

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard 'Special' Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 8th, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

On Monday, January 8th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., the Town of St. Albans Selectboard met at Town Hall for a 'special' budget meeting.

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

Public present: Police Chief, Gary Taylor, St. Albans Messenger reporter, Michelle Monroe, Steve Coon, Frank Cioffi, Curtis Brusso, SAPD Officer, Ron Hoague, SAPD Officer, Ben Couture, Kevin Smith, Stan Dukas, Tim Smith, Peter Deslauriers, Peter Blouin, Dick Day and Mary Pickener.

Chair, B. Cheeseman called the Selectboard 'special' meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to go into executive session at 5:33 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 and Assessor, Bill Hinman. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

B. Hinman left meeting at 5:48p.m.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to come out of executive session at 5:49 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Police Chief, Gary Taylor

The Board asked Police Chief Taylor to follow up on the Police Department's request for an additional "street crimes unit" to be funded 50% by Town. The Board asked a few questions then allowed public comment, limiting it to 3 minutes a person due to the high attendance.

Speakers included: Dick Day, Frank Cioffi, Steve Coon, Mary Pickener, Stan Dukas, and Curt Brusso. Frank Cioffi, a former Selectboard member sent an email to the Board.

Town Clerk, Anna Bourdon was asked what the street crimes cost equated to for an average homeowner. A. Bourdon stated that the \$110,500 addition to the budget equaled about \$23 a year for a home valued at \$200,000.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to support the police request to fund the Street Crimes Unit immediately and authorize the Town Manager to spend up to \$35,400. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The annual cost for the Street Crimes Unit was included in the Police Department's fiscal year 2019 Budget at \$110,500.

The Board, A. Bourdon, C. Johnson and Director of Public Works, Alan Mashtare reviewed the FY '19 budget beginning with Parks and Recreation and the Department of Public Works. The Board would like Director of Administration, Ned Connell to attend their January 16th Selectboard meeting to justify the \$150,000 stormwater/MS4 budget line. The Board also asked if the Library Trustees for the Town could come to a meeting in the future to review the current library services offered and how those services and use are changing.

Executive Session

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to go into executive session at 7:45 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 exec session at 8:08 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Memorandum of Intent with the City of St. Albans

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to authorize Town Manager, Carrie Johnson to sign the Memorandum of Intent with the City of St. Albans, striking Section 4. Motion carried with a 4-1 with B. Nihan voting against.

B. Nihan stated he would accept the motion if the money went directly into an enterprise fund.

Adjournment

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard 'special' meeting at 8:10 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie H. Johnson