

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

Present: Selectboard members: Mike Dunham, Duncan Hastings (via Zoom), Eben Patch, Shayne Spence, Mark Woodward

Others: Tom Galinat, Rosemary Audibert, Paul Warden (via Zoom), Meghan Rodier (via Zoom), Lois Frey, Diana Osborn, Doug Molde, Seth Jensen, Jan Gearhart, one other person

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Eben called the meeting to order at 6:32.

2. Consider Additions or Adjustments and Approving Agenda

Shayne added discussion about potential river channel management. Eben added discussion of a grant opportunity for graphical design. Rosemary added approval of 2 one-time liquor licenses. Tom added an executive session for an ongoing issue and a skatepark update. The skatepark update is that the concrete for the halfpipe will be poured Thursday and the park will be ready for skate camp on August 12. Tom noted that the correct spelling of the name of the person to be appointed to the Conservation Commission is Adrian Schmidt. He added 2 buyout applications. He noted that the deadline for buyout applications was extended to August 30.

Duncan said he received an email about local economic impact payments, which he forwarded to Tom. It looks like selectboard approval is required to receive the payments. Tom said he hasn't had a chance to look at it yet. Duncan said he would like to add this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

3. Public Comment

Diana Osborn said she is interested in knowing when selectboard review of the municipal plan will happen. It was posted on the town website and the board outside the municipal building that it would happen tonight.

Tom said it appears there was miscommunication between the Planning Commission and the selectboard. He and the selectboard were unaware of the hearing or dropped the ball on it. Now they need to figure out the next steps. Paul Warden said it will have to be warned again. It has to be warned 30 days ahead of time, so this is a substantial setback timewise. Duncan asked if the selectboard has to have one or two public hearings. Meghan Rodier said two. Tonight was going to be the first. The plan expires around September 19, so we were on a tight timeline. The warning was sent out to the selectboard. Maybe next time a reminder to the selectboard would be helpful. Now the process will be a month behind schedule. Technically the hearing only has to be warned 15 days ahead of time but a copy of the plan has to be given to the selectboard 30 days ahead of time. The selectboard has already received it.

Shayne asked if there are any major consequences of letting the current plan expire before the new one is approved. Meghan said in the interim the town loses eligibility for certain grants like Municipal Planning Grants. It will lose its planning confirmation temporarily. Tom asked if there are any anticipated grants between now and when the plan can be approved. Meghan said not that she is aware of. Municipal Planning Grants will become available later than usual this year. Duncan said if the plan expires it will not be used in an Act 250 proceeding, correct? Meghan said that is correct.

The board discussed possible dates for the hearing. Eben said it would probably be best to hold a special meeting. It was agreed to determine the best date by email. (*Doug Molde arrived at 6:44.*)

4. *Selectboard Issues and Concerns*

Shayne said on October 1 he and his wife will move to Underhill so he will have to resign from the board. Duncan said he believes the selectboard has the ability to make an appointment to fill the position until the next election. Is that right? Tom said yes. The first meeting in October would be the time to appoint someone. We should put out a notice of the vacancy as soon as possible. Duncan said another option would be not to make an appointment and to let someone run for the open seat. Shayne's position would normally be open in March anyway.

5. *Consent Agenda*

Duncan said he was approached by a member of the public about the consent agenda. There should be enough information in the motion to approve the consent agenda or on the meeting agenda to be crystal clear about what the board is approving. He asked that the minutes include a copy of the amended bond vote resolution and the amended bond vote warning, which was changed to be in the active voice and to change the amount to be bonded from \$420K to \$590K. (*See attached resolution and warning.*)

Duncan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented in the meeting agenda, Mark seconded and the motion was passed. (*Seth Jensen arrived at 6:51.*)

6. *Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Warrants, Licenses and Any Action Items*

Rosemary said Eric Nuse submitted an application for a liquor license for a one-time event held at Johnson Woolen Mills by Backcountry Hunters and Anglers on August 31 from 6:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

Duncan moved to approve the liquor license for the August 31 event at Johnson Woolen Mills, Shayne seconded and the motion was passed.

