



TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

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Special Meeting of the St. Johnsbury Select Board June 8, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

Present-

Select Board: Frank Empsall, Ellen Burt, Dennis Smith, Steve Isham, Brendan Hughes (via Zoom)

Staff: Chad Whitehead, Joe Kasprzak

Public: KATV

VLCT Select Board Training- Garrett Baxter from Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns provided a powerpoint slide show and training on Select Board and Town Manager Form of Government.

On a motion by Steve and second by Dennis the Special Select Board meeting was adjourned.

Regular Meeting of the St. Johnsbury Select Board June 8, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Present-

Select Board: Frank Empsall, Ellen Burt, Dennis Smith, Steve Isham, Brendan Hughes (via Zoom)

Staff: Chad Whitehead, Joe Kasprzak, Brad Reed, Matthew Lennox

Public: KATV, See attached attendance list

Agenda Amendments:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

Minutes:

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Ellen to approve the meeting minutes from May 26th with the noted correction. All in favor.

Warrants:

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

Liquor Licenses/ Tobacco Licenses:

- On a motion by Steve and second by Dennis the Liquor Licenses were approved. Brendan Abstained. .

Immigration, Customs Enforcement, and Border Patrol Resolution:

- David Roth addressed the board and provided a draft resolution that had been worked on by several community members as well as select board members. The resolution referred to the Vermont Fair and Impartial Policing Policy and was intended to be a guidance document for all town employees and volunteers.
- Chad Whitehead indicated that the Vermont Leagues of Cities and Town's Law Enforcement advocate had reviewed this and provided feedback that it was not in conflict with the existing Fair and Impartial Policy.
- On a motion by Steve and second by Dennis the board adopted the resolution with Steve, Dennis and Brendan all voting in favor. Frank and Ellen did not cast a vote.

Armory Project Update:

- Chad Whitehead presented the board with a letter from HEB Engineers, which stated that the value engineering process that had been provided by Ruggco was an appropriate process. It also identified that, before proceeding with construction, additional stamped structural engineering plans would need to be provided.

1187 Reserve Request

- Chad Whitehead, Chief Brad Reed and FF Matthew Lennox provided the board with cost estimates for some renovations needed at the Fire/Police Station at 1187 Main Street including upgrades to the Fire Department Bathroom, flooring in the entry way and replacement of light fixtures on the front of the building, totaling an estimated amount of \$70,215, and requested the use of \$62,270 from the Reserves for Public Safety Building and \$8,000 from the Pomerleau Building Reserve.
- On a motion by Dennis and second by Steve the board approved moving \$62,270 from the Reserve for Public Safety Building and \$8,000 from the Pomerleau Building Reserve to unobligated General Funds for the use to complete the renovations as requested.

Town Manager's Report:

- Chad indicated that Officer Smires had graduated from the Vermont Police Academy on May 29th
- Officer Giesing is scheduled to attend the Full Time Vermont Police Academy in August.
- We have onboarded a new Dispatch as of June 3.
- Summer crews have begun with the Department of Public Works. There is still vacancies and if anyone is looking for summer work, please contact Rachel Waterhouse.

Other Business:

- None

Executive Session:

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Ellen the board determined that there was a need for Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.
- On a motion by Dennis and second by Ellen the board entered executive session and invited the Town Manager to join.
- On a motion by Dennis and second by Ellen the board exited Executive Session. The Chair had nothing to report.

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Ellen the board adjourned.

June 8th Select Board Meeting Video:

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ST. JOHNSBURY SELECT BOARD MEETING DATE:

06/08/26

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