



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

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Meeting of the St. Johnsbury Select Board February 28, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Present-

Select Board: Kevin Oddy, Dennis Smith, Frank Empsall, Brendan Hughes

Staff: Chad Whitehead, Rachel Waterhouse (via zoom), Joe Kasprzak (via zoom), Stacy Jewell, Steve Beauregard (via zoom)

Press: Todd Wellington, KATV

Public: Joanne Brown, Gillian Sewake (via zoom), Steve Isham (via zoom), Lauren Jarvi (via zoom)

Agenda Amendments:

- None

Public Comment:

- Kevin Oddy started off by thanking the Town for the change to serve the Town for the last 10 years. Thanked Daniel Kimbell for stepping in when the Town needed him.
- Joanne Brown approached the Select Board regarding her concerns over the lack of dedication in the Town Report. Joanne expressed her concerns with the Town Report not being distributed. Kevin explained that the Town Report was published in the Caledonian Record and sent out to residents. Joanne expressed her concern that the ballots were not posted in the Town Report. It was explained by Chad Whitehead and Stacy Jewell that the ballots do not appear in the Town Report. Joanne expressed that she does not believe Stacy Jewell is working to her full capacity. Kevin explained that Ms. Jewell is working to her capacity and has no control over the printing of the Town Report. He mentioned he works with her almost on daily basis and she does an incredible job which is evident by the exemplary audits and inspections. Stacy explained that the Town Clerk is not responsible for the Town Report. The Town Manager's Office and Select Board are responsible for the Town Report.
- Joanne Brown expressed her opinion with regards to the potential Supreme Court appointment and Vermont professional license regulations department. Kevin reminded Joanne that this is not something the St. Johnsbury Select Board has control over.

Warrants:

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Frank to approve the warrants as presented. All in favor.

Liquor License:

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Frank to approve the following liquor licenses. All in favor. Brendan abstained.
 - Aladdin Food Management Services- 1st class renewal
 - Nommik Unlimited, LLC- 1st class renewal, 3rd class renewal and outside consumption

Minutes:

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Brendan to approve the Special Select Board Meeting- Special Appropriations minutes from 02/14/2022. All in favor.
- On a motion by Dennis and second by Frank to approve the Regular Select Board Meeting minutes from 02/14/22 with the correction of the IN. All in favor.

DWSRF and CWSRF Loan Agreements:

- Chad Whitehead, Town Manager presented the Select Board with planning loan RF1-299-1.0 in the amount of \$150,000 for completion of the waste water system 20 year evaluation. This loan has a 50% forgiveness, 0% interest and 10 year repayment plan. He also presented the Select Board with planning loan RF1-298-1.0 for engineering work to evaluate and make sludge management recommendations for the Town's Waste Water Treatment Facility. This loan has a 50% forgiveness, 0% interest and a 5 year repayment plan.
- On a motion by Dennis and second by Frank to approve loan RF1-299-1.0 in the amount of \$150,000 for the 20 year evaluation of the Town's waste water system. All in favor.
- On a motion by Brendan and second by Dennis to approve loan RF1-298-1.0 in the amount of \$40,300 for the sludge solids handling engineering work. All in favor.

Town Managers' Report:

- Chad Whitehead, Town Manager provided the following Town Manager's Report.
- Information Town Meeting tonight at 7:30 pm. Residents who don't have access to the virtual event can attend in person in the band room of the St. Johnsbury School.
- Meet the Candidate Forum took place Saturday 2/26/22 and was well attended.
- Still winter time and DPW continues to keep roads plowed. Recent damage to sewer infrastructure due to ice jam flooding.
- Town Organizational Meeting will take place on March 14th.
- Thanked Daniel Kimbell for his service as a Select Board member for the Town of St. Johnsbury.
- Thanked Kevin Oddy for his service as a Select Board member for the Town of St. Johnsbury for the past 10 years. Pleasure to work with and appreciated the guidance over the years. Provided reflection on the last 10 years on the Select Board and the advancements that have been made over the years.
- Dennis, Frank and Brendan also thanked Daniel and Kevin for their service.
- Kevin thanked the Town for allowing him to serve. He expressed that he believes the incoming board will continue in the right direction. He thanked the Town Clerk's Office and Town Manager's Office for all of their hard work.

Other Business:

- Reminded residents that voting takes place tomorrow March 1st from 8 am until 7 pm at the Welcome Center.

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