

**Minutes –DRAFT**  
**Meeting of the St Johnsbury Select board**  
**December 28, 2015 at 6:00PM-Pomerleau Building**

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

Staff- Chad Whitehead, Joe Kasprzak, Stacy Jewell, Clem Houde, Hugh Wescott, Mark Gilliland, Troy Ruggles, Lesley Russ, Linda Perkins

Press- KATV, Taylor Reed (Caledonian Record)

Meeting opened at 6:00PM

Minutes:

- On a motion by Jamie Murphy and second by Tom Moore the board approved the minutes from December 14, 2015
- On a motion by Jamie Murphy and second by Tom Moore the board approved the minutes from the December 21, 2015 special meeting.

Warrants:

- On a motion by Tim Angell and a second by Tom Moore, the Warrants were approved.

Liquor Licenses:

- N/A

Draft Town Budget Public Input:

Dave Timson of St Johnsbury stated that the budget should be cut, he felt it was “top heavy” but no particular area stood out that could be reduced. He indicated he had a hard time with the PD requiring 6 cruisers.

Kevin Oddy responded by indicating that the Town has deferred spending in the past and if we wish to maintain the current level of service we need to invest in rebuilding our reserves.

Dave Timson asked about the hotel that was torn down on Hastings Hill, how would that affect taxes. Kevin indicated that the property would be re-appraised as of April 1, and if a new structure was constructed that would be taken into account.

Al Dunn of St Johnsbury indicated that for many years the Town tried to level fund the budget and this forces us to play catch up, and additional costs are incurred with time. Many years we didn't put money into reserves for the departments.

Kevin Oddy requested that the Town Manager include adoption of the budget for the next regularly scheduled Select Board meeting on January 11, 2016.

Certificate of Public Good Resolution: On a motion by Tim Angell and second by Tom Moore the board adopted a resolution to increase the input of Vermont municipalities regarding the siting of

renewable energy projects in Certificate of Public Good proceedings before the Public Service Board.

Appointment of Development Review Board: On a motion by Tim Angell and a second by Tom Moore the board appointed Chad Whitehead as an alternate to the Development Review Board.

Town Manager's Report:

Assistant Town Manager, Joe Kasprzak indicated that he was beginning meetings with the Energy Committee to discuss additional net metering agreements for the Town's remaining electrical use, and the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE).

The Town has requested a proposal from environmental consultants regarding the next steps for mitigation of the Armory.

The Housing Committee will be meeting with area landlords on January 15, 2016 to discuss code enforcement. The Tax Stabilization is in the Town's legal hands for review, and we anticipate that there will need to be some work done to rejuvenate the Tax Stabilization Committee.

Rutland Community Visit is planned on January 14, 2015 to review their Project Vision Program with Law enforcement and area Human Service Providers.

Q-Burke will be promoting St Johnsbury attractions to their Guests within their Hotel, currently there are banners in their lobby.

Other Business:

The second installment of Taxes are Due January 25, 2016.

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