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Meeting of the St. Johnsbury Select Board September 14, 2020 5:30 PM-Pomerleau Building Special Select Board Meeting

Present-

Select Board: Tim Angell, Chair, Kevin Oddy, Brendan Hughes, Dennis Smith

Staff: Chad Whitehead, Rachel Waterhouse, Paul Berlejung (via zoom)

Press: Todd Wellington (via zoom), KATV

Public: Jim Brown, Ed Behr, Ben Copans

Public Information Session- National Flood Plain Zoning Bylaw Amendment Review:

- Jim Brown, Chair from the Planning Commission approached the board and provided an overview of the proposed changes to the bylaws. Jim stated that most of the changes were just basic changes that were needed to clarify and simplify the bylaws and to maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It was mentioned that these changes would meet minimum requirements by the NFIP which would still allow for renovations of current Flood Plains and the access for new businesses within those areas.
- Ed Behr provided the board with a weather update over the last decade. His research showed an updated curve of precipitation for the area.
- Ben Copans stated that the information added, changed, clarified, etc. will reduce flood cost and damage the community would be likely to bear if there was a flood in the area while maintaining compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program and FEMA standards.
- Dennis clarified that set changes would be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program and commended the Planning Commission on their work.
- It was determined the next steps were to post a warrant for a public hearing for October 13th at 5:30 pm.

On a motion by Dennis and second by Brendan the board adjourned by unanimous decision.