

**Minutes
Town of St. Johnsbury
Board of Selectmen
Monday, August 12, 2002**

The Town of St. Johnsbury Board of Selectmen held their Regular Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, August 12, 2002 beginning at 7:00p.m. in the Board Room of the Municipal Building.

Selectboard Members Present: Chairperson Reg Wakeham, Gib Handy, Elwin Cross, and Dale Urie.

Selectboard Members Absent/Excused: Bryon Quatrini

Others Present: William Vermeulen, Planning Commission; Bruce Corette, School Board; Martha Hanson, School Board; Priscilla Messier, Planning & Zoning Officer; Sandy Grenier, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Kim Leonard, Caledonian-Record; Kingdom Access TV; and Mike Welch, Town Manager.

- 1) **Call To Order** – It was moved by Gib Handy, seconded by Dale Urie and voted (Reg Wakeham abstained) to approve the Minutes from the Regular Selectboard Meeting held on Monday, July 22, 2002.
- 2) **Set Property Tax Rates for 2002** – Sandy P. Grenier, Town Clerk and Treasurer reviewed with members of the Board the calculations for the 2002 Property Taxes. Town Manager Mike Welch reviewed a three-year history of the total property tax dollars raised, and the property tax rates for each year. Bruce Corette and Martha Hanson each discussed reasons for the increase in the School Property Tax. Following discussion, it was moved by Gib Handy, seconded by Elwin Cross and voted (4-0) to set the 2002 Property Tax Rates as follows:

School State Wide Tax Rate	\$1.0885
School Local Tax Rate	\$.6775
Town General Fund Rate	\$.48
Town Highway Fund	\$.376
Special Services District	\$.4735
Total tax Rate IN Special Services District	\$3.0955
Total Tax Rate Outside of District	\$2.6220

- 3) **Public Hearing** – Commercial Accessory Use – The Town Manager advised that he had brought this Public hearing to the Board of Selectmen on July 22nd - however the Public Warning was for August 12th. Priscilla Messier was present to

review the proposed zone change. Following discussion, it was moved by Gib Handy, seconded by Elwin Cross, and voted (4-0) to approve the By-Law Amendment related to Commercial Accessory Use.

Zoning By-Law Amendment Process – Priscilla Messier provided members of the Board of Selectmen with an update on the Zoning By-Law Amendment process. The By-Law review Committee is reviewing a number of issues including – expansion of the Design Control District; Consolidation of Zones; Conservation District; Riverfront Set-Backs; Adult Entertainment; and major/minor project review criteria.

- 4) **Parking Regulations** – The Town Manager informed the members of the Board of Selectmen that the Downtown District Improvement Commission has recommended changes to the Town’s Parking Regulations to include the following:
- 2-Hour Parking Limit on Railroad Street
 - Day parking permits with \$100 permit fee for Pearl Street Lot
 - Night Parking Permit with \$100 permit fee for South Pearl Street Lot
 - 3-Hour Maximum Free Parking in Pearl Street Lot
 - Changing Violation from \$2.00 to \$5.00

Following discussion it was moved by Gib Handy, seconded by Dale Urie, and voted (4-0) to approve the recommendations related to parking as forwarded by the Downtown District Improvement Commission. The Manager said he wants to implement the permit parking provisions by October 1, 2002.

- 5) **Tax Stabilization Agreements:**

Northeast Manufacturing – The Manager stated that the Board had previously discussed the transfer of Property Tax Stabilization Agreement provisions from St. Johnsbury Development Fund to Northeast Manufacturing. This is for the former Lydall (former ETSi building) on Route 5. It was moved by Elwin Cross, seconded by Gib Handy and voted to approve the Transfer of the Property Tax Stabilization terms to Northeast Manufacturing.

Maple Grove – The Board had previously approved a Tax Stabilization Agreement beginning in 2003 for Personal Property of Maple Grove. Attorney Zuccaro has provided the legal documentation for the Board’s approval. It was moved by Elwin Cross, seconded by Gib Handy, and unanimously voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Agreement.

- 6) **St. Johnsbury Athenaeum USDA Grant Application** – The Town Manager informed the Board that the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum was submitting a Public facilities grant application to the USDA in the amount of \$50,000. This will be used to support renovations to the historic Athenaeum to include handicapped

accessibility. It was moved by Gib handy, seconded by Elwin Cross and voted (4-0) to sign a Letter of Support for the Athenaeum's USDA Public Facility Grant request.

Manager's Report – The Manager reported that there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day scheduled for Saturday, September 21st from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. in the Main Street Parking Lot.

Other Business – SelectBoard Member Dale Urie reported that the Community of Concern held a successful **Mud-Volleyball Tournament** on Saturday, August 10th. SelectBoard Member Urie said that twelve teams participated in the event. Mr. Urie thanked all of those businesses and who supported the event.

3-on-3 Basketball – Selectboard Member Urie stated that the Community of Concern Activities and Events Focus groups will be hosting a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, September 21st beginning at 4:30p.m. at the Academy.

Having no further business or requests – it was moved by Elwin Cross, seconded by Dale Urie, and unanimously voted to adjourn at approximately 7:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Welch
Town Manager