

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 12th, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

On Monday, October 12th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., at Town Hall the Town of St. Albans Selectboard held a regular meeting.

Officials and staff present: Vice-Chair Stan Dukas, Bruce Cheeseman, Sam Smith, Town Clerk, Anna Bourdon and Town Manager, Carrie Johnson. Absent were Chair, Brent Palmer and David McWilliams.

General Public: Peter Blouin and St. Albans Messenger Reporter, Elodie Reed.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chair Stan Dukas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Industrial Park Warrant

MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to approve the Industrial Park warrant in the amount of \$130. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Payroll Warrant

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to approve the payroll warrant dated October 9th, 2015 in the amount of \$14,312.93 and the payroll warrant dated October 2nd, 2015 in the amount of \$14,295.59. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

General Warrant

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the general warrant for September 29th, 2015 through October 12th, 2015 in the amount of \$481,454.83. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A large portion of the warrant was a payment to Pike Industries for paving in the amount of \$428,879.50.

Minutes

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes for Monday, September 28th, 2015. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

St. Albans Historical Museum – Don Poirier

S. Dukas explained that Mr. Poirier was unavailable to attend tonight's meeting. They will be on the meeting agenda for November 9th.

Town Manager's Report

Fall & Winter Recreation Program List

C. Johnson explained that when the new program lists come out twice a year, the Selectboard approves which programs are eligible for reimbursement.

A question regarding the definition of residency came up prior to tonight's meeting; is a resident anyone who pays taxes in the Town or is there a full time residency requirement? The Board agreed the policy covers all and to leave the policy as it stands now.

S. Smith questioned whether we could approach the City regarding the recreational payment to them instead of continuing with the reimbursement program. The Board agreed to have C. Johnson approach City Manager, Dominic Cloud to discuss going back to an annual payment to the City of St. Albans for recreation.

MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to approve the Fall/Winter Recreation program list for all programs as presented. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Comcast Certificate of Public Good Renewal

C. Johnson explained that Comcast is applying for a renewal of their Certificate of Public Good. This is just informational.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Relocation Project Update & Junk Ordinance

The Town is holding a special election on Tuesday, November 10th to vote on three articles: construction of a new DPW building, construction of a new salt shed and rescinding the Junk Ordinance. An informational meeting on these articles will be held

on Monday, November 2nd. There will be another informational meeting at the regular Selectboard meeting on Monday, November 9th as well.

B. Cheeseman explained that building the DPW building will not have an effect on the municipal tax rate for the Town.

S. Smith stated that the funds received through the Local Options Tax (LOT) are taxpayers' money.

Budget Update

C. Johnson stated she is hoping to have the first budget meeting with the Selectboard on Monday, November 30th.

Mark Fenton – National Transportation Consultant

On behalf of the Northwestern Medical Center, a meeting was arranged last week with the City and Town of St. Albans, the Town and Village of Swanton and the Town of Highgate and Consultant, Mark Fenton. Mr. Fenton is a national public health, planning, and transportation consultant specializing in community, environmental, and public-policy initiatives to encourage more walking, bicycling, and transit use. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to apply healthy practices within our community as well as to discuss how to build communities that are sustainable, economically strong and that support a healthier, more physically active population. Thank you went out to Amy Brewer for coordinating this event.

Little County Road Culvert Replacement

The base coat of pavement is done. Guardrails will be installed soon.

Spider Prevention

C. Johnson took this opportunity to thank Gary and his wife who paid to have the Stonehouse at Bay Park sprayed for spiders in the spring, it reduced the issues at the park.

Water/Sewer Meeting with the City of St. Albans

B. Cheeseman stated that he and S. Smith will meet with the City again on Thursday, October 15th to continue discussions.

Public Comment

None.

Schedule

Next Selectboard meetings are October 26th and November 9th. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, November 2nd. The special election is Tuesday, November 10th.

Other Business

Changes in Act 250, Specifically 9(L)

S. Smith stated that with the new changes to the Act 250 process, we don't fit into a lot of the criteria. The changes make it very difficult for an applicant to get a permit. He asked the Board to familiarize themselves with the new regulation.

Executive Session

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss legal, contractual or personnel issues where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would place the Town (or person involved) at a substantial disadvantage. It was further moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal, personnel and contractual issues under the provisions of Title 1, section 313(a)(1) of Vermont Statutes and invite in Town Manager, Carrie Johnson. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:19 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 8:19 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Gray