

Subject to Selectboard Approval

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9th, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

On Monday, March 9th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., at Town Hall the Town of St. Albans Selectboard met.

Officials and staff present: Brent Palmer, Stan Dukas, Bruce Cheese, David McWilliams, Town Manager, Carrie Johnson and Town Clerk, Anna Bourdon.

General Public: Peter Thomas, David Schofield, Sam and Rachel Smith, Peter Blouin and St. Albans Messenger Reporter, Elodie Reed.

The Pledge of Allegiance. B. Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Reorganization of the Selectboard

B. Palmer explained that due to the 5th seat of the Selectboard not decided at this time, the reorganization of the Selectboard will take place at the meeting of April 13th, the first meeting after the runoff election at the end of March.

Town Manager's Report

Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) Update

C. Johnson gave the Board an update on the Municipal Planning Grant to create some procedures for stormwater management. This grant would include hiring planning consultants, engineers and wetland specialists. The Board was provided a copy of the request for proposal (RFP). It has been awarded and the bidder will be announced at the next Selectboard meeting. C. Johnson is covering for Maren Hill, former Planner in the interim until a new Planner is hired.

Bylaws

The Board asked C. Johnson for an update of the bylaw re-write. She explained that former Planner, Maren Hill will be returning to staff the Planning Commission through the month of March to complete the bylaw rewrite. The Planning Commission should have the rewrite completed by May.

Sam Smith asked the Selectboard to reappoint him to the Planning Commission. This was not necessary as Mr. Smith's term does not end until the end of March.

Election Update – Anna Bourdon, Town Clerk

At Town Meeting day, there was a tie for the 5th seat of the Selectboard between Sam Smith and David Schofield. Town Clerk, A. Bourdon explained to the Board that on Tuesday, March 10th, she will officially warn a runoff vote for Tuesday, March 31st. This vote will take place at the Collins Perley Sports Center from 7am to 7pm. David McWilliams was elected to the 4th seat of the Selectboard.

C. Johnson read through the results of the articles from Town Meeting day. There was also a park and recreation survey provided to voters on Town Meeting day that is available until the end of the month, voters are encouraged to complete.

Liquor Control

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

MOTION: B. Palmer made a motion to approve the 2015 liquor license renewals for St. Marie Enterprises, LLC, aka, The Bay store. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

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

Public Comment

Town resident, Peter Blouin came before the Board to request more information about the recycling program that is starting this year. C. Johnson explained that either the Town's representative to the Northwest Solid Waste Management District, Al Voegelé or the district itself would be able to address Mr. Boulin's questions. A. Bourdon explained that she had pamphlets in her office with information that would be helpful to Mr. Blouin.

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Town resident, Joanne Montanye came before the Board to speak about the Vermont Internet Technologies (VIT) agency. VIT can get satellite links from all over the world and connect them with businesses, schools and organizations here in Vermont. This organization is on the list to be zero funded and will cease to exist after July 1st, 2015. She asked for folks to sign onto the online petition. The Vermont Agency of Transportation uses it for their enhancement grants.

Industrial Park Warrant

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the Industrial Park warrant dated March 9th, 2015 in the amount of \$110. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

General Warrant

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the general warrant dated 2/24/2015 – 3/9/2015 in the amount of \$222,734.74. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Payroll Warrants

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the payroll warrants for February 27th, 2015 in the amount of \$26,809.69 and March 6th, 2015 in the amount of \$15,608.86. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes

MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes for Monday, February 23rd, 2015. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Schedule

The next Selectboard meetings are March 23rd and April 13th. The runoff election will be Tuesday, March 31st, 2015. Deadline to register to vote for this election is Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 by 5pm. Residents may come to Town Hall to register and vote the same day. Ballots will be available on Wednesday, March 11th.

B. Cheeseman took this opportunity to urge everyone to come out on March 31st to vote and welcomed David McWilliams to the Selectboard.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

MOTION: B. Palmer made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:09 p.m. and to invite in Town Manager, Carrie Johnson to discuss a contractual issue. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: B. Palmer made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:40 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:41 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Gray

Brent Palmer

Stan Dukas

Bruce Cheeseman

David McWilliams