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## Meeting of the St Johnsbury Select Board

Present- SB: Chair Kevin Oddy, Dennis Smith, Brendan Hughes, Tim Angell, Staff- Town Manager Chad Whitehead, Town Clerk Stacy Jewell, Executive Administrative Assistant Dorothy Baxter  
Press: KATV

The meeting was called to order @ 5:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

### Open Meeting/Agenda Amendment

- On a motion by Tim and second by Dennis, the board eliminated the Town Manager contract agenda item from this meeting.  
All were in favor.

### Public Comment

- Susan Cherry spoke about a concern regarding Tim Angell making comment about what was said by Susan Cherry in regard to an e-mail.

### Warrants

- Approved, on a motion by Dennis Smith, second by Brendan Hughes.

### Liquor Licenses

- None

### Minutes

- None were read.

### RF1-251 Authorized Signature

Request to add Stacy Jewell as an authorized representative to furnish information regarding the project.

The board approved on a motion by Dennis Smith, second by Brendan Hughes

### Appropriation Discussion

Two parts – Rural Edge and SASH are circulating petitions for appropriations of \$2,000.00, not recognized as a legal petition. Missing legal language, the State form is available for use by anyone. The Town Clerk, Stacy Jewell, sent a corrected form informing Rural Edge and SASH they must resend the State form with their information. The petition deadline is January 16, 2020. Correct petitions have been placed at venues where originals were.

The Selectboard will not accept the original petition(s), State forms are required along with a notification to the Town Clerk.

A motion was made to notify Rural Edge and SASH that the original form will not be accepted, a legal must be used. On a motion by Tim Angell, second by Dennis Smith, Selectboard were all in favor

The Town Manager, Chad Whitehead added that time is made available at a board meeting in January to allow organizations to address the board and public.

First Night organizers were looking for funding for fireworks from the Town in the amount of \$3,000.00 as a budget item/appropriation. Should this be a single line item or included in the general fund budget?

Kevin Oddy suggested leaving it on the ballot. A letter of intent would have to be submitted.

#### Brownsfield Grant – Riverfront Path Project

The Town received \$35,000 for abatement asbestos/lead removal and demolition of 195 Bay Street. On a motion by Dennis Smith and second by Brendan Hughes the board adopted a resolution to accept the USPEA Brownsfield Cleanup Grant, grant No. 07120-BF96193701-STJ in the Amount of \$35,000 for asbestos and lead abatement for the building located at 195 Bay Street, St Johnsbury, Vermont and authorizes the Town Manager to execute grant agreements and contracts for the abatement and demolition of the building.

#### Manager's Report

- Gravel roads program, identifying and mapping a potential biking network of trails, for marketing purposes, will be discussed January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- \$4,000.00 was received from efficiency Vermont to change out thermostats and save on heating costs.
- Regional fire efforts planning grant was awarded to The Town of St Johnsbury and Waterford, in the amount of \$31,000.00. The Town of St. Johnsbury will put in \$3,100.00 and will manage the grant. Surrounding Municipalities are expected to participate.
- New doors for the welcome center? No movement as of yet
- Signage for History and Heritage as requested by Peggy Pearl? To be discussed.
- Police Department training, contracts, and negotiations will begin shortly, Chad will speak with the Chief.
- A CALEX board rep has not been identified.

#### Other Business

- Al Dunn, voiced a concern about the sidewalk in front of deli on Main Street stating it is in need of repair/replacement. Chad will have the director of DPW, Steve Beauregard take a look for possible hazards.
- Al Dunn asked about the Fire Station options? The Town is waiting for the regional discussion to make a decision.

Motion to go to Executive Session for the Town Manager's contract negotiation, on a motion by Tim Angell, second by Dennis Smith. The Selectboard were all in favor.

The board exited executive session and the Chair had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dennis and second by Tim.