

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002
7:00 PM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

A regular meeting of the St. Johnsbury Selectboard was held Monday, November 25, 2002, at 7:00 PM in the boardroom of the municipal building. Present were Chairman Reg Wakeham, Bryon Quatrini, Elwin Cross and Dale Urie. Absent with excuse was Gib Handy. Also present from the Town were Town Manager Mike Welch, Student Representative Shawna Wakeham, and Recording Secretary Ida Rainville, Police Chief Paul Devenger, Fire Chief Troy Ruggles. Those attending in the audience included: Russ Hutchins, Bruce Corrette, Marlene Rock, Kim Achilles, the LSC-TV news team and the Channel 7 news team.

Prior to the regular meeting, an executive session was called on a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Dale Urie, to discuss a civil action. No action was taken on this matter.

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Wakeham at 7:00 PM, with the flag salute. Minutes from October 28 and November 14 Meetings were approved on motions by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Elwin Cross.

Charter Amendment Language – Russ Hutchins

Russ Hutchins presented a revised petition to vote on municipal and education funding by Australian ballot. He indicated he has 150 signatures already to revise the Town Charter to accomplish the voting procedure.

Correction Advisory

A copy of a memo from the Corrections Advisory committee requested direction from the Selectboard of issues to address i.e. maintenance of list of offenders, community statistics, review policy, etc. The Committee requested that the Board adopt a list of items to charge the committee to work on.

Bridge Inspection Report

The Selectboard signed a verification of receipt of the bridge inspection report from the State. The only bridge listed as needing extensive work was on the North Danville Road near All Right springs. Highway Superintendent Larry Gadapee indicated this bridge may not be necessary, since it only serves as a cut off to a short portion of the road.

Holiday Parking

On a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Dale Urie, the Board voted unanimously to grant free meter parking from November 27 through January 2.

Breezy Hill Speed

Chief Devenger reported he had conducted a radar survey of traffic on Breezy Hill Road from Donna Drive to Lackey Hill. Average speed from 135 vehicles was 48 miles per hour. Concern was voiced by Chief Devenger and others that if the limit was raised to 40 instead of 30 mph, that average was increase incrementally. General agreement that 30 mph is too low for that area. Bruce Corette concerned for safety of walkers in the area, and that traffic would not slow down sufficiently as they approach the more heavily populated area. On a motion by Bryon Quatrini, seconded by Elwin Cross, the Board voted unanimously to try raising the speed limit to 40 mph from Donna Drive to Lackey Hill, for a period of 6 months, a re-test the average speeds again by April 1.

Methadone Clinic

Dale Urie stated that he does not support a methadone clinic in St. Johnsbury, and had predicted it would follow on the heels of the needle exchange program.

Respectfully, _____ Ida W. Rainville, Executive Secretary