

**Town of St. Albans
Infrastructure Study Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 9th, 2017
4pm**

Attendees: Anna Bourdon, Brent Brigham, Richard Cummings, Dick Dickinson, Carrie Johnson, Rachel Smith and Al Voegele.

Absent: Dave Allerton, Tim Hurlbut and Bill Nihan.

Al opened the meeting 10/9/17 at 4:08

Site Review

Attendees reviewed sites 1 thru 8 and briefly discussed the top 4 choices. C. Johnson to wait until rankings from T. Hurlbut, B. Nihan and D. Allerton are in before finalizing the top 4 choices for a municipal complex. After the summary is done, C. Johnson and A. Voegele will meet with the land owners to ask for their best sale price. Once a price is determined, the committee will evaluate each of the 4 lots and rank each one once more with new parameters that include land acquisition costs, land development/permit costs and location as it pertains to future expansion possibilities.

Once those meetings are done, the group would like a representative to attend a Selectboard meeting and report the initial recommendation to relocate the municipal complex, review sites and costs to purchase and develop. The committee appointed Richard Cummings to present the recommendations to the Selectboard.

South Burlington Housing Trend

A. Voegele presented the committee with an article about South Burlington that explains a new housing trend and a copy of the statute that talks about towns adopting an official map. He explained his meeting with the state downtown designation person and a meeting with Regional Planning. Taylor, at Regional Planning suggests the Town may be better served in the long run by adopting an official map, and then work on a designated downtown. The committee agreed it would push forward with the municipal complex project while at the same time educating itself on the best way to adopting a designated downtown area. Once R. Cummings has met with the Selectboard, the committee will invite the state downtown designation official to one of our infrastructure meetings.

Leasing in Municipal Complex

It was also briefly discussed that C. Johnson would approach the supervisory district to see if they would consider leasing a spot in our new municipal complex. Timing may be off on this since the school district is seeking permission to buy their existing building with a special election on November 14th, 2017.

Schedule

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 6th, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.