

**St. Johnsbury Selectboard  
Regular Selectboard Meeting  
Monday December 9, 2013 in the Pomerleau Building**

Present; Selectboard members Chair Kevin Oddy, VC Alan Ruggles, Jim Rust, Jeff Moore and Tom Moore, Town Clerk Stacy Jewell, Town Manager John Hall and Finance Officer David Ormiston.

Press; KATV, Channel 7 LSC and Caledonian Record

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Minutes of the Nov.25<sup>th</sup> meetings were discussed and members noted items that were not included in the minutes. The tape will be reviewed to clarify and include items that may be missing and the minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

On a motion by Rust and T. Moore the Warrants were approved.

John and Joanna Christman are purchasing the Dawg House Tavern. They are changing the name to the Whiskey Den. The board asked several questions regarding the plans the owners had and if they were aware of the restrictions and operating conditions that the town had placed on the present owners. The Christmans were aware of them. On a motion by Ruggles and T. Moore the Christmans were approved (with Rust abstaining) for a liquor license with two conditions;

- 1) The stipulations placed on the present owners would also pertain to the Christman's.
- 2) The police chief Clem Houde would write a letter supporting the action of the board.

.Adam Kaine, the new executive director of the Fairbanks Museum introduced himself to the board and explained how the museum hopes to use the 2014 CSO project on Main ST as a teaching opportunity for students and citizens of the town.

Carolyn Radisch and Bob White from ORW, presented an update on the status of the design for Depot Square. The projected project cost is \$435,200. However ORW also priced some possible add-on costs of \$22,000 for lighting upgrades, \$15,000 for a bus shelter on the north porch and \$6,000 for park benches.

They hope to wrap up final design drawings by the end of February 2014 for construction in spring/summer 2014.

David Ormiston gave the monthly finance report. As of December 4<sup>th</sup>, Special Services and Highway budgets are running a modest surplus and the General

fund a small deficit. The W&S fund shows a large deficit but \$1,532,650 in loan revenue is still due for CSO costs that have been expended. He is cautiously optimistic that all funds will run in the black for 2013.

Zoning by laws – the Board acknowledged the receipt of the requested changes to the Zoning By-laws. No new changes were requested. The Zoning By-laws are located on the Town website, and the changes are highlighted. The Board decided to hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing with 15 day notice. Susan and John will proposed a date, most likely at 6 PM before a regular Board meeting.

Municipal ordinance – the Board requested a change in Chapter 12, Sec. 12-61: The board of selectmen, ~~town manager or chief of police~~ may designate any street or highway for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. Upon a street or highway designated and sign posted for one-way traffic, a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated.

Susan will make the change and Stacy will verify by next day. The Board signed the ordinance with that provision, and it will be posted tomorrow with “Right to Petition” within 60 days notification.

On a motion by J. Moore and Ruggles the ordinance was approved.

On a motion by Rust and J. Moore the board approved the acceptance of a “Better Back Roads” grant in the amount of \$8,952 for work done on the Mooney RD.

On a motion by Ruggles and T. Moore the board approved (with Rust voting no) a resolution that states;

RESOLVED, that the action taken by the Town Manager in executing and delivering on behalf of the Town, a Loan and Security Agreement with Hilltop Family Housing Limited Partnership dated July 25, 2013 and the Loan Documents described therein is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Hall reported that he, as delinquent tax collector he had received the Warrant from the town treasurer. As of Dec.5<sup>th</sup> the outstanding delinquencies including interest and penalties totaled 564,761.84 which is about \$300,000 less than the same time last year.

A tax sale is being scheduled for February 2014.

On motion by Rust and J. Moore the board voted to go into executive session at 8:40PM to discuss the contract for the St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park.

At 9:10 PM the board came out of executive session and voted to adjourn on a motion by Ruggles and T. Moore.