

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 5th, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

On Monday, March 5th, 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. Nihan 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 6:25 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: Dick Day, Kevin Lawler and David McWilliams.

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

A. Voegele asked to add an update on the prison with a discussion on the Senate Institution Committee meeting.

MOTION: B. Cheese made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Prison Senate Institution Committee update discussion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Public Informational Hearing on FY '19 Budget

B. Cheeseman read the warning for the informational hearing. C. Johnson reviewed the 6 articles on this year's Town Meeting Day ballot.

Article 3 - Resident, Dick Day asked if the \$300,000 was going to pay for a Department of Public Works (DPW) truck. B. Cheeseman stated that was not the case.

Article 4 - Mr. Day asked how much is in the DPW reserve account right now. Town Clerk, Anna Bourdon stated that \$355,061.40 is in the DPW reserve account as of June 30th, 2017. Article 4 is asking voters to make these funds unrestricted. Mr. Day believes that with the large amount of money in the bank for the Town, the Town residents are paying too much in taxes when money is sitting in the bank.

Town resident, Kevin Lawler asked how much is in the Local Option Tax (LOT) fund. A. Bourdon stated that it was in the Infrastructure Reserve Fund and it is \$2.1 million. Mr. Lawler stated that the Town should keep the all LOT money and distribute to the State instead of the other way around. He feels that there are businesses in Town who are not charging their share of the LOT. Mr. Lawler asked if it was possible to get a detailed

report as to what business in the Town are paying the LOT and how much. C. Johnson explained that information may be confidential.

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to close the public informational hearing. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

General Warrant

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to approve the general warrant dated March 5th, 2018 in the amount of \$52,446.53. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Payroll Warrants

MOTION: B. Nihan made a motion to approve the payroll warrants dated February 23rd, 2018 in the amount of \$25,167.17 and March 2nd, 2018 in the amount of \$19,097.93. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Impact Fee Warrant

Payment to the Maple Run Unified School District.

MOTION: S. Smith made a motion to approve the impact fee warrant in the amount of \$75,000. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to approve the Selectboard regular meeting minutes for Tuesday, February 20th, 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.

2018 Annual renewal for First Class, Second Class and Outside Consumption licenses for the Elks Lodge.

MOTION: B. Deso 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

Northwest State Correctional Facility Update

The Senate Institution Committee was hearing testimony on the Northwest State Correctional Facility. A. Voegele went on the Town's behalf. The purpose was to keep on top of what the committee is doing. Mr. Day asked what the Boards' consensus on the prison was. At this time, the Board has no position.

B. Nihan left the meeting at 7pm.

Volunteer Appointments

C. Johnson explained that there are a few openings on the Development Review Board and Planning Commission and asked the public and the Board to spread the word.

Department of Public Works – Selling of Asset

The Department of Public Works is selling a 2008 diesel Ford 550 V8. Engine is blown and the body is rusted. Its use would be mainly for parts. Accepting bids until March 16th.

Brine Use

Town resident, David McWilliams ask if the Town was going to stop using brine. B. Cheeseman explained that after truck use, they are washed to alleviate some of these issues. However, DPW doesn't have the proper facility to do preventative maintenance on their trucks.

Public Comment

D. McWilliams asked if there is a purchase and sales agreement on the Brigham Road land. B. Cheeseman stated there is not. Mr. Day asked if there was anyone interested in the property; B. Cheeseman confirmed there was.

S. Smith explained that someone asked him why employees' salaries were no longer in the Town Report. A. Bourdon researched this question and explained that in 1992, when the Town had elected auditors, it was voted on to have these salaries in the Town Report. She didn't find any minutes stating that the article passed. In 1999, the Town voted to not use elected auditors anymore and to hire a private firm. A. Bourdon did state that in future Town Reports, we can publish salaries but, only the Town's. The new unified school district is responsible for publishing their information.

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to authorize the Town Treasure to report the salaries of all people employed by the Town employees beginning in the fiscal year 2018 report. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Schedule

The next regular Selectboard meetings are Monday, March 19th and Monday, April 2nd. Town Meeting Day is Tuesday, March 6th. Voting is from 7am to 7pm at the Collins Perley Sports Complex.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

MOTION: A. Voegele made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:15 p.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenn Gray, Recording Secretary