

Minutes - FINAL

Meeting of the St Johnsbury Selectboard

August 10 2015 at 6:00PM-Pomerleau Building

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

Staff- Chad Whitehead, Joe Kasprzak, Lesley Russ, Stacy Jewell

Press- KATV, Taylor Reed (Caledonian Record)

Meeting opened at 6:00PM

Minutes:

- On a motion by Jeff Moore and second by Tom Moore, the minutes of the July 13 regular select board meeting were approved.
- On a motion by Jeff Moore and second by Tom Moore, the minutes of the July 13 special select board meeting were approved.
- On a motion by Jeff Moore and second by Tom Moore, the minutes of the July 27 select board meeting were approved- Jamie Murphy abstained.

Warrants: On a motion by Jeff Moore and a second by Jamie Murphy, the Warrants were approved.

Catering License: On a motion by Jeff Moore and a second by Tom Moore a catering license for Corner Stone Pub and Kitchen was approved for catering of an event at the Alerin Barn on September 5. Jamie Murphy abstained.

St Johnsbury Academy- Town Forest Trail Maintenance Project: Jessica Bakowski of the Academy presented the select board with a plan to

maintain 6 bridges on the trail system within the Town Forest trail system. On a motion by Jeff Moore and a second by Jamie Murphy the board approved the proposal to complete the repairs with a budget from the Town not to exceed \$400.

Tax Rate: Stacy Jewell, Town Clerk, provided figures from the grand list as per the end of the grievance hearings, including a proposed tax rate (copy attached). Tax bills will be produced on Monday August 17, and mailed on Wednesday August 19. On a motion by Jamie Murphy, second by Tom Moore, the select board set the tax rate based on the recommendation of the Town Clerk.

July Financial update: Lesley Russ provide the select board with the July Financial update.

USDA RD Funding for Screw Pump Replacement at the WWTF: Chad Whitehead provided information regarding the funding offer of from USDA Rural Development for the Screw Pump replacement project approved by voters in March of 2015. The offer includes a grant in the amount of \$603,000 and a loan in the amount of \$747,000 with an interest rate of 2.875% for a 30 year term. On a motion by Jeff Moore and Second by Jamie Murphy the select board authorized Kevin Oddy to sign the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions, The Request for Obligation of Funds for the Loan, The Request for Obligation of Funds for the Grant, The Application for Federal Assistance SF-424, The Water and Waste Systems Grant Agreement and the Loan Resolution.

Solaflect Certificate of Public Good Application- informational meeting: Troy Ruggles is an abutter to one of the project locations and expressed concern to the Town that there could be adverse impacts on property values. Stacy Jewell suggested the Town Assessor look into the property value subject.

Town Manager's Report:

- The Tax sale will be on August 24, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Pomerleau Building on the First Floor. On a motion by Jeff Moore and second by Jamie Murphy the select board appointed Tom Moore to act as an agent of the Town during the tax sale proceedings.
- The Town has received a grant to conduct two days of leakage survey from the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and the work would be completed in September.
- The town has sent out a RFP for a forestry management plan for the Source Protection Property the Town Owns in Waterford. Tom Moore from the board and Jessica Bakowski of St Johnsbury Academy will meet with the Town Manager to review proposals.

Other Business:

- Debra Buck Chase presented a proposed sign for the skating rink/park at Concord Ave and Portland Street. On a motion by Jeff Moore and second by Jamie Murphy the free standing sign was approved as presented contingent on meeting zoning approval.
- A meeting to discuss Housing will be held at 1187 Main Street on September 1 from 6-8 pm.

On a motion by Tom Moore and second by Jamie Murphy the meeting was adjourned.