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Special Meeting of the St. Johnsbury Select Board September 14th, 2026 @ 5:45 pm

Present-

Select Board: Steve Isham, Frank Empsall, Dennis Smith, Brendan Hughes, Ellen Burt

Staff: Chad Whitehead, Joe Kasprak, Lesley Russ

Public: KATV, Jim Brown, Chase Empsall, Isaiah Wilson, Dana Gray, Peter Schweigert

Caledonia Food Cooperative Project Update and Use of VCDP CDBG Funds

- Select Board Chair, Frank Empsall opened a Public Hearing for the Caledonia Food Cooperative and use of the VCDP CDBG Funds.
- Joe Kasprak addressed the board and gave a summary of the project and the grant
- Peter Schweigert of the Caledonia Food Cooperative board addressed the board. The grant was for \$600,000. \$5,000 was used for legal obligations by the Town, and the remaining \$595,000 was used to purchase equipment for the building upgrades. Peter expressed gratitude to the Town for their support in bringing this project to fruition.
- Jim Brown asked how things were going at the Co-op and Peter responded that they are going well as they continue to develop the organization.
- Steve Isham asked how many employees the Co-op currently has and Peter responded that the Co-op currently employs 34 individuals.
- Frank Empsall indicated that the Co-op was a nice addition to the downtown and thanked Peter for attending.
- On a motion by Dennis and second by Brendan, voted unanimously to adjourn. All in favor.

September 14th Special Select Board Meeting Video:

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