

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 23rd, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

On Monday, February 23rd, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., at Town Hall the Town of St. Albans Selectboard met.

Officials and staff present: Chair, Bernie Boudreau, Joe Montagne, Stan Dukas, Town Manager, Carrie Johnson, Town Clerk, Anna Bourdon and Fire Chief and Public Safety Officer, Bob Cross. Absent were Vice Chair, Brent Palmer and Bruce Cheeseman.

General Public: Gary Greeno, Larry Leach, Peter Thomas, Peter Blouin, Gwen Boudreau, Julie Shaffner, Charles Christolini and St. Albans Messenger Reporter, Elodie Reed.

The Pledge of Allegiance. Chair, B. Boudreau called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
LIVE

Public Hearing & Informational Meeting on FY 2016 Budget

B. Boudreau opened the informational meeting by reading the official warning. C. Johnson gave an overview of the FY 2016 budget. The projected expenses from budget year to budget year are down 1.22% and total budget or total amount to be raised by taxes is down 1.65%.

Peter Blouin stated that he noticed the Town is hiring a new Planner. He asked if the FY 2016 budget included the new Planner's salary. C. Johnson explained that we currently have a Planner and that salary is already in the budget and will continue into the FY 2016 budget.

Articles

C. Johnson read through each article for the audience.

S. Cushing gave a brief explanation on Article 11 which asks for support from the Town in the amount of \$20,000 to purchase a second weed harvester.

B. Boudreau explained that Article 12 which asks the voters to support a junk ordinance was an article placed on the ballot because there was a petition for it.

MOTION: B. Boudreau made a motion to close the Public Hearing/Information Meeting. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Certificate of Highway Mileage

There were no changes in highway mileage for 2014.

MOTION: J. Montagne made a motion to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage for the year ending February 10th, 2015 as presented to the Selectboard. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Town Manager's Report

Capital Program Draft

C. Johnson explained this is generally done every 5 years. The draft contains capital projects for FY'15 – FY'20. The Board needs to review and let C. Johnson know of any questions or concerns. It was suggested to bring this draft to the new Selectboard. The Board was in consensus.

Dept. of Public Works Draft Request for Proposal – Municipal Project Manager

C. Johnson explained that Dave Allerton from the DPW steering committee created a draft RFP for a Municipal Project Manager for the DPW relocation project. S. Dukas suggested tabling this until the new Selectboard is in place. The Board was in consensus.

Park & Recreation Survey

Planner, Maren Hill and the Park & Recreation Steering Committee created a survey to be handed out at Town Meeting Day. This survey asks which projects should be come priorities for the Town. The survey will also be available on the Town's website.

Town Initiates Facebook Page

M. Hill has created a Facebook page for the Town of St. Albans. Both AJ Johnson and Jennifer Gray are responsible for updating content on the Town's page.

Liquor Control

MOTION: B. Boudreau made a motion to recess the Selectboard and convene as the Liquor Control Board. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the 2015 liquor license renewals for Vermont Club Activities (Knights of Columbus), Kinney Drugs and St. Albans Diner. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: B. Boudreau made a motion to adjourn the Liquor Board Control and reconvene as the Selectboard. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment

Charlie Christolini, developer of the Parsons Meadows Subdivision came before the Board looking for guidance on Town taking over Elizabeth Street. B. Boudreau explained to Mr. Christolini that the Town needs to get a better understanding on the MS4 Permit process. Mr. Christolini stated that the stormwater discharge permit for his development is effective until 2018. B. Boudreau did explain that the Town doesn't take roads over in the winter. C. Johnson explained that she and Planner, Maren Hill have come up with a draft that she would like to run by the Department of Public Works before bringing to the Board.

Elizabeth Street resident, Julie Shaffner came before the Board to share her concerns with the length of time it's taking the Town to assume ownership of Elizabeth Street. Ms. Shaffner explained that she is a Town taxpayer and is also paying for snow removal services. She's worried that emergency vehicles won't be able to get down the street safely and is also concerned about child safety.

Appreciation

Town Clerk, Anna Bourdon took the opportunity to thank both Bernie Boudreau and Joe Montagne for their service on the Selectboard.

General Warrant

MOTION: J. Montagne made a motion to approve the general warrant dated 2/10/2015 – 2/23/2015 in the amount of \$43,961.68. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Industrial Park Warrant

MOTION: J. Montagne made a motion to approve the Industrial Park warrant dated February 23, 2015 in the amount of \$999.59. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Payroll Warrants

MOTION: J. Montagne made a motion to approve the payroll warrants for February 20th, 2015 in the amount of \$14,342.02 and February 13th, 2015 in the amount of \$15,566.65 and \$1,821.80. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes

MOTION: B. Boudreau made a motion to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes for Monday, February 9th, 2015. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Schedule

The next Selectboard meetings are March 9th and March 23rd. Town Meeting Day is Tuesday, March 3rd and voting takes place from 7am to 7pm at the Collins Perley Sports Complex located at 890 Fairfax Road.

Other Business

B. Boudreau explained that there was a story in the St. Albans Messenger regarding the Town's proposed bike/pedestrian path. There were some concerns in the neighborhood in the City that the City and Town had some sort of agreement. City Manager, Dominic Cloud and Town Manager, Carrie Johnson did meet to discuss the proposed bike/pedestrian path and if the project gets approval, what the next steps would be. If the path is approved, the neighborhood would be included in any conversations.

B. Boudreau expressed his condolences to the family of Dan Mitchell who passed away recently. Mr. Mitchell was an avid fisherman and volunteered his time to the Town on a number of boards.

B. Boudreau stated this was his last Selectboard meeting. He explained he loves his town and has always tried to do what's right for the Town. He has gotten so much more out of being on the Selectboard than he gave and has learned how to better solve issues. B. Boudreau also thanked J. Montagne for his service on the Selectboard as this was his last meeting as well. J. Montagne thanked the citizens.

Adjournment

MOTION: B. Boudreau made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:20 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Gray

Bernie Boudreau, Chair

Stan Dukas

Joseph Montagne