

**Town of St. Albans  
Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
4:00 p.m.**

On Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., at Town Hall the Town of St. Albans Selectboard met.

**Officials and staff present:** Chair, Stan Dukas, Vice Chair, Bruce Cheeseman, David McWilliams, Bill Nihan, Sam Smith, Town Manager, Carrie Johnson and Town Clerk, Anna Bourdon.

**Public:** Peter Blouin, Don Tessier, Robert Fairbanks, St. Albans Messenger Reporter, Michelle Monroe and Steve Hauck.

S. Dukas called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Articles on Town Meeting Day Warning**

The Board read and discussed each article on the Town Meeting Day warning.

**MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to approve Article One. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to approve Article Two. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to approve Article Three. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to approve Article Four. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**MOTION: D. McWilliams made a motion to approve Article Five. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to approve Article Six. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**Article Seven**

A petition was received at the Town Clerk's Office, signed by petitioners requesting the Local Option Tax (LOT) funds to be used to reduce taxes. C. Johnson sought out attorney opinion by request of the Board regarding this article. S. Dukas read the attorney's letter which stated the petition was not valid, citing reconsideration statute.

A Town resident stated his support to keep money in a "rainy day fund".

Town resident, Bob Fairbanks stated that the Town is throwing money into the wind, not spending any and wants the LOT revenues to reduce taxes.

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve Article Seven. None in favor, all opposed, motion failed.**

D. McWilliams said he wanted to make a motion to allocate \$300,000 of LOT funds to reduce taxes. Open for discussion. S. Smith asked D. McWilliams to amend his motion to study using the petition using the LOT funds. D. McWilliams did not change his motion.

**MOTION: D. McWilliams made a motion to allocate \$300,000 of LOT funds to reduce taxes. Motion failed with D. McWilliams in favor and 4 votes opposed.**

**Town Meeting Day Warning**

**MOTION: S. Dukas made a motion to approve the Town Meeting Day Warning. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

**MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 4:45 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie H. Johnson, Town Manager