

ST. JOHNSBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

The St. Johnsbury Selectboard met in the Pomerleau Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the Regular Meeting of the Selectboard. Present were: Chairman Kevin Oddy, Vice Chairman Alan Ruggles, Jim Rust, Jeff Moore, Tom Moore, Town Manager John Hall, Finance Officer David Ormiston, Town Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Jewell.

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – see attached**

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Present were: Taylor Reed from the Caledonian-Record, and KATV.

The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

On a motion by Rust and Ruggles the minutes of the August 12 meeting were approved with changes in the section of CSO Project, Rust was concerned the project itself would increase water and sewer rates too much and felt there was a lack of documentation.

On a motion by J. Moore and Ruggles the warrants were approved.

Andy Dussault explained the proposal from Ken and Bev Robinson to donate 4800 sq. /ft. of land they own adjacent Cole's Corner Cemetery to the town. The town would only be obliged to pay the legal fees. A motion by Ruggles and T. Moore to look into the proposal and return to the board with information and possibly a recommendation was approved by the board. A motion by J. Moore and Rust to appoint Ruggles and T. Moore to look into the proposal was approved by the board.

Hall presented information on changing the fiscal year that starts July 1 and ends June 30. The recommended transition would include an 18 month budget year commencing on Jan. 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

Starting July 1, 2016 we would return to 12 month budget years. On a motion by Rust and Ruggles the board voted to go forward with planning and extensive public outreach to inform the voters with action possibly taking place at the 2014 town meeting.

A motion by J. Moore and T. Moore to include the recall charter change on the next town meeting ballot was approved 4-1 (Rust voted no).

On a motion by J. Moore and Ruggles the board agreed to waive fees on vendors who participate in the Colors of the Kingdom celebration on September 21, 2013.

A motion to waive fees for taxpayers who were late applying for their property tax exemption was discussed at length with the board deciding to take no action.

A potential candidate for Athenaeum trustee dropped out so the board will continue to look for a candidate.

The safe route to schools grant which has been in the works is getting ready to install two radar speed signs this fall. The town was notified that before the work begins the town has to have some specific ordinance in place. Apparently that was never done. Hall will meet with planning chair Sue Cherry to find out the quickest way to clear this hurdle.

Hall gave an update on the CSO project saying early traffic problems seem to have lessened and explaining that local traffic would be accommodated as well as possible. Chief Houde also explained the traffic flow plans and outreach efforts that are especially useful with school beginning this week.

The board on a motion by Ruggles and T Moore appointed Hall the Local Project Manager for the Depot Square park project.

8:38 on a motion by Tom Moore, seconded by Alan Ruggles to adjourn meeting, motion carried.