

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016

Present:

Selectboard Members: Mike Dunham, Nat Kinney, Doug Molde, Kyle Nuse, Eric Osgood

Others: Duncan Hastings (Administrator), Lea Kilvadyova, Jim MacDowell

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:00.

2. Additions, Changes to Agenda

Doug added a discussion with Jim MacDowell about the School St./Pearl St. intersection.

3. Appointment of Planning Commission Members to Specific Terms

Duncan said when the board appointed the new Planning Commission members they should each have been assigned terms. The two open terms are both 2-year terms but one of them ends in 2018 and one ends in 2017. Rob Rodriguez got more votes than Charles Gallanter at the Planning Commission meeting. **Nat moved to appoint Rob Rodriguez to the 2-year term expiring in 2018 and Charles Gallanter to the 2-year term expiring in 2017 and the motion was seconded and passed.**

4. Discussion of Potential Visit/Agenda/Activities: Governor Peter Shumlin

Eric said he invited the governor to come to town. He thought about what we could do to give the governor a way to remember Johnson. We previously gave Governor Douglas an opportunity to wind the town clock. He thinks we are the only town in the state that still has the position of official winder of the town clock. We could establish a tradition of making the governor honorary town clock winder and we could continue the tradition with the next governor. He also suggests taking the governor to Marvin's to see the renovations done there aided by our tax stabilization and state downtown designation grants, visiting Sterling Market, and discussing with Lea things the town has accomplished and hopes to accomplish. The governor plans to come here on April 4 at 10:00 a.m. for an hour. Eric read a proclamation he had written making the governor honorary clock winder. He proposes presenting proclamations to Governor Douglas and Governor Shumlin. **Mike moved to present proclamations to Governors Douglas and Shumlin of their honorary clock winder designation, Doug seconded and the motion was passed.**

Duncan asked if there is anything specific Lea should be prepared to speak about. Eric suggested mentioning the Jewett property in case we need grant funding or help from the state. Maybe we can mention form based code as something we are looking at. We could mention initiatives we have done such as the Main St. project and bridge work. Lea suggested we could mention conservation and recreation initiatives – the Beard property, Journey's End, the trailhead, and the Historical Society building. Doug suggested talking about the need to resurrect Railroad St. Mike suggested mentioning Julian Scott.

Duncan said he will not be there. He reminded the board that if a quorum of members are going to be present it needs to be warned as a meeting. At least four board members should

be able to attend so Eric will warn it. Eric will contact the governor's office to see if they are planning to notify the newspaper or if we should do it.

The board discussed the best order of activities, concluding that it would be best to begin with discussion of what has been accomplished and what is planned in Johnson, to make sure there is time for it.

5. *Jim MacDowell – School St./Pearl St. Intersection*

Jim MacDowell of the Vermont Studio Center passed around and discussed plans for a VSC project planned near the School St./Pearl St. intersection. He knows there are plans for some enhancements to sidewalks and the stormwater system in that area and that work is being done on School St. He wants to be kept abreast of opportunities as projects proceed and to let the board know about VSC's timeline. They hope to break ground on the VSC building project in the fall and some work will start as soon as frost leaves the ground. The VSC project is likely to add to stormwater problems in the area, as they plan to build up the sidewalk. He would like to be part of the process when there is discussion about roads, sidewalks or infrastructure in that part of town.

Eric said the village is planning to do work in the area in early summer and the town will be paving later in the summer. Duncan said the paving work has to be done before July 1. Eric said VSC work impacting the road should also be done before July 1. Doug and Eric explained that the town highway department will be working with the village crew on the storm drain project.

Jim said VSC has offered in concept to pick up the two Clay Hill Rd. basin discharges and bring them through the VSC property to daylight. However, there may be archeological or other sensitivity identified in the area during the Act 250 process. Duncan said that is a great offer but he doesn't think it would help the situation. Brian Krause, Troy Dolan and Tom Elwood plan to meet to discuss the stormwater project and then they would like to meet with Jim. This is basically just a highway permit issue for the town. The other issues are primarily issues for the village trustees. They deal with stormwater and sidewalks. Jim said he will focus on communicating with the village.

Duncan said to the extent it is possible the town would like to see the new VSC water line not going under the paved portion of the highway.

Lea said at the beginning of the year the trustees had expressed potential interest in applying for a sidewalk grant for work on the sidewalks on both sides of Clay Hill Rd. There was also some discussion about possible work at the intersection of School and Pearl Streets. There will be an opportunity to apply for a grant. Implementation would be years out. At the next trustee board meeting she plans to ask the trustees if they are still interested and what potential project scope they envision.

6. *Adjourn*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths