

**St. Johnsbury Selectboard  
Regular Selectboard Meeting  
Monday April 13, 2015 in the Pomerleau Building**

Present

SB- Oddy, J. Moore, Murphy, Angell

Absent T. Moore

Staff- Hall, Jewell, Ormiston, Russ, Gilliland, Ruggles

Press-KATV, Reed (CR)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Oddy at 7:00PM.

Attorney Zuccaro discussed the towns desire to get Fairpoint to complete the relocation of its utility poles on the Westside project before the final construction contract, expires leaving the town with patching roads and sidewalks at its own expense.

On a motion by Murphy and J. Moore the Board voted to exercise the jurisdiction vested in it under 19 VSA 304, and acting pursuant to 30 VSA 2522, meet at 7 PM on April 27, 2015 to give consideration to a proposal to order Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC to remove utility poles owned by it from the rights of way of the following Public Highways : Church Street, Cliff Street, Clinton Avenue, Mt. Pleasant Street, Spring Street, Summer Street, Webster Street and Winter Street; and that John S. Hall, Town Manager, be authorized and directed forthwith to give notice thereof to Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC of the date, time and place fixed to afford it an opportunity to be heard pursuant to 30 VSA 2522.

On a motion by Angell and Murphy the minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were approved.

On a motion by Angell and Murphy the minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting were approved.

The minutes for the Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings were tabled due to a lack of a quorum of members who were present at those meeting.

On a motion by Angell and Murphy the liquor licenses were approved.  
(List attached) Murphy abstained

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

Russ, with the annual audit completed, reviewed the fund balances and reserves.

On a motion by J. Moore and Murphy the Special Service Budget;

- A) Reserved \$5,000 for a cruiser.
- B) Reserved \$76,413 to be used to stabilize the property taxes
- C) Noted \$8,404 was non spendable.

On a motion by Murphy and Angell the General Fund Budget;

- A) Approved spending \$62,237 to make an additional payment in FY16 on the deficit loan.
- B) \$88,281 will be un assigned
- C) \$48,805 was non spendable

On a motion by Murphy and Angell the Highway Fund Budget;

- A) Approved transferring \$157,503.14 back out of equipment reserve.
- B) Approved transferring \$130,000 back out of construction reserve.
- C) Approved transferring \$ 279,913.62 out of unassigned reserve.

The proposal to charge for alarm monitoring was discussed at length by the board with several comments and questions from the audience. Presently there are 155 alarms being monitored in St. Johnsbury and surrounding towns. Out of town alarms are charged \$350 per year while in town alarms are not charged any fee.

On a motion by Murphy and J. Moore the board adopted a fee schedule for in town accounts effective July 1,2015;

2015-6 \$150 per alarm

2016-7 \$200 per alarm

2017-8 \$250 per alarm

For accounts with both police and farm alarms there would be a 20% discount.

On a motion by Murphy and J. Moore the skating rink and park at Portland St will be named the "Chet and Pat Buck Memorial Park".

On a motion by Murphy and Angell the selectboard approved the signing of the "Certification of Compliance for Road and Bridge Standards" document for VTRANS.

On a motion by J. Moore and Murphy the selectboard appointed the town manager John Hall as the Town Service Officer.

The town manager reported that several events were coming up, Maplefest on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Hazmat Day on May 16<sup>th</sup> and Pet Parade on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Murphy and J. Moore the board went into executive session at 8:46PM to discuss a personnel issue under the provisions of Title 1, Sec. 313(3)(a)(3) of the Vermont State Statutes.

At 9:20PM the board came out of executive session on a motion by Angell and J. Moore.

The chair had nothing to report.

At 9:22PM the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Angell and J. Moore.