

**Town of Johnsbury
Special Town Board Meeting
August 24, 2022**

9:00AM at Town Hall and Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2172603617>

Meeting ID: 217 260 3617

Phone/One Tap Mobile – 1-646-558-8656

In Attendance: Andrea Hogan – Supervisor	Arnold Stevens – Councilman
Gene Arsenault – Councilman (via Zoom)	Justin Gonyo – Councilman (via Zoom)
Jean Comstock – Town Clerk	Pete Olesheski – Councilman

1. Supervisor Hogan called the Meeting to order at 9:07AM.

Supervisor Hogan stated that this Special Meeting was called to discuss the Absentee component of the Special Election. We received a very detailed memo from the Town Attorney outlining the time frame which would need to be followed, step by step process – we would need a Board of Registration, need to sit for at least 1 day, maybe more; cannot vote without registering with the BOE; I'll open floor to discussion; Mr. Stevens asked - can the Resolution regarding this action be rescinded; Supervisor Hogan stated that – yes it can be, I was waiting to see what the Board has to say. Mr. Olesheski – even if you're already registered you still have to register to vote in person? Supervisor Hogan – yes, that's what I'm understanding from the Memo from the Attorney; we will do all we can to get information to the voters; Town Clerk Comstock gave an overview of her understanding of the process, the time frame needed to get information out, the setting up of the Board of Registration, etc.; Mr. Olesheski asked if anyone can come to vote at the Special Election? Supervisor Hogan – yes, those within the District that are registered; the Resolution, in part, is being rescinded because unless individuals were registered, they would be ineligible to vote, they could not show up the day of the Election and register to vote. Supervisor Hogan asked if anyone else had any thoughts? Mr. Arsenault noted that initially he thought casting a wider net, having all take part in the election with absentee ballot was the best, but after reading the detailed memo and having this discussion I think it's less useful and would have less participation continuing with the absentee voting; Mr. Gonyo indicated that he was in agreement with this discussion; Mr. Gonyo agrees that rescinding the Resolution #22-142 would be in the best interest of all. Supervisor Hogan indicated that the information we have available today that we didn't have last week and then the clarification we've received the laws, time frames, etc. would only give us 13 days to get the Board up and running; all of this information is significant.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 160

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to Rescind Resolution #22-142 to eliminate the need for the Board of Registration for the Absentee voting and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Olesheski. With all Board Members present voting in favor the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – Olesheski, Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo); Nays – 0.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 161

Mr. Arsenault made a Motion to approve the date of October 18, 2022 from 2:00PM – 8:00PM with Election Inspectors as determined by the Town Clerk, as the date for the Special Election

for the Proposed Sewer District and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Gonyo. With all Board Members present voting in favor the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – Olesheski, Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo); Nays - 0

Election Monitors/Inspectors will need to be County Certified through Warren County. Town Clerk Comstock noted we need at least two; discussion regarding having up to four (4) Inspectors in case of any sickness or emergency.

RESOLUTION # 22 – 162

Mr. Olesheski made a Motion to approve up to four (4) Election Inspectors at \$15/hour each (not to exceed \$150 each) for the Special Election on October 18, 2022 from 2:00PM-8:00PM and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Arsenault. With all Board Members present voting in favor the Resolution is carried (Ayes – Olesheski, Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo); Nays – 0

Discussion regarding letters to proposed voters. Supervisor Hogan noted that the Town Attorney is working on a draft letter for us. Town Clerk Comstock noted that it would be best to get this out sooner rather than later with the mail and timing.

2. Supervisor Hogan asked if all Board Members had a chance to read the letter from the Town Attorney to the Department of Labor regarding the non-asbestos materials at the Red Barn site – all had and all in favor of moving forward with the letter.
3. Warrant Amendments/Budget Changes – Supervisor Hogan asked if all had a chance to review the Warrant Amendments and Budget Changes and if there were any questions or concerns?

RESOLUTION # 22 – 163

Mr. Gonyo made a Motion to approve and accept the Warrant Amendments and Budget Changes and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With all Board Members present voting in favor the Resolution is carried (Ayes – Olesheski, Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo); Nays – 0

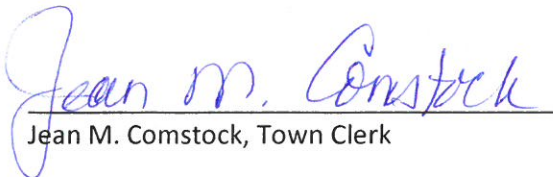
Supervisor Hogan indicated that she would let the Sewer Committee know of the changes and will keep all updated on the progress of the letter from the Town Attorney.

4. Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:33AM

RESOLUTION # 22 – 164

Mr. Stevens made a Motion to Adjourn the Special Meeting and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Gonyo. With all Board Members present voting in favor the Resolution is carried. (Ayes – Olesheski, Hogan, Stevens, Arsenault, Gonyo); Nays - 0

Respectfully submitted by:


Jean M. Comstock, Town Clerk