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Meeting of the St. Johnsbury Select Board July 27, 2020, 2020 at 6:00 PM- via Zoom

Present- SB: Jeff Moore, Chair, Tim Angell, Vice-Chair, Brendan Hughes, Dennis Smith, Kevin Oddy

Staff- Assistant Town Manager- Joe Kasprzak

Agenda Amendments:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Warrants:

- #1- On a motion by Dennis and second by Brendan warrant #1, expenses incurred 7/24/20 through 7/27/20 for \$73,086.93 was approved.
- #2- On a motion by Dennis and second by Brendan warrant #2 for payroll expenses dated 7/24/20 of \$38,802.57 was approved.
- #3- On a motion by Dennis and second by Brendan warrant #3 for payroll dated 07/31/20 for \$52,484.64 was approved.

Liquor Licenses:

- Central LLC at 418 Railroad Street DBA Central Café- On a motion by Dennis and second by Kevin, the request for a first-class liquor license was approved.
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Minutes:

- On a motion by Tim and second by Dennis the 07/13/20 minutes were approved.

Rental Housing Improvement Grant Program:

- Application #1- 100 Pearl Street Unit #2 for a \$3,000 grant for a \$9,346.13 project. On a motion by Tim and second by Brendan application #1 was approved.
- Application #2- 46 Wesley Drive Unit #1 for a \$2,113.50 grant for a \$4,227 project. On a motion by Dennis and second by Kevin application #2 was approved.
- Application #3- 212 Pleasant Street Unit #31 for a \$3,000 grant for a \$6,079.78 project. On a motion by Tim and second by Dennis application #3 was approved.
- Application #4- 212 Pleasant Street Unit #35 for a \$3,000 grant for a \$6,357.78 project. On a motion by Tim and second by Brendan application #3 was approved. Kevin opposed.

Manager's Report:

- The Town will be sending out letters to all delinquent tax payers to inform them that the Town will be proceeding with a Tax Sale early fall and delinquent tax payers will be responsible for legal fees incurred as we progress. Property owners with delinquent taxes can reach out to Town Manager Whitehead if they need to enter into a payment arrangement.
- The CN Brown Property requires additional testing as required by the State DEC and field work is scheduled for the first week of August. Town Manager Whitehead will be meeting with representatives from Myer's on Thursday to discuss a temporary detour through their property to allow the Town to open the bike path later this summer. J Hutchins (contractor for the pavilion and path) have been instructed to complete all other work and we anticipate they will be back on site to finish that in the next few weeks.
- We are requesting that the next meeting be moved to August 12th at 6:00PM and White and Burke will be in attendance to provide an update for the Main Street Redevelopment project.
- The Town incurred significant road damage during the storm on July 14th. DPW is putting together damage and repair estimates.

The Board:

- The Board discussed letters they received in opposition of two proposed solar projects (Old Center Road project and the Lapierre project). Select Board members questioned whether or not they had received complete and accurate information previously when asked to vote to identify these locations as 'preferred'. The Select Board asked the Town Manager's Office to gather more information (including legal advice).
- Nancy Cohen, one of the abutting land owners to the proposed Old Center Road project, asked the Select Board to review the language of the Town Plan and consider changing it to be more specific re: preferred site selection for renewable energy projects. Nancy also provided an example of what she believes to be a good solar site location in Lyndonville that does not have negative impacts on a community.
- Tim Angell would like to invite a representative from the Department of Corrections (DOC) to a meeting to discuss the recent escape from the correctional facility and what DOC is doing to prevent that from occurring again.

Other Business:

- On a motion by Tim and second by Kevin the next Select Board meeting was rescheduled to Thursday August 13th, 2020 was approved.

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