

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 1st, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

On Monday, May 1st, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., at Town Hall the Town of St. Albans Selectboard met.

Officials and staff present: Chair, Bruce Cheeseman, Vice Chair, Sam Smith, Brendan Deso, Bill Nihan, Al Voegele, Town Manager, Carrie Johnson, Town Clerk, Anna Bourdon, Director of Public Works, Alan Mashtare and Recording Secretary, Jenn Gray.

Chair, B. Cheeseman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Public: Peter Blouin, David McWilliams, Shana Louiselle (VELCO), Doug Best (VELCO), Tom Custeau (Pike), Nathaniel Vandal (Wilder Solar), Bryan Stumpf (Cypress/Wilder Solar), Tim Camisa, and Sally Sargent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

The Board added opening paving bids and a discussion on the stone walls at the Bay Park to the agenda.

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to amend the agenda to add the opening of paving bids and a discussion on the Bay Park stone walls. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

General Warrant

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to approve the general warrant dated May 1st, 2017, in the amount of \$17,405.85. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Payroll Warrants

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to approve the payroll warrants dated April 21st, 2017 in the amount of \$13,725.32 and April 28th, 2017 in the amount of \$25,994.25. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes

MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes for Monday, April 3rd, Monday April 17th and the 'special' meeting minutes of Monday, April 24th, 2017. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Appreciation Letter – David McWilliams

B. Cheeseman presented an Appreciation Letter to David McWilliams thanking him for his service as Health Officer and for his time on the Selectboard for the Town of St. Albans. Mr. McWilliams remains the Town's Animal Control Officer.

Liquor Control Board

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

The Mill River Brewing, LLC. is opening a brewery on Lake Road. They applied for their first First Class and Outdoor Consumption licenses.

MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to approve the First Class Liquor license and Outdoor Consumption license as presented. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to close the Liquor Control Board and reconvene as the Selectboard. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Town Manger's Report

VELCO – Substation Upgrade – Nason Street

Doug Best, Project Manager came before the Board to explain the VELCO substation upgrade to the site on Nason Street. The site has aging infrastructure and they will be reducing the number of transformers from 2 to 1.

B. Nihan asked what the difference was between a tap station and a tap line. Mr. Best explained that the lines that run from the substation are called "Tap Lines" and they run to the tap station. Mr. Best also stated they will be requesting from the Town a letter of support.

Wilder Solar

Bryan Stumpf, Zoning and Outreach Manager with Cypress Creeks Renewables, Nathaniel Vandal with Wilder Solar and property owner, Tim Camisa came before the Board to explain the proposed Wilder Solar project. This is a 5 Megawatt, 35 acres of solar on 43 acres of land project. The panels are 12 feet tall with a fixed tilt angle and made of US steel. It will provide about 100 construction jobs.

Mr. Stumpf explained that there will be a local contractor hired to maintain the vegetation around the site as well as a 7 foot fence; that is standard electrical code. The project has a 25 year life span with an option for another 10 years. There will be an Irrevocable Letter of Credit in place for decommissioning. There is an approved Power Purchase Agreement with Green Mountain Power.

Town resident, Sally Sargent stated that they can see from their house the spot where the solar project will be installed. Mr. Stumpf and Mr. Vandal stated that they didn't go door to door to check visibility points but, did state that it's very minimal with the existing vegetation.

A Georgia Town resident asked about construction traffic on Wilder Drive. Wilder Drive is located in the Town of Georgia. Mr. Stumpf explained there will be some construction traffic for 2-3 months on Wilder Drive and they are willing to repair the road to preconstruction status at the end of construction.

The Town will receive annually \$16,000 in tax revenue with \$5.5 million added to the Grand List.

Municipal Infrastructure Steering Committee

A. Voegele drafted a list of potential committee members for the Board's review. C. Johnson asked the Board to provide her with their suggestions via email.

Water/Wastewater Allocation Request – Hard'Ack

C. Johnson asked for consensus from the Board to approve the allocation. Hard'Ack is proposing a ski lodge. The Board agreed to the allocation.

Paving Bids

Director of Public Works, Alan Mashtare explained to the Board that he requested two different bids from each company. The first bid requested a price for ½" shim and 1.5" overlay and the other a price for paving and cold plaining. Paving must be completed by September 30th.

B. Cheeseman read the bid from **Pike Industries, Inc.**
\$60.25/ton for paving/shim/overlay. \$2.25/square yard for cold plaining.

S. Smith read the bid from **Whitcomb.**
\$62.21/ton for paving/shim/overlay. \$62.17 – cold plaining (\$1.05/square yard cold plaining).

S. Smith read the bid from **Engineer Construction.**
\$65.90/ton for paving/shim/overlay. \$150,940.50 for cold plaining.

S. Smith read the bid from **SD Ireland.**
\$63.90/ton for paving/shim/overlay. \$2.25/square yard for cold plaining.

B. Nihan read the bid from **J. Hutchins, Inc.**
\$61/ton for paving/shim/overlay. \$83.50/ton cold plaining

B. Nihan read the bid from **S. T. Paving, Inc.**
\$66.50/ton for paving/shim/overlay. \$83/ton cold plaining

A. Mashtare and C. Johnson to review the bids and approve. They will provide the Board at their next meeting with a spreadsheet explaining which company was awarded the bid.

Bay Park Stone Gate Bid Proposals

We received 4 bids in April to remove and replace the stone walls at the gates of the Bay Park. Sam Ruggiano contacted the Historical Registry to see what is allowed. He and Carrie Johnson will be meeting on May 2nd with Historical Preservation.

S. Smith suggested that the stone walls be repaired and not replaced due to the high cost of replacement. He asked C. Johnson to ask the Historical Registry during their meeting if we can demo and put in red stone boulders instead.

Town Highway Structures Grant

The Town has been awarded a \$175,000 grant to replace a box culvert on Kellogg Road.

Public Comment

Peter Blouin asked why the new excavator is smaller than the old one. A. Mashtare explained everything is identical to the old excavator but, it's is boxier and has a better reach.

Veterans Valet

A. Voegele stated that the veteran's sponsored valet shuttle at the hospital is short on vets. He suggested more vets volunteer their time for this service.

Schedule

The next regular Selectboard meetings are Monday, May 15th and Monday, June 5th.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to go into executive session at 8:14 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 in Town Manager, Carrie Johnson. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Hold Harmless Agreement

The Selectboard agreed to sign an easement to include a hold harmless agreement with Pat Malone which will allow Mr. Malone to apply for the variance needed to replace the sign for Franklin Park West.

MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to allow the Selectboard to grant Pat Malone an easement so that they can place a monument sign at the intersection of State Route 7 and Franklin Park West Road. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 9:05 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenn Gray, Recording Secretary