

**Town of St. Albans  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
5:30 p.m.**

On Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., at Town Hall the Town of St. Albans Selectboard met.

**Officials and staff present:** Chair, Stan Dukas, Vice Chair, Bruce Cheeseman, Bill Nihan, Sam Smith and Interim Town Manager, Al Voegele. Absent was David McWilliams.

S. Dukas called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. The purpose of the earlier start to the Selectboard meeting was to hold an executive session to discuss a legal issue.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to go into executive session at 5:30 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 to invite in Town Attorneys Dan O'Rourke and Chad Bonanni and Interim Town Manager, Al Voegele. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:25 p.m. and recess the Selectboard meeting. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to recess the Selectboard meeting at 6:25 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to reconvene the Selectboard meeting at 6:30 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.**

**Officials and staff present:** Chair, Stan Dukas, Vice Chair, Bruce Cheeseman, David McWilliams, Bill Nihan, Sam Smith, Interim Town Manager, Al Voegele and Recording Secretary, Jennifer Gray.

**Public:** None.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

The Board agreed to move the Water/Wastewater Feasibility Study agenda item to the December 5<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting due to late receipt of the study. They also agreed to add a discussion about Swanton Wind under the Town Manager section of the agenda.

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the agenda with changes as presented. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**Payroll Warrants**

**MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to approve the payroll warrant dated November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the amount of \$14,943.38 and the payroll warrant dated November 11<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$12,906.65. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**Industrial Park Warrant**

**MOTION: D. McWilliams made a motion to approve the Industrial Park warrant in the amount of \$766.33. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

### General Warrant

**MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to approve the general warrant dated November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in the amount of \$481,743.15. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

Large payments went to Pike Industries for paving, Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance and AmCare for ambulance services.

### Minutes

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes for Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

### Fire Department – Captain Term Renewed

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to reappoint Chad Shover as Captain with the St. Albans Town Fire Department with a term expiring November, 2019. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

### Town Manger's Report

#### Purchasing Policy

S. Smith pointed out that there have been some past expenses by department heads that were higher than the Board normally sees and he wanted to know what each department head had for a limit for spending. The Board and Interim Town Manager, Al Voegelé discussed purchasing limits for department heads, purchase orders and reviewing invoices. A. Voegelé to look into this further.

### Green Mountain Power Pole Top Solar Panels

A. Voegelé explained to the Board that the pole-attached solar panels on top of poles on the Dunsmore Road that Green Mountain Power installed were approved by the Public Service Board and are experimental and no additional panels are to be added. Green Mountain Power didn't notify the Town of this project and stated that it was an oversight.

### Swanton Wind

The Town of Swanton would like for the Board to reconsider supporting Swanton before the Public Service Board hearing regarding the Swanton Wind project. The Town of Fairfield is contributing \$10,000 - \$15,000 to fight this project. The Town of Swanton would like the Town of St. Albans to contribute \$10,000. These funds would be used to support the legal expenses that will be incurred for the hearing before the Public Service Board.

D. McWilliams stated he felt it was a waste of taxpayers' money. S. Smith pointed out that in the Town Plan, the Town supports renewable energy. B. Cheeseman stated that he would like to see the Town have more input as to where these projects are located in Town. B. Nihan would like to support the Town of Swanton, but, it's important we get more input, more local control on these projects.

**MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to support the Town of Swanton in their request in opposition to the Swanton Wind Turbine project and contribute an amount of \$10,000. Motion carried with a 3-2 vote. S. Smith and D. McWilliams opposed motion.**

**No Public Comment.**

### Schedule

The next regular Selectboard meetings are Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The budget kickoff meeting will be Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### Other Business

S. Smith asked Al for an update on Director of Administration, Ned Connell. D. McWilliams would like to have the newly Town appointee to the Collins Perley Board bring an update to the Board.

### Executive Session

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to go into executive session at 7:14 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 to invite Interim Town Manager, Al Voegelé. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:55 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Gray, Recording Secretary