Selectboard. Cindy Robillard wanted to know why the Selectboard wasn't using VLCT top 10 recommendations verses picking their own. Janet Quatrini asked is they could come out of session for an update for give a time they would be done. Kevin Oddy wanted to add to the motion that someone could come down to give an update. Sharon Heidemann wanted to move the motion if any were made about the town manager search to a regular scheduled meeting that more people would attend. Board doesn't want to wait, meeting was warranted. Cindy Robillard wanted to know who was going into executive session. Mike said he sent an email to the entire board and hadn't received a response from anyone. Chairman Rust said he will not respond to an email that is sent to all 5 board members at the same time. A motion made by Timson, seconded by Lamotte the request to move into executive session was granted, vote was unanimous.

A motion by Oddy, seconded by Lamotte to come out of executive session at 7:15, vote was unanimous.

A motion by Ruggles, seconded by Lamotte to contract with MRI for interim town manager services effective January 7th, 2013, vote was unanimous.

A motion by Timson, seconded by Lamotte to reenter the executive session at 7:25, vote was unanimous.

A motion by Timson, seconded by Oddy to come out of executive session at 8:55, vote was unanimous. Board announced they have narrowed their search down to 7 applicants.

A motion by Ruggles, seconded by Oddy to adjourn, vote was unanimous.