

Minutes - DRAFT
Meeting of the St Johnsbury Select board
August 24 2015 at 6:00PM-Pomerleau Building

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

Staff- Chad Whitehead, Stacy Jewell, Chief Troy Ruggles, Maurine Hennings, Sue Cherry (Planning Commission).

Press- KATV, Taylor Reed (Caledonian Record)

Meeting opened at 6:00PM

On a motion by Jeff Moore and a second by Tim Angell the "Planning Commission- Request Date for Public Hearing review of proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw" agenda item was moved to the first order of business.

Planning Commission- Request Date for Public Hearing review of proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw: The select board set a date of Wednesday September 16th @ 6:00 PM for the select board hearing of the proposed changes. A warning will be posted to the paper and the Town's website by the Planning Commission.

Minutes:

- On a motion by Jeff Moore and second by Tom Moore, the minutes of the August 10 regular select board meeting were approved. Tim Angell abstained.

Warrants: On a motion by Jeff Moore and a second by Tim Angell, the Warrants were approved.

Liquor License: Scott Salmonsens of Salmon and Barns DBA St J Brewery addressed the board. On a motion by Jeff Moore and a second by Tom Moore a 1st Class liquor license for the St J Brewery restaurant was approved. Jamie Murphy abstained.

VTrans Project St Johnsbury BF7000(20) Presentation: VTrans and CLD Engineers presented the following information-

- Bridge replacement is anticipated to bid in Fall of 2016 for construction in 2017.
- Closure will be required for Route 2B as well as this section of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.
- The closure period may range from 6-9 weeks depending on construction methods. Shorter duration results in increased project costs.
- VTrans will post a detour using Route 2, however the Town can post additional detours and VTrans can provide compensation for road impacts, dust control and police enforcement on that route.
- Fire Chief Ruggles told the board that response time due to the closure will be increased from 3 minutes to 11-12 minutes depending on weather during the closure if a temporary bridge is not installed.
- Adjoining resident Bob Brazil indicated that 24 hour construction would be difficult due to noise and lighting. He also has concerns with drainage along his driveway.

- A project info website will be developed. The Town will provide a link from www.stjvt.com

Town Manager's Report:

- Packard Park Project, 1200 Block of Main Street- Chris Holden is here, and he can give some specifics of the project if they wish, but the next meeting they will be presenting additional details and will be asking the Board to support the project using Unallocated Non Profit Municipal Bond Authority.
 - Federal Tax Law states that Banks are no longer able to treat bonds as tax exempt, EXCEPT if a municipality issues less than \$10M in bonds in a year. Under this exemption banks are allowed to deduct up to 80% of the interest as a business deduction, and allows them to provide these not-for profit organizations with more attractive loan amounts.
 - The Town has \$10M of bond authority in any given year for items such as tax anticipation loans. Currently the Town has not used any of this bond authority, so in sorts, we would rent a portion of our authority to the developer for this project.
 - The project must be located within St Johnsbury
 - Selectmen must authorize the bond agreement.
- Tax Sale was held on 8/24/2015. We were able to reach agreements or get all but 9 of the properties. The remaining were paid off through the tax sale. The town was the bidder on 2 of the properties.
- Current Use application for the Town's property in Waterford surrounding Styles Pond will be submitted on 08/25/2015.
- Bike Path Trailhead dedication will be on Thursday 08/27/2015 at the Joes Pond Beach at 5:00, then a group of people will ride from Danville to St Johnsbury. Joe Fox with the Academy has arranged for a bus to take people back to Danville to pick up their vehicles.
- Senator Leahy will be in St Johnsbury on Friday 09/04/2015, at 11:00am at the Kingdom Taproom for the announcement of REAP zone grant recipients.
- The Town received a grant from the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund through the capitol bill. This was an equivalent of a 25% grant on the Eastern Ave, Western Ave and Main Street CSO project, which ultimately could be as much as \$1.5M

Other Business:

Elijah Schreiber of the Boy Scouts presented a summary of his completed project to the select board. The project included several benches constructed by the Boy Scouts along the Town owned section of the trail. On a motion by Jamie Murphy and second by Tom Moore the board approved the completed project.

On a motion by Tim Angell and a second by Tom Moore the board ratified the Appointment of Alternate Authorized Representative to authorize Town Manger Chad Whitehead, to act as an alternate authorized representative of the Town for the purpose of furnishing to the State of Vermont such information, data and documents pertaining to Project No. WPL-221, RF1-153, RF3-300 and RF1-168 as may be required and otherwise act as the authorized representative of the Town in connection with the projects.

The board adjourned on a motion by Jamie Murphy and a second by Tom Moore.