Rosemary said the Vermont Studio Center applied for a liquor license for a one-time art gallery event on August 9. **Shayne moved to approve the liquor license for the Vermont Studio Center event on August 9, Mark seconded and the motion was passed.**

Rosemary passed out a budget status report. She said she is not quite ready to report on year-end financials. She is checking some grant information.

Mark asked if she has any sense of how much FEMA money is still heading our way. Rosemary said we got all our insurance money. Tom said FEMA hasn't paid anything yet. Duncan asked, Rosemary is accounting for FEMA expenses and reimbursement outside of the usual budget process, right? Rosemary said yes. There is a separate fund for FEMA expenses.

Duncan asked if the board can get a status report on where we are on getting FEMA payments. Tom said all our category A expenses (dumpsters, etc.) have been submitted for approval and are under review by the CRC (a government auditing department.) One part has been approved and we are awaiting payment. Category B expenses were obligated. There is one Category A expense left, a few road projects that seem to be hung up in the CRC and the technical assistance reimbursement for all the time Ron, Tom and volunteers put in. Technical assistance reimbursement will come last, after all the funds are obligated. We haven't started the process of getting reimbursed for technical assistance yet, other than keeping track of the time expended. The amount we spent putting the municipal building back into a useable state did not exceed the amount the insurance company paid for the loss of contents. Rosemary said we still need to get a couple of pieces of furniture.

7. **Road Foreman Report and Any Action Items**

Eben said Jason submitted a written report, which was in the meeting packet. He included information about a compactor he would like to purchase and an update on the culvert that caused the sink hole. He got two quotes for a compactor in addition to the one included in the packet. The lowest price was \$6K for a used one from Johnson Hardware & Rental.

Mike asked if this is a small hand compactor. Eben said no, it weighs 700 pounds and has forward and reverse gears. Mike asked why the crew needs it. Tom said the small one they have now doesn't produce as good results. They are not able to compact as much gravel at once. The one they want would mean less labor and a better result.

Tom said the crew has been replacing some culverts with larger ones to help mitigate flooding issues. Mark said he feels the work they have done has saved our back roads. Tom said what Jason has learned and implemented is saving tens of thousands of dollars. Larger culverts are not that much more expensive and they can prevent damage in big floods. (*Jan Gearhart arrived at 7:03.*)

Shayne asked if we need a compactor of our own or if renting one would be sufficient. Tom said he doesn't know. Most likely when we would need it the most would be right after a storm when other towns also needed to rent. Duncan said he thinks the compactor this would replace is at least 10 or 12 years old. It is smaller and does smaller lifts. He thinks it is good that the current crew is willing to use a compactor when they install culverts. In the past they used to use a backhoe, which was not very effective.

Duncan said he thinks if we get a compactor it will not have to be replaced for at least 10 years. Mark said the cost is in Jason's budget. **Duncan moved to authorize spending up to \$6000 for a used compactor from Johnson Hardware and Rental. The motion was seconded.** Mike said he would like to see another price. He would like to see if Jason could find a new compactor that is cheaper than \$8K. If he could find a new one that was close to the price of the used one it would be better to get a new one. **The motion was passed in a roll call vote with Mike opposed.**

Duncan asked for a description of the issue they are fixing at the town garage. Eben said a culvert rotted out. The culvert runs from above the village garage under the town garage to a ditch on Lendway Lane. It is not repairable so it was decided to reroute to another culvert closer to the old mill house.

8. **Grant Opportunity**

Seth Jensen of the Lamoille County Planning Commission said when LCPC was working with the Village of Jeffersonville after the 2011 flooding they found it very effective to have visual aids showing different mitigation efforts being considered, to help people understand them. They have discussed that as something that might be beneficial for Johnson as the town is thinking about different mitigation options. Tori Hellwig identified a grant opportunity. The Vermont Natural Resources Council's Small Grants for Smart Growth program has Building Back Smarter grants that are partially funded by a private foundation. The application deadline is August 23. There is no local match. LCPC envisions being able to use the grant funds to produce visual aids for any situation where they would be helpful.

Duncan asked what form the visuals would take. Seth said in 2014 they produced jpg and pdf files that could be attached to documents or printed out. There may be better formats and more creative ways to distribute them now. Tori may have ideas.

