

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 20th, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

On Tuesday, February 20th, 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 started 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: A. Voegele made a motion to recess the Selectboard meeting at 6:27 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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

Public: St. Albans Messenger Reporter, Michael Frett and Eric Goddard with Knight Consulting Engineers.

Reconvene Meeting

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

The Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

General Warrant

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to approve the general warrant dated February 20th, 2018 in the amount of \$92,791.83. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Payroll Warrants

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to approve the payroll warrants dated February 9th, 2018 in the amount of \$14,274.33 and February 16th, 2018 in the amount of \$16,532.36. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Industrial Park Warrant

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to approve the industrial park warrant in the amount of \$1,202.35. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes

MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to approve the Selectboard regular meeting minutes for Monday, February 5th, 2018 and the Selectboard 'special' meeting minutes for Tuesday, February 13th, 2018. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

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.

C. Johnson stated that a resident shared their concern with the possible delivery of alcohol. She suggested that if anyone requests liquor delivery permits in the future, this would be the time for the Board to consider putting conditions on the applicant’s license. No requests for delivery were made at this time.

2018 Annual Renewals First, Second Class and Outside Consumption licenses for the following:

American Legion, Burton Island Bistro, Colonial Mart, Hannaford Supermarket, Jolley, Kinney Drug, Pizza Hut, Price Chopper, Maple Fields South, Maple Fields North, St. Albans Diner, Pie in the Sky and Walmart. There are no violations with any of these vendors.

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to approve the Liquor License renewals as presented. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

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

Town Manger’s Report

Bay Dock Update

Eric Goddard from Knight Consulting Engineers came before the Board to go over the draft structural analysis on the Bay Dock. Phase 1 was to conduct field work, and take samples of the ground and corrosion rates.

Option 1: Restoring everything at 98’ = \$917,977.47.

Option 2: Raise surface up to 100’ = \$2,264,699.72.

Permits: Army Corps is in favor of raising the dock. It would make the dock less of a marine hazard. Vermont Wetlands would have to confirm there would be no wetlands affected.

Historic: Keep the lake bed disturbance to a minimum. Resurfacing the dock may require a permit. Going down to 95.5’ will require a permit.

Endangered Species: There is one turtle and three mussel species. Fees are assessed if there is moving or loss of any of these species.

Act 250: Could have jurisdiction if there is significant change in materials in the dock, which is likely to happen if the Town goes with Option 2.

B. Deso asked Mr. Goddard how long of a life the dock would have with just “band-aiding” the repairs. Mr. Goddard stated it’s hard to say. The dock has been in place since the 1930’s.

Director of Public Works, Alan Mashtare stated that the Town could go out to bid for the repairs or upgrades to the dock to compare costs and get more competitive lower pricing.

St. Albans Health Path Status

A. Mashtare met with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission’s Transportation Advisory Council (TAC) to present the Town’s suggestions for the health path. The committee gave its full support and is sending a letter of support to both VTrans and the Town.

Town Report Available

Town Reports are available in Town Hall and electronically on our webpage and Facebook. Maple Run School District has a separate report this year.

Green Mountain Power Certificate of Public Good Petition

No action required.

VT Alert – Ever Bridge

The State has changed the VT Alert Everbridge system. Everbridge is the main system VT Alert is now uses. This information will be provided to the public on the Town's Facebook page and website. With potential flooding in the area, this is a good emergency alert system to sign up for to stay informed. With that said, it was stated that sand bags are available at the Department of Public Works (DPW). Residents were asked to report any ice jams, flooding or culvert issues to the Town.

School District Attendance

B. Cheeseman spoke with Kevin Dirth asking him to attend a future Selectboard meeting and he agreed. Mr. Dirth also asked a Selectboard representative to attend a district meeting in the future.

Public Comment

None.

Schedule

The next regular Selectboard meetings are Monday, March 5th and Monday, March 19th. The Public Informational Hearing will be held on March 5th to review the FY 2019 budget and articles.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:21 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenn Gray, Recording Secretary