



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

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Meeting of the St. Johnsbury Select Board October 13, 2020 at 5:30 PM PM-Pomerleau Building Special Select Board Meeting

Present-

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

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

Press: Todd Wellington (via zoom), KATV

Public: Jim Brown, Ed Behr, Ben Copans

National Flood Plain Zoning Bylaws Public Hearing:

- The Town Manager recapped the warrant hearing from 9/14/20 when the Planning Commission presented the board with the updated bylaws that would bring the town up to the standards of the NFIP.
- The Town Manager questioned the base flood level of 1 foot being above minimum standards.
- Ed Behr explained that the planning commission was given a table showing the NFIP standards, current town standards and recommended standards for the town.
- Ben Copans stated the reason they recommended the 1 foot base flood elevation was because it would reduce insurance rates and reduce damage caused from a flood.
- It was noted that the 1 foot base flood elevation recommendation for the bylaws is generally what most other VT towns use and it is generally something the site can overcome. It also offers protection both up and down stream.
- Jim Brown recapped that in 2018 a review of NFIP minimum standards for the town of St. Johnsbury had modest deficiencies. Since then steady progress has been made. Jim commented how remarkable the progress has been given the current pandemic and the high regard he has for the Planning Commission members, Select Board, Town Manager and staff.
- No questions from the Select Board.
- No questions or public comment.

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