Duncan moved to authorize the Lamoille County Planning Commission to submit an application on behalf of the Town of Johnson for a Building Back Smarter grant available through the Vermont Natural Resources Council with assistance from the Humstone Family and Preservation Trust of Vermont, Shayne seconded and the motion was passed.

9. Channel Management

Shayne said we have all probably heard people saying in the wake of flooding that we need to dredge the rivers. He thinks there are places where dredging could be very helpful. He hopes Seth can help get the ball rolling on identifying places where it might be helpful.

Seth said at the end of 2019 he met with the selectboard and talked about modeling LCPC did along the main stem through the village. They now have funding to update that modeling work. Part of what that will involve is more detailed surveys, including channel surveys of key areas. It would be great to know where the hot spots of concern are in Johnson. He has heard that the areas near Lendway Lane and the Route 15 bridge near Foote Brook are of concern. When there are sediment deposits there is usually some dynamic in the river causing sediment to drop in that location. River modeling can help understand that. The Agency of Natural Resources is more open to nuanced discussion about targeted management, especially above ordinary high water in areas where sediment has accumulated recently, than discussion of dredging deep in the river channel. They are especially open to work happening in conjunction with projects like bridge widening or floodplain restoration that will address the dynamics causing the sediment buildup. We are more likely to get approval if we are dealing with causes, not just symptoms. In Jeffersonville there was an area where there was sediment accumulation after the 2011 storms. Addressing it involved coordinating with ANR to get an understanding of what could be done without undermining the banks in the short term and what could be done long-term to address the dynamics causing the sediment buildup..

Shayne said it sounds like river modeling and engaging with ANR are some of the next steps. How do we proceed from here? Seth said we can make sure river modeling gets identified as a need. The minutes of this meeting will suffice for that. He suggests reaching out to Chris Brunelle from ANR and trying to organize a site visit. Someone from LCPC can probably join. Local observations about how the areas of concern have changed since the July 2023 storm would be beneficial. Documenting those changes and organizing a site visit with Chris Brunelle would be where to start.

Shayne asked if the basic list of ideas from July is enough to take to ANR or if we need something more fleshed out. Seth said he thinks for an initial discussion that list is good. It identifies general problem areas and things the town wants to look at. In Jeffersonville what helped was that they had some pretty clear alternatives spelled out with numbers. There was modeling evidence that a little sediment management would help with annual storms and that the bigger projects would change sediment transport so the river would clean itself out better.

Duncan said what might be good for Johnson might be bad for Cambridge. We need to evaluate options in the greater context of a watershed plan. There is a huge amount of interest in a more regional approach to solving some of these problems. We need to think beyond municipal borders. Shayne agreed.

10. Errors and Omissions

Duncan moved to approve the Errors and Omissions Certificate submitted by Justin Mason as presented in the meeting packet, Mike seconded and the motion was passed.

11. Rail Trail Scoping Study Bid Selection

Tom said the rail trail committee and Randall Szott put together an RFP. We got responses from 3 firms. Johnson has worked with all 3 in the past. The rail trail committee selected VHB based on the conditions of the grant. Not all proposals met the conditions of the grant. VHB's proposal seemed much more in-depth for the price than the proposal from the lowest bidder. VHB was not the lowest bidder but the lowest bidder did not meet the requirement to include a timeline in the response. The rail trail committee recommends accepting the \$27,700 proposal from VHB.

Duncan asked, the grant authority would be okay with awarding the bid to someone other than the lowest bidder so long as there is sufficient reason? Tom said he believes the reason they did not select the lowest bidder was that the lowest bidder's response did not meet the conditions of the grant.

Duncan moved to accept the recommendation of the rail trail committee to issue a contract to VHB for the rail trail scoping study, Shayne seconded and the motion was passed.

12. Fire Department Emergency Billing

Eben said at the emergency meeting on July 11 the selectboard declared an emergency. The fire department sent us a \$1,822.50 bill for services related to the emergency. The emergency manager was authorized to spend funds. The amount will come out of the emergency fund if there is money in it. Come contract time, Eben would be in favor of having something in place for this situation. He wants to plan properly for the taxpayers.

