

Meeting of the St Johnsbury Select board September 26, 2016 at 6:00PM-Pomerleau Building

Present- SB: Jeff Moore, Kevin Oddy, Tom Moore, Tim Angell, Jamie Murphy
Staff- Chad Whitehead, Stacy Jewell, Joe Kasprzak
Press- Taylor Reed, KATV, News 7
Meeting opened at 6:00PM

Public Comment:

- Dave Timson asked the board why the State of Vermont was taking so long to get back to the Town regarding the Work Camp Agreement. Jeff Moore responded that both the Town and the State of Vermont are doing their due diligence in this process.

Minutes:

- On a motion by Jamie Murphy and second by Tim Angell the Minutes of the September 12, 2016 Special Meeting were approved.
- On a motion by Kevin Oddy and second by Jamie Murphy the Minutes of the September 12, 2016 regular meeting were approved with minor revisions.

Warrants:

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

Grand List Adjustment:

- Stacy Jewell presented the Select Board with Grand list adjustments 2016 No. 4, 2016 No. 5 and 2016 No. 6. These adjustments were due to Board of Civil Authority adjustments, Homestead adjustments and Current Use filings.
- On a motion by Kevin Oddy and second by Tom Moore the board approved Grand List Adjustments 4, 5 and 6 for a total amount of -\$2654.21.

Parking:

- Chad Whitehead presented the board with information regarding a market analysis and maintenance costs for parking with a recommendation to increase the cost of day and overnight parking annually for a 3 year period. Current daytime parking would increase \$25 annually from \$125 to \$200 and overnight parking would increase from \$325 to \$420 annually.
- Dave Timson asked about contracts that exist and the board indicated that the Town would need to honor existing contracts.
- On a motion by Jamie Murphy and second by Kevin Oddy the board approved the increase in parking rates as presented and gave the Town Manager authority to increase rates up to an additional \$25 over the proposal if he see fit.

Cemetery Commission:

- Chad Whitehead provided revised a presentation on the Cemetery Commission including the article language, voting hours and location as well as Cemetery Commissioner's duties and responsibilities.
- Kevin Oddy asked who can be a Cemetery Commissioner and Chad indicated that only registered voters can be elected into that position.

Manager's Report:

- A new stop sign, stop bar and pavement markings were installed at the north end of Summer Street.
- First Payment for taxes are due on October 28, 2016
- Election Day is November 8, 2016 at the St Johnsbury Town School
- Tour with USDA Rural Development Officials this last week including a stop here in St Johnsbury.
- Assistant Town Manager updated the board on the following:
 - The cost of the next phase of the Armory Assessment has been provided and the Town is currently about \$10,000 short of funding the project. The consultant indicated they could complete the work in about a month.
 - The Town met with Casella regarding the operations of the transfer station and the SWIP.
 - Green Mountain Community Solar is now on line and we are seeing savings reflected in our electrical bills that are dedicated to that project.
 - The Farmers Market will have access to the Calderwood Parking Lot beginning on October 1, 2016 thanks to a lease agreement between the State of Vermont and the private owner, as well as a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of St Johnsbury and the State of Vermont which allows the lot to be open to the public during weekends, evenings and holidays in exchange for maintenance of the lot provided by the Town.
 - Yard debris day will be November 5 at the Town's sand pit on Oak Street.

Other Business:

- Dave Timson indicated that the lights on Hastings Hill and Sand Hill appear to change too quickly.
- Dave Timson indicated that the lights at the post office on Main Street need to spread out more to help light the cross walk
- Joe Braman asked about the number of spaces proposed for Railroad Street and Chad Whitehead indicated that the plan is to return the parking closer to the way it was prior to the paving project except that there was slight changes due to the reconfiguration of the crosswalks.

Executive Session:

- On a motion by Kevin Oddy and second by Jamie Murphy, the board voted the need to go into executive session to discuss a contract matter under the provisions of Title 1, Sec. 313(3)(a)(3) of the Vermont State Statutes.
- On a motion by Kevin Oddy and second by Tim Angell the board voted to enter executive session, and invited the Town Manager.
- On a motion by Kevin Oddy and second by Tim Angell, the board voted to come out of executive session. The chair had nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Tom Moore and second by Kevin Oddy.