

Minutes –DRAFT
Meeting of the St Johnsbury Select board
January 25, 2016 at 6:00PM-Pomerleau Building

Present- SB: Kevin Oddy, Tom Moore, Tim Angell, Jamie Murphy, Jeff Moore

Staff- Joe Kasprzak

Press- LSC News 7

Meeting opened at 6:00PM

Minutes:

- On a motion by Jeff Moore and second by Tom Moore the board approved the minutes with changes for spelling and attendance from the January 11, 2016 meeting. Jamie Murphy abstained.
- On a motion by Jeff Moore and second by Tom Moore the board approved the minutes with changes for spelling and attendance from the January 19, 2016 special meeting.

Warrants:

- On a motion by Jeff Moore and a second by Tom Moore, the Warrants were approved.

Liquor Licenses:

- N/A

Goss Hollow Bridge Project:

VTrans awarded the Town of St. Johnsbury a \$63,000 grant for the feasibility and design of the replacement cost of the Goss Hollow Bridge. The grant is for 90% of the estimated \$70,000 total project cost. The grant requires a \$7,000 match from the Town, and that money will be pulled from the existing 2015/16 budget under summer contracted services. Per the Town's purchasing policy Kasprzak requested a motion that the Select Board to approve the \$7,000 town match for the project.

Railroad Street Bicycle Lane Grant:

The town has been offered a grant for \$153,360 in grant funds for the final design and construction of the bike lane project and intersection improvements at Route 5 and South Main Street. The local share will be \$38,340, which would need to come from the construction reserves, which currently has \$30,000 included for 2016/17. Final design will be complete this year and the Town's share for 2016/17 would be approximately \$7,000. The balance (\$31,340) will need to be included in the construction reserves in the 2017/18 budget. Kasprzak requested a motion to accept the grant of \$153,360 with the Town's match of \$38,340 to be paid out of construction reserves over the next two years as described above.

On a motion by Jeff Moore, and second by Jaimie Murphy, the board unanimously approved the grants for the Goss Hollow Bridge project and the Railroad Street Bike Lane project that include the Town's match of \$7,000 for the Goss Hollow Bridge project to be funded from the 2015/16

summer contracted services line item, and the \$38,340 match for the Railroad Street Bike Lane project to be funded by through the construction reserves from the 2016/17 and 2017/18 budget.

Town Manager's Report:

Website- Joe Kasprzak is working with our web developers to add an Economic Development tab and Community Action tab to our website. The Economic Development tab will provide links and information for prospective businesses considering St. Johnsbury and the Community Action tab will warehouse committee updates on initiatives that each committee is working on.

Solid Waste- Consultant Malter has submitted a grant for Household Hazardous Waste Day funding. Typically St. Johnsbury receives approximately \$3,500 to help offset the cost of hosting two HHW days.

Housing Committee- January 14th Rutland visit- Joe, Susan Cherry, and members of the PD made a visit to Rutland to tour both the Project Vision Headquarters and the Neighborhood revitalization area. The visit was very informative and Rutland officials were very helpful. The group is gathering information in preparation of submitting grant requests for a Housing Assessment study as a precursor to an Urban Renewal Implementation grant request in the future. Both grant requests will likely be made through VCDP.

Tax Stabilization- The Tax Stabilization committee has not met in six years. Joe Kasprzak contacted the members to see if they are still interested in participating on the committee. Three of the five member committee are still in the area and interested. Two new members need to be nominated for the committee.

Armory- Aile's Roofing has been awarded the roofing contract and plans to seal the roof within the next two weeks.

Other Business:

Karol Koukoutsis asked the board if they had heard anything more about the proposed work camp closure.

Kevin Oddy remarked that the Governor announced the closure at a budget meeting and it was a surprise to both Town officials and local Legislators. Kevin said the closure is a long way from happening, and as far as housing sex offenders is concerned, he did not think that the contract with the state allowed for the housing sex-offenders at the St. Johnsbury facility. The Select Board agreed to stay apprised of the situation.

On a motion by Jamie Murphy and second by Tom Moore the meeting was adjourned.