Tom said he thinks it is worth it to pay the money for contract time so there does not need to be conversation about who notifies residents because the fire department knows that is the expectation. Mike said he thinks the town should pay as we go. If we build this work into the contract the village will want to protect themselves and may give us a worse deal than if we pay as we go. He thinks we should leave things the way they are with the contract. Eben said he is not thinking we would build it into the contract, just have some money separate from the budget to cover it.

Eben said the fire department works hard and everyone he ran into thanked them for what they did. Duncan said he appreciates the good work Arjay and the fire department did on behalf of the entire town. It is a village fire department and many of the areas that are affected by flooding are fully within the village. He hopes we can talk about that at contract time and come up with an equitable arrangement where the town is not being asked to foot 100% of the bill for advising village residents of an emergency. The town contract contributes a considerable amount toward the fire department budget. Shayne said the town has to declare an emergency and engage the fire department. In the middle of an emergency is not the time to decide who will pay for what. Contract time is the time for that. The fire department did great work and got out there proactively during this last flood. Everyone was appreciative. He thinks the fire department knowing that is just part of emergency services in this community would be beneficial to everyone.

Tom said the town dictates whether the fire department goes out or not. The emergency management director could hire the road crew with overtime, the fire department or the sheriff's department. In this case they chose to use the fire department. The fire department doesn't make the decision on their own so he thinks the expense is the town's. It is cheaper to get the fire department to do it than to pay town employees.

Eben said he is just making the board aware of the expense, since he was authorized to spend the money.

13. Update on River Road East

Tom said a group of volunteers met with the resident. A Morrisville nonprofit paid for a dumpster. About 30 volunteers loaded the dumpster. The difference is amazing. Another dumpster could probably be filled. The resident was extremely thankful and plans to continue progress. Tom is not sure where the volunteers came from. They were not town-sponsored.

14. Update on Vicious Dog

Tom said it looks like the situation that was under control on St. Johns St. has escalated again. It looks like the behavior demands a vicious dog hearing. He has not been able to touch base with BJ Putvain or Dean Locke about it yet. The selectboard will have to hold a hearing.

Duncan said our ordinance is clear about the definition of vicious dog and how the process happens. A complaint has to be submitted and then the board must act within 7 days. Do we have something sufficient to call a complaint? Tom said we received an email with a video. Duncan read from the ordinance, which describes what information must be included in a written complaint. He said he doesn't think the selectboard can initiate a hearing on its own without having received a complaint that meets those requirements. Tom said he thinks tomorrow we should determine whether the video and email constitute a complaint and if not let the person who sent them know how to file a formal complaint. Then we should schedule a hearing. That can be done via email. Duncan said in his opinion the email and video do not qualify as a complaint.

15. Training for Ticketing

Tom said animal control officer BJ Putvain requested permission to attend training on ticketing for ordinance enforcement so he can issue tickets. Eben asked Tom to find out what the training costs. The board agreed to wait until that is known to make a decision. Mark said he would like to know what area he could write tickets in. Duncan said he is favor of providing the training if we are asking him to enforce our ordinances.

16. Town Sewer Service Area

Duncan said we had a discussion at the last meeting about the existing town sewer service area and how to make it easier for people to hook up to sewer. He has been saying that we need to amend our town sewer service area ordinance to include the portion of the Jewett property that is not in the village. There are two things he proposes doing. One is to add to the existing town sewer service area and the other is to clarify that if a portion of a parcel is within the current town sewer service area the entire parcel is eligible for connection. He could work on drafting changes to the ordinance.

Mike said he thought in the email he sent out Duncan had said he didn't support allowing connection in all parts of a parcel if a portion of the parcel was in the town sewer service area. Duncan said he does support that. He is less supportive, without more study, of allowing connection if a property simply abuts the town sewer service area.

