

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard 'Special' Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 20th, 2018
9:00 a.m.**

On Wednesday, July 20th, 2018 at 9:00 p.m., at Town Hall the Town of St. Albans Selectboard met.

Officials and staff present: Chair, Bill Nihan, Vice Chair, Bruce Cheeseman, Brendan Deso, Stan Dukas, Town Manager, Carrie Johnson, Congressman Peter Welch, Welch Staff, George Twigg Town Clerk, Anna Bourdon, and Recording Secretary, Jenn Gray.

Public: Sandy Dukas, St. Albans Messenger Reporter, Michelle Monroe, and two camera people (Thomas from Northwest Access TV and FOX/ABC Local 22).

Meeting was opened at 9:25 a.m. by B. Nihan.

General Discussion

The Board discussed general topics then each Board member was asked to pose a few questions to Congressman Welch.

B. Cheeseman asked about school safety and funding to support the changing safety needs of schools.

S. Dukas commented on the need for both parties to work together, and thanked Congressman Welch for helping to appropriate funding for water quality. B. Cheeseman agreed on that point and said it was one of his talking points for today.

A. Voegele asked if Congressman Welch would support national recognition of the student who came forward in Fair Haven Vermont. Congressman Welch seemed supportive of that idea.

B. Cheeseman left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

B. Deso asked for more support to fight the opioids issue since the Town has recently seen a tangible increase in its own public safety costs due to this problem. Congressman Welch seemed supportive of this as well noting his recent visit to the local BAART clinic.

A. Voegele asked if the Selectboard could ask Congressman Welch's staffer George Twigg to attend a Selectboard meeting so they could discuss issues that effected the Town directly. Congressman Welch agreed and said he would absolutely support that request.

Adjournment

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 10:05 a.m. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Carrie Johnson