

MINUTES
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
"SOMERSET COUNTY CAUCUS FOR DIST. 3 BUDGET COMMITTEE"
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Present: Todd Brown
Thomas Short, Vice Chair
Hiram Weymouth, Chairman
Rhonda Stark, Town Manager

Flag Salute

1. Somerset County Caucus for Dist. 3 Budget Committee Members:
 - Present for the Caucus:
 - Brian Barrows, Palmyra; Brett Salisbury and Stanley Kitchin, II, Detroit; Hiram Weymouth, Thomas Short, Todd Brown, Rhonda Stark, St. Albans.
 - Hiram Weymouth called the Caucus to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - a. Vacancy - One two year term to expire December 2021.
 - *Motion by Thomas Short to nominate Hiram Weymouth to fill the term to expire December 2021, second Todd Brown. Voted 7-0*
 - b. Vacancy - Remainder of one three year term to expire December 2020.
 - *Motion by Stanley Kitchin, II to nominate Brett Salisbury to fill the term to expire December 2020, second Todd Brown. Voted 7-0.*
 - c. Adjourn caucus.
 - *Caucus adjourned at 6:06 p.m.*
2. Approve and sign the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting/Budget Discussion, Monday, January 14, 2019, Regular Selectmen's Meeting/Budget Discussion, Monday, January 28, 2019 and Special Selectmen's Meeting Monday, February 4, 2019.
 - Motion by Thomas Short to approve the minutes as written for Monday, January 14, 2019, second Todd Brown. Voted 3-0.
 - Motion by Thomas Short to approve the minutes as written for Monday, January 28, 2019, second Todd Brown. Voted 3-0.
 - Motion by Thomas Short to approve the minutes as written for Monday, February 4, 2019, second Todd Brown. Voted 3-0.
3. Old Business.
 - a. Discussion and decision concerning the offer made by Seth and Nikki Snowman for the sale of their property located on the Hartland Road Map 90, Lot 1 and Map 90, Lot 4. (Map 90, Lot 3, would be donated to the town after purchase of the two lots). (Tabled from the Selectmen's Meeting January 14, 2019).
 - Seth Snowman was not present for discussion, so a decision will not be made at this time. Bonnie Lawrence asked where the Board stands on the offer. Hiram Weymouth said in his opinion the price is a very good deal, but the town has no plans for the property and the Board feels it would be costly to convert the garage to a fire station. Unless something changes in the near future he feels a new fire station will be built on the property donated to the town by the Snowman's near the road. Jason Emery, Fire Chief, said he felt the property would be a good location to build a fire station and to convert the garage to a highway garage and use the office building as a town office. Bonnie Lawrence said she feels spending \$390,000 on the buildings, when we already have the land to build a fire station, would be too costly.

4. New Business.
 - a. Jessica Ouellette from Northern Lights Sebasticook Valley Hospital will be present to discuss the Maine Integrated Health Survey.
 - o Jessica Ouellette, Drug Free Communities Project Coordinator for Sebasticook Valley Heath presented those in attendance with a copy of the results of the biannual survey done with Middle and High School students in grades 7 through 12 in the Sebasticook Valley. Fourteen towns participated in the survey. The results were concerning. They showed alcohol and marijuana use has increased from 2015 to 2017 among middle school students. HVS Middle school students reported a higher use of alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs compared to the state average. Other areas of concern were mental health issues and bullying. Jessica said she does several programs with the students during the school year. A misconception among high school students is that vaping and/or e-cigarettes are not habit forming and do not contain nicotine.
 - b. Confirmation by the Board of Selectmen of Fire Chief, Jason Emery for 2019.
 - o *Motion by Hiram Weymouth to confirm the appointment of Jason Emery as Fire Chief, second Todd Brown. Voted 3-0.*
5. Committee Reports.
 - o *None*
6. Staff Items.
 - o Jason Emery, Fire Chief, said he and Rhonda had been discussing putting together a survey, poll or informational material to pass out on Election Day. Hiram Weymouth said he would be more interested in holding an informational meeting. Hiram said if they could come up with informational material to put together, he would be in favor, but didn't feel any kind of poll would work.
7. Selectmen's Items.
 - o *None*
8. Town Manager's Items.
 - Letter received from Kim Novak and Anita Morse START Program, in favor of accepting the St. Albans elementary school and offered suggested uses. Manager passed out a copy of their letter.
 - Audit was received on Friday and the Town Report is at the printers.
 - Application for the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for a low interest loan for the paving project is due on Wednesday. It is contingent upon Town Meeting approval. RFP's will go out to contractors March 4, if it is approved at town meeting with bids due back April 1 and Selectmen approval for April 8. There is a short window of opportunity.
 - Resignation received from Samantha Brown as a Director on the RSU 19 school board. Hoping to receive interest, so the Board can make an appointment until Election Day 2020.
 - Office closed Monday for President's Day.
9. Treasurer's Warrants to be reviewed approved and signed for February 5 through February 11, 2019.
 - *Warrants were signed as presented.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda L. Stark
Town Manager

Minutes approved and signed at the Regular Selectmen's Meeting Monday, February 25, 2019.