Tom said he thinks if we are going to amend the ordinance, rather than have a policy and an ordinance this would be a great time to incorporate the planning commission's suggested policy into the ordinance. Duncan said he doesn't like the planning commission's policy, so that would not be his intent. Mike asked what the problem with it is. Duncan said he thinks the way the ordinance is currently written, once the town authorizes a connection the village sewer ordinance goes into effect and deals with all issues related to line extension. Much of what is in the draft policy is not appropriate because he doesn't think it is entirely consistent with the village ordinance with regard to making physical connections. Mike suggested we could work in concert with the village and get it ironed out. Duncan said he doesn't think we need to because the village ordinance applies. And there are some other things in the planning commission's proposal that he would not support with regard to

unlimited extensions of the existing sewer line. His opinion is that that requires further study and thought. Mike asked if Duncan is going to take the best of the planning commission's draft and meld it into the ordinance. Duncan said he can review the planning commission draft, but his concept is simple: If any portion of a property is in the town sewer service area, the entire lot can connect.

Paul Warden said he thought the selectboard wanted the planning commission to work with Erik Bailey on revising the draft policy. Is the board taking that off the planning commission's plate? Duncan said he can't speak for the whole board but he thinks that would take pressure off the planning commission. Paul said he would be happy to work with Duncan and also get input from the village. Duncan said he welcomes review of the ordinance by the planning commission and the village trustees. It is a town ordinance. Mike said he thinks it would be good for the three entities to work on it together. Mark would like to have Paul and Duncan come to agreement on this. He doesn't want to not respect the work the planning commission has done. Shayne agreed. He thinks collaboration between all three entities is necessary. Eben asked if Paul is comfortable with that. Paul said yes. Eben said he thinks the sentiment of the board is that Duncan should make the amendments he proposed.

17. *Lea's Recreation Memorial Fund*

Rosemary said there was a balance of \$1,605 in memorial funds left in the general fund after the playground was paid for. Last week Eddie Gale brought in a check for \$4100. He said he has been talking to the rail trail committee and Howard Romero. They gave him suggestions on how the money could be spent and they are going to make recommendations to the selectboard. There is a picture of Lea and her kids in the trailhead building and her family wants that preserved.

Mark said he would like to hear from the rail trail committee. He feels honoring the donor's wish to preserve the photo is important. Let's do that and work with the rail trail committee. Shayne agreed. He suggested we could also work with the recreation committee if there are things they could use the funding for and if that is okay with Eddie. That would also fit in with all the work Lea did. The board agreed that Tom should arrange to have the photo preserved.

18. *Buyout Applications*

Tom said we have received buyout applications for the Wallace property at 297 River Road West and a Tatro property – the health center. Shayne asked if they both came in as a result of our proactive communication to property owners. Tom said the Tatro application did. He is not sure about the Wallace application. The Tatro property is critical to protecting the village.

Shayne moved and Mike seconded to approve the buyout applications for the Wallace and Tatro properties.

Duncan asked, for the Tatro property is there any proposal to subdivide off the health center building? Tom said he believes the whole property would be bought out. Right now there is not a good mechanism for subdividing or providing an easement on the property. The governor did ask for a declaration for the July 10-11 flood. If that goes through there is a possibility of another round of funding, but for now August 30 is the deadline. Eben asked Tom to let floodplain administrator Scott Meyer know about the properties.

The motion was passed.

19. *Executive Session for Employment Evaluation*

Duncan moved to enter executive session for employment evaluation under 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3), inviting Rosemary and Tom to remain and the motion was seconded and passed at 8:11. The board exited executive session at 8:28.

Shayne moved to accept the highway foreman's offer letter as amended, Mark seconded and the motion was passed.

20. Executive Session

Mike moved to go into executive session as premature public knowledge of the matter to be discussed would put the town at a substantial disadvantage, Mark seconded and the motion was passed at 8:31. The board consented out of executive session at 8:40. No action was taken.

21. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths

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RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY
FOR
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Board of Selectpersons (the Board) of the Town of Johnson (the Town) on Monday, August 5th, 2024, the Board determined that the public interest and necessity demand that renovations and improvements be made to Johnson Light Industrial/Commercial Park (the “Project”) at an estimated total capital cost of Two Million Eight Five Thousand Nine Hundred Three and 00/100 dollars (\$2,085,903);

WHEREAS, the cost of financing the improvements is too great to be paid out of the Town’s ordinary income and revenue;

WHEREAS, bond or capital notes of the Town, in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$590,000) should be submitted to the Town voters at a special meeting to be duly warned and held for that purpose on September 10, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the issuance of bonds or capital notes of the Town for the improvements of Johnson Light Industrial/Commercial Park not to exceed Five Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$590,000) should be submitted to the Town voters at a special meeting to be duly warned and held for that purpose on September 10, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposition of incurring bonded debt or capital notes for this purpose should be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town as follows:

Article 1: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Johnson be issued in an amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$590,000), subject to reduction by other funds then available, to develop and improve property of the Town known and referred to as the Jewett property for use as a light industrial/commercial park at a total cost not to exceed TWO MILLION EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,085,903)?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a vote on said proposition be conducted by Australian ballot at the September 10, 2024 special meeting to be held at the Johnson Municipal Building Meeting Room in the Town of Johnson, at which meeting the polls will open at 9 a.m. and will close at 7 p.m.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town will hold a public information hearing on the bond issue proposition on Monday, September 9, 2024 at The Johnson Elementary School Gym.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation bonds of the Town for the Project be in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 53 and 89 of Title 24, and Chapter 156 of Title 24A, Vermont Statutes Annotated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Warning and form of Ballot are specifically adopted for use in connection with consideration of the above-stated proposition of making said public improvements and incurring bonded indebtedness therefore.

Dated this 5th of August, 2024

TOWN OF JOHNSON SELECTBOARD

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**NOTICE TO VOTERS
BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

CHECKLIST POSTED:

By Sunday August 11, 2024 (or 30 days before your special town meeting). The Town Clerk must post the checklist. Make sure your name is on it. If your name is not on it, you must complete an application to the checklist. (Available online at <http://www.sec.state.vt.us>, click on Elections or from your town clerk.)

REGISTER TO VOTE:

Vermont allows for same day voter registration.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

You, or a family member on your behalf, may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 5 p.m. or closing of the Town Clerk's office on the day before the election, September 9, 2024. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a pair of Justices of the Peace deliver a ballot to you. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the justices. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

ON ELECTION DAY

- If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your town clerk and ask that it be put back on.
- If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the town clerk, a selectman or other members of the board of civil authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.
- If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a Superior Court Judge, who will rule on your request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's Office at 1-800-439-VOTE for more information. If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.
- If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW:

- Do not knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
- Do not mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling place.
- Do not display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.
- Do not solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.
- Do not interfere with the progress of a voter going to or from the polling place. This includes socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

FOR HELP OR INFORMATION
Call the Secretary of State's Office
1-800-439-VOTE (8683) (Accessible by TDD)

WARNING
TOWN OF JOHNSON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
September 10, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Johnson, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Johnson Municipal Building Meeting Room in the Town of Johnson on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 between the hours of nine o'clock (9:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot upon the following Article of business:

ARTICLE 1

Article 1: Shall general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Johnson be issued in an amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$590,000.00), subject to reduction by other funds then available, to develop and improve property of the Town known and referred to as the Jewett property for use as a light industrial/commercial park at a total cost not to exceed TWO MILLION EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,085,903)?

The legal voters and residents of the Town of Johnson are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024 at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening at the Johnson Elementary School Gymnasium for the purpose of explaining the improvements to the Town of Johnson property, known as the "Jewett" property for the purpose of a light industrial/commercial park and the financing thereof.

Electronic Meeting via Zoom and Phone Call-In
Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 15531

You can also join by phone by calling:

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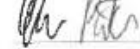
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Passcode: 15531

The legal voters of the Town of Johnson are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Section 1303 of Title 24, and in Chapter 43,51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

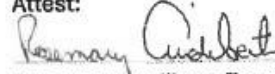
Adopted and approved at a meeting of the Selectboard of the Town of Johnson held on August 5, 2024.

Selectboard, Town of Johnson



Eben Patch, Chair

Attest:



Rosemary Audibert, Town Clerk

Duncan Hastings, Vice Chair

Mark Woodward



Shayne Spence



Michael Dunham

Received for record and recorded in the records of the Town of Johnson on ^{August} ~~May~~ 6, 2024