

## **Meeting of the St Johnsbury Select board October 10, 2016 at 6:00PM-Pomerleau Building**

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

Staff- Chad Whitehead, Lesley Russ, Holly English, Joe Kasprzak

Press- Taylor Reed, KATV

Meeting opened at 6:00PM with the pledge of allegiance.

### Public Comment:

- Deb Chase indicated there would be a dedication Saturday for the Chet and Pat Buck Park at 2:30 PM.
- Ron Stein of Ricky Ridge Road indicated to the select board that he would like to be involved more with the Town. He asked about the hole on Main Street and vacant buildings around Town.
- Chad Whitehead responded that the Town has been in contact with Rural Edge regarding their Main Street Project. They are scheduled to begin tearing down a vacant house on Prospect adjacent to the property and they were developing a plan for stabilizing the hole, but the time line for that was uncertain. Chad indicated that the Town currently has the right to impose penalties if the site is not stabilized. He also indicated that vacant bulidings in general around town will be one of the focuses of the Code Compliance Officer that the Town is currently searching for.

### Minutes:

- On a motion by Kevin Oddy and second by Tom Moore the Minutes of the September 26, 2016 Meeting were approved.

### Warrants:

- On a motion by Jamie Murphy and second by Tim Angell, the Warrants were approved.

### September Financial Update:

- Lesley Russ presented the September Financial Update.
- Tim Angell asked about the PD overtime and Chad Whitehead indicated that overtime was high due to summer vacations, as well as additional efforts by the ST J PD with the Drug Enforcement work they have been completing.
- Dave Timson asked about the parking meter fund deficit and Lesley Russ indicated it was due to a one time maintenance payment.

### Manager's Report:

- The select board was presented with a Residential Anti Displacement and Relocation Plan. The board asked for this to be placed on the next agenda.
- Chad Whitehead gave an update on the Railroad Street Enhancement project currently under construction.
- The first payment on the taxes are due October 28.
- Planning Commission is having an open house on October 18 to review the draft Town Plan.

### Other Business:

- The Town anticipates filling the code enforcement position soon.

- Dave Timson asked if the lights on the Portland Street Bridge will be replaced soon. He indicated that the existing lights radiate light resulting in light pollution and are not as direct as the new LED street lights installed last summer.

Executive Session:

- On a motion by Kevin Oddy and second by Tim Angell, 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 to discuss personnel and contract matters.
- 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 Tim Angell and second by Jamie Murphy, the board voted to come out of executive session. The chair had nothing to report.

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