

**REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002  
7:00 - ADAMS SCHOOL**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of St. Johnsbury was held Monday, June 10, 2002, at the Frank R. Adams School.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Reg Wakeham, members Gib Handy, Elwin Cross, Dale Urie, and Bryon Quatrini. Also present were Town Manager Mike Welch, Economic Development Coordinator Joel Schwartz, Police Chief Paul Devenger, and Secretary Ida Rainville.

Also present were representatives from the Caledonian Record, Channel 7 news crew, Kenny Gammell, Marlene Rock, Louis and Brenda LaCroix.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Wakeham, who led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the May 28 meeting were unanimously approved (Urie/Handy).

**Skateboard Park/Ordinance**

The progress of the skateboard park was discussed. The lease agreement has been sent to attorney Ed Zuccaro for review and it's nearly ready for signing. Parts for the ramps have been ordered and fundraising is underway for \$7,500 projected as initial cost. Estimate 3 - 4 weeks for completion. Map shows restricted areas for parking. Chief Devenger suggested there were too many options for penalties of skateboarding outside of the park. Suggested a tier of three fines for consecutive offenses; refer to the judicial bureau and let the bureau handle fees for each level. Develop a 2-part ticket system for officers to issue, similar to dog or noise ordinance violations, and reduce the time for payment from 10 days to 72 hours. Other input from Selectman Gib Handy suggested that skating on Portland Street, from the bridge to the east side of Caledonia street, should be prohibited because of low visibility in that area. Selectman Dale Urie suggested more parent accountability, at least for people of age 17 and under. The Board approved the ordinance as presented with the changes suggested at this meeting (Handy/Cross).

**Dog Warrant**

Josephine Guertin, animal control officer for the Town, requested permission (with the support of Chief Devenger) that the Board authorize her to canvas the town and enforce the dog licensing ordinance. She indicated seven other towns have authorized her to canvas their towns with the dog enforcement order with good results. On an order by Gabriel Handy, seconded by Bryon Quatrini, the board voted unanimously to authorize the Animal Control officer to canvas the town and enforce the licensing requirements that are provided in current statutes.

**Manager's Report**

Town Manager Michael Welch updated the Board with the Board's list of goals. The web site is up and running with links to marketing and areas for development.

Under delinquent taxes and utility bills - some meetings have been held and more agreements and

payments continue to come into the office. Tax abatement hearing scheduled for June 27. Louis LaCroix requested the Town Manager keep him informed of any progress toward the sale of the Guppy property on Cherry Street.

Mr. Welch also reported the completion of the welcome signs erected at all four entrances to the Town. Thanks to the efforts of Andy Fisher, the Corrections department for their construction of the signs, and the Town water/sewer department for their installation. Also thanks to the efforts of Doris and Roger Damon in placing park benches around town - a very nice addition to the town scape.

On a motion by Gabriel Handy, seconded by Elwin Cross, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:45 PM to discuss real state purchase option. Joel Schwartz was invited to join the board in executive session.

The board came out of executive session with no further business transacted.

Chairman Wakeham asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Gabriel Handy, seconded by Bryon Quatrini, at approximately 8:00 pm.

Respectfully, \_\_\_\_\_, Ida W. Rainville, Executive Secretary