

**Town of St. Albans
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 1st, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

On Monday, May 1st, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., the Town of St. Albans Selectboard met at Town Hall.

Officials and Staff: Chair Bryan DesLauriers, Vice Chair Jack Brigham, Jonathan Giroux, Brendan Deso, Jeff Sanders, Town Manager Carrie Johnson, Interim Director of Operations Al Voegelé, and Franklin County Sheriff John Grismore.

Chair B. DesLauriers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The reason for the 5:30 p.m. start to the meeting was to hold an executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

Executive Session

MOTION: J. Brigham made a motion to go into executive session at 5:33 p.m. to discuss a contractual matter where premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would place the Town (or person involved) at a substantial disadvantage. It was further moved to enter into executive session to discuss a contractual matter under the provisions of Title 1, section 313(a)(1) of Vermont Statutes and to invite in Town Manager Carrie Johnson, Interim Director of Operations Al Voegelé, and Franklin County Sheriff John Grismore. Seconded by J. Sanders. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:23 p.m. Seconded by J. Brigham. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Officials and Staff: Chair Bryan DesLauriers, Vice Chair Jack Brigham, Jonathan Giroux, Brendan Deso, Jeff Sanders, Town Manager Carrie Johnson and interim Director of Operations Al Voegelé.

Staff Participation via Zoom: Executive Assistant Jenn Gray

Public in Attendance: Brad & Liz Jackson (Gricebrook), Dan Crepeau (Gricebrook), St. Albans Messenger Reporter Josh Ellerbrock, David Bray, and Mitch Montagne.

Public Participation via Zoom: Michele DeCarmine with VT Grow Shop, Jennifer Williams, and Amanda Giroux.

Chair B. DesLauriers called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chair B. DesLauriers notified the audience that the presentation by the State on the temporary juvenile facility at the Northwest State Correctional Facility was rescheduled to the next Selectboard meeting on May 15th.

General Warrant

MOTION: J. Giroux made a motion to approve the general warrant dated May 1st, 2023 in the amount of \$36,840.66. Seconded by B. Deso. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Payroll

MOTION: J. Sanders made a motion to approve the payroll warrants dated April 21st, 2023 in the amount of \$20,528.15 and April 28th, 2023 in the amount of \$36,583.99. Seconded by J. Giroux. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Minutes

MOTION: J. Giroux made a motion to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes from Monday, April 17th, 2023 as presented. Seconded by J. Brigham. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Warrants & Minutes = 3 mins.

Public Comment

Dan Crepeau from Gricebrook came before the Board regarding Gricebrook Road and the Act 250 violation complaint A. Voegelé filed with the State of Vermont. The State had requested

more information regarding ownership of the road and A. Voegele did provide that to the State. We are now waiting for the State's response. Mr. Crepeau stated that the residents at Gricebrook requested that no further development or application for development that involves Gricebrook be allowed until the road issue and violation are resolved. Mr. Crepeau asked the Town to excuse themselves from any future decisions on any Gricebrook related issues. Mr. Crepeau also asked on behalf of the residents of Gricebrook that any Town official in a business transaction or relationship with the Smith's or their companies, excuse themselves from being involved with any discussion or opinion on these Gricebrook Road issues.

Public Comment = 3 mins.

Liquor Control

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to recess the Selectboard meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board. Seconded by J. Giroux. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

VFW requested the annual renewal of their Outside Consumption License and Pizza Hut requested renewal for their First Class License.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to approve the liquor license renewals as presented. Seconded by J. Giroux. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to adjourn the Liquor Control Board and reconvene the Selectboard meeting. Seconded by J. Giroux. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Liquor = 2 mins.

Municipal Listing

J. Sanders requested his address be updated per the E-911 changes.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to approve the Municipal Listing with modifications. Seconded by J. Brigham. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Listing = 2 mins.

Local Cannabis Control Board

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to recess the Selectboard meeting and convene as the Local Cannabis Control Board. Seconded by J. Brigham. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

VT Grow Shop – Mary Jane Junction VT, LLC - Retail

B. DesLauriers explained that Mary Jane Junction VT, LLC has already received their State permits and is now requesting local approval.

A. Voegele explained to the Board that he originally told them that the only licenses the Local Cannabis Control Board were to approve were retail licenses. However, once the Town adopted to be a Local Cannabis Control Board, the Board must approve all licenses, including cultivation and manufacturing licenses. A. Voegele went on to say that we have changed our procedures to reflect this. C. Johnson explained that we collected fees, but know now that the State collects the fees and sends the \$100 to the municipality. Refunds will be generated for the three applicants.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to approve the Local Cannabis Control License for Mary Jane Junction VT, LLC as presented. Seconded by J. Brigham. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Druid Flowers, LLC – Cultivator and Manufacturer

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to approve the Local Cannabis Control License for Druid Flowers, LLC for cultivation and manufacturing as presented. Seconded by J. Brigham. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to adjourn the Local Cannabis Control Board and reconvene the Selectboard meeting. Seconded by J. Giroux. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Cannabis = 10 mins.

Town Manager's Report

Discussion on the Temporary Short-Term Secure Placement Facility for Juveniles at the Correction Facility

C. Johnson explained to the Board that the State will present at their next meeting on Monday May 15th.

Juvenile = 1 min.

Draft Polices

Artwork Policy

C. Johnson requested approval or feedback from the Board at this time. After discussion, the Board made a motion to approve.

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to approve the Artwork Policy as presented. Seconded by J. Sanders. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Building Security Policy & Procedure

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to approve the Building Security Policy as presented. Seconded by J Giroux. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Policies = 4 mins.

Act 250 Land Use Amendment – DGUSA Realty, LLP

Informational only, no action required.

Act 250 = 1 min.

Schedule

The next regular Selectboard meetings are Monday, May 15th and Monday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. The Volunteer Dinner is Monday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m. The Town of St. Albans Fire Department spaghetti dinner is Saturday, May 13th at 5pm.

Schedule = 2 mins.

Chair's Report

B. DesLauriers mentioned the latest LOT (Local Option Tax) payment received is the highest received to date.

B. DesLauriers explained that he learned from his son that there will be a solar eclipse next year on April 8th and that there may be an influx of people in town to see it. D. Bray asked if residents may Airbnb their homes and properties in for people visiting at that time. C. Johnson stated that we don't regulate what people do with their homes with regards to Airbnb.

Chair = 6 mins.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

MOTION: B. Deso made a motion to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:08 p.m. Seconded by J. Giroux. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenn Gray Executive Assistant