

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 4th, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

On Monday, January 4th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at Town Hall the Town of St. Albans Selectboard met.

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

General Public: Alex Lehning & Karen Lehning, Donald Poirier, Charlie & Sheri Moore Peter Blouin, and St. Albans Messenger Reporter, Elaine Ezerins.

The Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chair, S. Dukas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Live – call in meeting.

Warrants

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to approve the general warrant dated 12/29/2015 – 1/4/2016 in the amount of \$12,911.07. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes

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

St. Albans Historical Society & Museum – Alex Lehning, Executive Director

Executive Director, Alex Lehning came before the Board to give a brief presentation on some of the programs and exhibits at the museum and their plans for 2016. Their main goal is to communicate why St. Albans history matters to the community. They will be providing community history days for Story Core. Mr. Lehning explained that when the Eveready plant closed, they provided the museum with several archives for display at the museum. A walking tour application has also been created for the historic district and with a donation; Wi-Fi has been installed at the museum.

Mr. Lehning explained that in 2016, they will be working on an exhibit on St. Albans Bay as well as doing a smaller exhibit on the St. Albans Town Forest. This year will also be the 50th anniversary of the historical society. They are seeking information and items for the St. Albans Bay display.

There is a Board of Directors of 14 members. Don Poirier is the Treasure and Charlie Moore is the Vice President. Both were present at the meeting.

S. Smith asked Mr. Lehning if he had any idea as to where some lithographs for of the Bellevue Racetrack may have gone to after being removed from the hospital. Mr. Lehning explained to S. Smith that he would ask some of his contacts to see if he can find this out.

C. Johnson asked if there was a deadline for providing information to the museum for the St. Albans Bay display. Mr. Lehning stated that they will be adding information throughout the year and people can provide additional information during any point in the year. C. Johnson stated that this information will be added to the Town's website and Facebook page.

Town Manager's Report

VTrans Sidewalk Study Grant (Strong Communities, Better Connections) - Resolution

C. Johnson requested approval and signature for the resolution.

MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to move forward with the Strong Communities, Better Connections grant and support the Town match of up to \$7,500. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Town Hall Boardroom Use Policy

Last week, the Town received an inquiry regarding renting out the Boardroom for functions. In the past, it has been used, free of charge, for local and state government groups. S. Smith stated this should be considered on a case by case basis. Some things to consider are the 50 people capacity, alcohol on the premises, and having a paid Town employee in the building at the time of the function. C. Johnson explained this could be a one page policy. S. Dukas agreed with S. Smith, stating the use would be very limited.

St. Albans Area Watershed Association – Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant Close Out

This grant helped fund a second weed harvester. It was intended to be used this past summer full time for weed harvesting but, due to the high water and low weed population, both weed harvesters received equipment maintenance.

Other Business

Fire Department Annual Elections

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to approve the elections of Paul Botting, Victor Trivento and Justin Oddy to Lieutenant of the St. Albans Town Fire Department. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Schedule

The next Selectboard meetings are Tuesday, January 19th and Monday, February 1st. The Planning Commission is meeting Tuesday, January 5th to discuss the bylaws. The next budget work session will be held on Monday, January 11th at 6pm.

Site Visit – Water/Wastewater Facility

D. McWilliams explained a tour of the water/wastewater facility has been scheduled for Monday, January 11th at 1pm.

Adjournment

MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:15 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Gray