

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard 'Special' Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18th, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

On Monday, May 18th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., at Town Hall the Town of St. Albans Selectboard held a special meeting.

Officials and staff present: Chair Brent Palmer, Vice-Chair Stan Dukas, Bruce Cheeseman, David McWilliams, Sam Smith, Police Advisory Board members, Gary Greeno, Jack Rugg and Al Voegele and Town Manager, Carrie Johnson.

Special Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Palmer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of the 5:30 p.m. start to the Selectboard 'special' meeting was to meet with the Police Advisory Board (PAB) to discuss the police services report and the PAB's recommendations.

The 'special' meeting was recessed at 6:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

The 'special' meeting was reconvened at 6:30 p.m. B. Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

General Public: Don Gebo, Peter Blouin, Gary Greeno, Walter Fredette, and Mike Pinette.

Planning Commission Appointments

B. Palmer explained that Planning Commissioner Gary Cherrier has missed 13 months of meetings and it had been agreed upon by both the Planning Commission and the Selectboard to remove Mr. Cherrier from the Planning Commission and appoint Grant Henderson who has expressed interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

S. Smith asked Mr. Henderson if he had any experience in Planning. Mr. Henderson explained that he didn't but, that he just moved here from the Town of Georgia with his family and would like to help with water quality issues in the Town. He also stated he wanted to be a more active member of the community.

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to remove Planning Commissioner Gary Cherrier and to appointment Grant Henderson to the Planning Commission for a term ending in March 2016. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Town Manager's Report

Draft Junk Ordinance Discussion

C. Johnson explained that she pulled sections of Junk Ordinances from Barre Town and the City of St. Albans and added them to the draft Junk Ordinance for the Town. She requested Board members send her any comments or questions regarding the ordinance.

B. Palmer explained the Board should take their time going over the ordinance. B. Cheeseman explained he would like to review the ordinance more but, does not want this to be dragged out for a year. It was discussed to set a goal to have the ordinance completed by August, 2015.

B. Palmer stated that the section referencing Building Inspections should be removed from the ordinance as the Town doesn't have a qualified Inspector at this time.

S. Dukas asked if abandoned buildings should be included in this ordinance. The Board agreed to have anything referencing buildings removed from the ordinance.

Town resident, Don Gebo explained that his neighbor has several box containers and large mounds of dirt on his property as well as junk cars. The mounds of dirt he states have caused a section of Mr. Gebo's basement to fill with water.

C. Johnson stated she would like to receive comments from the Board by June 1st and will forward a new draft to the Selectboard for their meeting on June 8th, 2015.

Public Comment

Peter Blouin came before the Board to talk about health and safety issues for the Junk Ordinance and stated these should be covered in this ordinance.

General Warrant

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the general warrant from May 12th, 2015 to May 18th, 2015 in the amount of \$20,332.42. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Industrial Park Warrant

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the Industrial Park warrant in the amount of \$918.54. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Payroll Warrants

MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to approve the payroll warrants for May 15th, 2015 in the amount of \$13,375.84. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes for Monday, May 11th, 2015. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote. B. Cheeseman and B. Palmer abstained as they were not present for the May 11th meeting.

Schedule

The next Selectboard meetings are June 8th and June 22nd. A public forum to discuss police services will be held on Monday, June 1st, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Other Business

At the last meeting, it was requested the Town erect flags in Town prior to the Tour Desjardins scheduled for August 5th – 8th, 2015. It was decided that the Canadian flag be erected.

Executive Session

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:05 p.m. and to invite in Town Manager, Carrie Johnson to discuss contractual and personnel issues where premature general public knowledge of this subject could place the Town or person involved at a substantial disadvantage. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: B. Palmer made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, legal and contractual under the provisions of Title 1, section 313(a)(1) of Vermont Statutes. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:50 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:50 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Gray