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Meeting of the St. Johnsbury Select Board January 27, 2020 at 6:00 PM-Pomerleau Building

Present- SB: Kevin Oddy, Chair, Brendan Hughes, Dennis Smith, Jeff Moore, Tim Angell
Staff-Town Manager-Chad Whitehead; Assistant Town Manager- Joe Kasprzak; Town Clerk Stacy Jewell; Heather Alger -Administration Manager
Press: KATV, T. Wellington

Agenda Amendments:

- None

Public Comment:

Al Dunn asked about the Fire Station Project and status of new phone system. Chad indicated that the next steps would rely on the outcome of the Regionalized Fire study. Chad also indicated that the new phone system has been installed.

Warrants:

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Tim the warrants were approved.

Liquor Licenses:

1st Class Renewals:

Nomick Unlimited, LLC (Salt Bistro)
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Howell Hospitality Group, LLC (Kingdom Crust)
Lamplighter, Inc

2nd Class Renewals:

Global Montello Group (Jiffy Mart #453)
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Howell Hospitality Group, LLC (Kingdom Crust)
Walgreens Eastern Co Inc. (Walgreens #18090)
Martel Enterprises, Inc. (Coles Discount)
ABFB Corp, Inc. (White Market)
Price Chopper Operating Co. of Vermont, Inc.

Eastern Avenue Flower, LLC (All About Flowers)

3rd Class Renewals:

Nomick Unlimited, LLC (Salt Bistro) remainder of 1 year, then a 1 year renewal.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Lamplight, Inc.

Outside Consumption:

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Howell Hospitality Group, LLC (Kingdom Crust)

- On a motion by Jeff and second by Dennis the board approved the Liquor License renewals. Brendan Hughes abstained.

Minutes:

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Brendan the minutes for 1/13/20 were approved with the addition of the date. Tim abstained.

Annual Highway Codes and Standards:

- Chad presented proposed standards to the board:
- We do not have a guardrail standard – reimbursement for storms – may want to address this at some point.
- Dennis – asked if there is liability that the town may have not having a standard.
- On a motion by Dennis and second by Tim the board approved the Road Standards as presented with provision that that the Town adopt a guardrail standard within the next year.

Town Meeting Warning:

- Town Clerk presented with Ballot; Ballot Questions; and Warning for approval.
- Dennis asked if changes had been made. Town Clerk indicated questions regarding the Cemetery Commissioners, appointing a delinquent tax collector and the Communication Union District had been included.
- New appropriation – rural edge and sash – good living senior center

On a motion by Tim and second by Dennis the 2020 Town Meeting Ballots and Warning was approved as presented

Town Manager Report: The Town Manager provided the following update:

- Legislative update: Joe Kasprzak will be attending NEK Day at the State House tomorrow to provide testimony on Economic Development issues. The Manager's office and Department Heads continue to review legislative updates provided by associations such as VLCT on behalf of the Town. There are several bills in their early form that have impacts on St Johnsburry.

- Door and Weatherization Project: Architect has identified replacement windows to match historic look of existing windows, however doors appear to be all custom. They are coordinating with door vendors to identify replacement options and review affordability.
- Fire Services Regionalization: NVDA is hosting a meeting with St Johnsbury and surrounding Towns to begin the Regionalization Study this Wednesday. Chief Bouffard and myself will be in attendance.
- Department of Public Works:
 - Wastewater Treatment Facility: PFOA results all came back good with nothing over any MCL's.
 - Water Treatment Facility: The VFD approved by the board last week has been delivered and installed and is operational.
- Projects Update:
 - Gilman and Pleasant Street- construction cost estimates have been redone to include sidewalk replacement on Pleasant Street and come about \$100k over previous budgets. Recommendations are to keep as is and bid to evaluate and see what contingencies remain.
 - Chad and Steve are meeting with the new representatives from DWSRF on February 6th to discuss funding for water share of Gilman and Pleasant as well as the Water Treatment Facility.
- Other: Scott Beck has requested to be on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss Maple Fest.

Other Business:

- Jim Brown commented that Gilman Ave is narrow but has no sidewalks – Chad indicate the narrowing was a storm water permitting requirement – a sidewalk would need to be a separate project as current project funds are specific to utilities.
- Al Dunn asked about the Sidewalk on Portland Street – Chad indicated it was funded using VTRANS funds for scoping at this time. Construction would be at least 5 years out based on the program timeline.–
- Al Dunn commented about speeding on Main Street.

The board entered executive session to discuss the negotiation or securing of real estate purchase or lease options in accordance with 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(2) on a motion by Dennis and second by Tim.

The board exited executive session on a motion by Tim and second by Jeff- the Chair had nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Jeff and second by Dennis.

