

**St. Johnsbury Selectboard  
Regular Selectboard Meeting  
Monday December 23, 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

The minutes of the Nov. 25th Special meeting were approved on a motion by Rust and J. Moore.

The minutes of the Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting were approved on a motion by J. Moore and Ruggles. Rust voted no.

The minutes of the Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with two changes on a motion by J. Moore and Ruggles.

On a motion by Ruggles and T. Moore the warrants were approved. Rust voted no.

The board discussed options on paying off the 2012 fiscal year deficit of \$342,000. Hall mentioned some options, adding the deficit to the 2014 budget, which would raise the tax rate for 2014 by seven cents also the board could borrow money for three years which requires approval by the voters or for one year which the board could do on their own. He recommended that any loan allow prepayment without any penalty. Rust stated that there was another option; the Selectboard could raise the tax rate in August to cover the deficit. The board will revisit the issue at the next meeting.

On a motion by T. Moore and Ruggles the board set the first public hearing for the charter change proposal allowing for the recall of elected officials for January 27, 2013 at 7PM at the Pomerleau Building. Rust voted no.

Bernier Mayo submitted his resignation as the Town and School District Moderator. On a motion by Ruggles and Rust the board accepted his resignation with regret.

On a motion by Ruggles and Rust David Reynolds was appointed to fill the position of Town and School District moderator. Hall will contact the school board to inform them of this and ask them to ratify the action.

On a motion by Rust and J. Moore the board approved moving \$2,378.40 from the records restoration reserve fund to the Town Clerks contracted services budget.

On a motion by Rust and J. Moore the board approved moving \$34,894.00 from the Pomerleau Reserve Account to the General Fund for roof expenses.

On a motion by J. Moore and T. Moore the board approved moving \$1,524.50 from the Fountain Reserve Fund to the special Services District budget.

The St. Johnsbury History and Heritage Center requested permission to post a fundraising progress sign in front of the public safety building on Main St. On a motion by J. Moore and T. Moore the board granted permission with the condition that there would be no liability for the town for any damage to the sign.

On a motion by J. Moore and Ruggles the board approved a policy for Special Appropriations requests on the town meeting warning.

The policy states that any organization that was approved by the voters at the 2013 town meeting could get on the 2014 ballot without having to get a petition as long as they did not request any more money than they were approved for last year. They only have to write a letter to the town.

On a motion by J. Moore and Ruggles the board adjourned at 9:25PM.