

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 16th, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

On Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 at 5:30 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 and Town Manager, Carrie Johnson.

The Selectboard meeting stated at 5:30 p.m. with an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Executive Session

MOTION: B. Deso 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 Manager, Carrie Johnson. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to recess the Selectboard meeting at 6:26 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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

Public: St. Albans Messenger, Elaine Ezerins and Mitch Montagne.

Reconvene Meeting

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to reconvene the Selectboard meeting. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

General Warrant

MOTION: S Smith made a motion to approve the general warrant dated January 16th, 2018 in the amount of \$62,782.48. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Payroll Warrants

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to approve the payroll warrants dated January 5th, 2018 in the amount of \$16,475.79 and January 12th, 2018 in the amount of \$19,756.95. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Industrial Park Warrant

MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to approve the Industrial Park warrant in the amount of \$630.46. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Impact Fee Warrant – Champlain Valley Equipment – Fire Department UTV

MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to approve the Impact Fee warrant in the amount of \$13,000. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes

MOTION: B. Cheeseman made a motion to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes for Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 and the Selectboard 'special' meeting minutes for Monday, January 8th, 2018. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019 Budget

Stormwater/MS4 Funding – Director of Administration, Ned Connell

Draft #5 of expenses and draft #1 of revenues were provided to the Selectboard. A stormwater question was generated from the last budget meeting. Director of Administration, Ned Connell came before the Board to explain the \$150,000 stormwater expense proposed in the budget and how important it is to keep this line item funded at that level.

N. Connell explained these funds would allow us to apply for grants in a more timely manner. The Town also has a number of planned rehabilitation projects, some of which are already approved. All projects will have some amount of financial participation from effected property owners. Local proposed funding structure is 50% State funds, 25% Town funds, and 25% property owner. All projects were proposed as a part of the Flow Restoration Plans for the Town. The Board agreed to keep \$150,000 in the stormwater line item in the budget.

MOTION: S. Smith approved the fiscal year 2019 budget in the amount of \$4,562,617. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Draft Articles for Town Meeting

C. Johnson went over the articles on the draft warning for Town Meeting. There was a discussion on Article 3 regarding reducing the amount of prior year general fund balance to be used to reduce taxes for fiscal year 2019 from \$300,000 to \$200,000. B. Nihan suggested the wording be changed on Article 5 to read, "Shall the Legal Voters authorize the Selectboard to purchase a new tandem truck for the Department of Public Works for \$191,000 to be paid for utilizing \$106,000 of previously collected Department of Public Works funds and to allocate of up to \$100,000 of general fund balance and to fund its replacement at \$19,000/year for ten years?"

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to leave Article 3 at \$300,000 and fund the remainder of Article 5 out of the Department of Public Works reserve account. Motion carried with a vote of 3-2 with B. Nihan and A. Voegele voting opposed.

Town Manger's Report

Water & Wastewater Allocation Request – T&L Property Management, LLC

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to approve the water and wastewater allocation for T&L Property Management, LLC. as presented. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Bay Dock Update

Eric Goddard with Knight Consulting Engineers is almost done with the report. Currently, the Board has just estimates. Mr. Goddard has suggested to not go above 105' in elevation. The structure will be more analyzed. S. Smith asked what the costs would be to elevate.

Infrastructure Committee Update

The Infrastructure Committee met today to go over the report completed by Trudell Consulting Engineers. The committee will hold another meeting in early February and hopefully at that time make a recommendation to the Selectboard. C. Johnson stated Trudell did a great job for the Town on this report.

St. Albans Health Path Status

Director of Public Works, Alan Mashtare and N. Connell are going to be attending the Transportation Advisory Committee on February 8th to present the path project from Collins Perley to SATEC with a link across Grice Brook.

Utility Vehicle (UTV) for Fire Department

Due to ice and rural rescues, the Fire Department determined the need for a utility vehicle. The Fire Department had done substantial fundraising to make the purchase. The Town and Fire Department are splitting the costs of the UTV with the Town paying \$13,000.

Other Business

C. Johnson commented on a report that has just come out on prisons. The Secretary of the Agency of Human Services is proposing a 10 year plan to take care of prison population and mental health patients. The plan proposes a new building with 925 beds

to be built in Franklin County. C. Johnson did speak to Tayt Brooks and Dustin Degree asking for more information.

Public Comment

Town resident, Mitch Montagne came before the Board to discuss the local prison and the 10 year plan the State proposed. He stated he is opposed to the whole plan.

Schedule

The next regular Selectboard meetings are Monday, February 5th and Tuesday, February 20th. The Board agreed to meet on January 22nd, 7:30 a.m. to sign the Town warning.

Adjournment

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:45 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenn Gray, Recording Secretary