

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 6:00 P.M.**

Roster: Todd Brown, Chairman
 Peter Denbow
 Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chairman
 Richard Fisher, Town Manager
 Chuck Crump, Town Clerk

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Appoint Chairman

Peter Denbow Nominated Hiram Weymouth. Seconded by Todd Brown. Hiram Weymouth nominated Peter Denbow who declined the nomination. Hiram Weymouth Nominated Todd Brown. Seconded by Peter Denbow. The nominations were closed and the vote taken with unanimous consent for Todd Brown to serve as Chairman.

Appoint Vice –Chairman

Todd Brown Nominated Hiram Weymouth. Seconded by Peter Denbow. Nominations were closed and the vote taken with unanimous consent for Hiram Weymouth to serve as Vice- Chairman.

1. Motion by Hiram Weymouth approve and sign the minutes of the Regular Selectmen’s Meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2021. Seconded by Peter Denbow. Vote: 3-0 All in Favor.

2. Old Business.

a. Road Commissioner Position – Final Candidates

Todd Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A.405 (6)(A) for personnel Seconded by Peter Denbow. Vote 3-0 The Board recessed into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Peter Denbow to end the executive session and reconvene the meeting. Vote: 3-0

b. Pond Road Extension Discussion

Property owners Brian Bickford, Rae Randlett, Russ Hall, and Michael Harington Sr. were there to request the town take the dedication of ½ mile of Pond Rd. The discussion centered on the process, previous citizens approval in 2008 for the town to take over 1.79 miles of Pond Road and on the problem identified by the previous Road Commissioner of trucks not being able to turn around at the end of the ½ mile at the intersection of Pond Road and Cliffside Road. There was a consensus of the Board members that the new road commissioner evaluate the road, that a new citizens meeting would be necessary due to the language of the warrant in 2008.

c. Webb Ridge Road Temporary Bridge Discussion

Seth Snowman, a business owner on Webb Ridge Road participated in the discussion. A temporary bridge has been proposed that would span over the existing State-owned bridge. Mr. Snowman has been working with MaineDOT and with private engineers, has been in contact with a bridge installer, Timberland, on the temporary replacement bridge. Manager Fisher notified the Board that he is in possession of a draft legal agreement between MaineDOT and the Town of St Albans. He also stated he has received an engineering estimate of 10,000-12,000 dollars. Mr. Snowman stated that time was of the essence to get this project started. Mr. Snowman estimated the cost of the temporary bridge should not exceed \$150,000. Manager Fisher informed the Board that there may be a grant available to pay for part of the project. Mr. Snowman expressed concern that applying for grants would slow the process down and delay construction. The Board directed Manager Fisher to have our lawyers review the agreement, that any expenditure will require citizen approval at a special meeting, and for Manager Fisher to research and if possible, apply for the grant.

d. Fire Company Agreement with Palmyra

Palmyra Fire Chief Chute and Palmyra Selectman Brian Barrows were in attendance. There was discussion concerning flat fees versus hourly rates and billing for mutual aid. It was agreed by all parties that a flat fee of \$7,500.00 for fire services to Palmyra would be acceptable, subject to further review and adjustment in future years. Motion by Hiram Weymouth, seconded by Todd Brown to charge a flat fee for 2021 of \$7,500.00 to Palmyra for fire services. Vote: 3-0, All in Favor.

e. Survey to Citizens

Manager Fisher stated that the survey will be included in the Spring Newsletter.

3. **New Business**

Motion by Hiram Weymouth, Seconded by Todd Brown to make the following appointments:

- **Broadband Committee:** Jason Gay, Christina Gee, Susan Bowman, Richard Fisher, 2020 Selectmen Representative: Peter Denbow
- **Cemetery Committee:** Eleanor Davids, Stacey Desrosiers, Ronnie Finson, Char-lin Williams, Emillie Lemire, Wendell Bubar, Travis Stewart, Richard Fisher, 2020 Selectmen Representative: Hiram Weymouth
- **First Park – 2020 Selectman Representative:** Todd Brown
- **Irving Tanning Community Center – 2020 Selectman Representative:** Peter Denbow
- **Mid-Main Solid Waste – 2020 Selectman Representative:** Hiram Weymouth
- **Planning Board:** Re-appoint Harry Bridge for 5-year term to expire 3/2026; 2020 Selectman's Representative: Todd Brown
- **St. Albans Lake Committee:** Seth Snowman, Jamie Cooper, Emillie Lemire, Marek Plater; Richard Fisher, Chuck Crump, 2020 Selectmen's Representative: Hiram Weymouth
- **Fire Committee:** Jamie Cooper, Chief Jamie Crocker, Deputy Chief Chris Richards, Fire Secretary Tiffany Dodge, Chuck Crump, Richard Fisher, 2020 Selectmen's Representative: Peter Denbow
- **Assessor's Agent – Rob Duplisea**

Motion seconded by Todd Brown. Vote 3-0 All in Favor.

b. **Treasurer's Report for February**

Manager Fisher stated that written report would be available, that the General Ledger should have a March 1 bank balance of \$1,125,000.

4. **Fire Department** - Fire Department report is attached.
5. **Public Works Department** - 1-Ton Truck - Manager Fisher had quotes from Quirk Auto and Hight Auto for Ford F350 and from Varney for Chevrolet and GMC. The lowest price was from Varney where Dyland Worster told Manager Fisher the quotes from October 2020 were good all year. That amount was \$46,532.80. There was a short discussion. Peter Denbow made a motion to purchase the Chevy for \$46,532.80. Seconded by Todd Brown. Vote: 3-0 All in Favor.
6. **Committee Reports** - Recreation: Manager Fisher reported that Carrie Neemeyer returned the monies from baseball to the Town at 5:45 p.m., just prior to tonight's meeting. Manager Fisher has agreed to handle the baseball sign-ups this Friday and has been in touch with Jenny from Palmyra concerning the Baseball team and recreation. Selectman Denbow stated that he did not want the Manager to spend a great deal of time on this, that transition to a rebuilt committee was necessary.
7. **Selectmen's Items.** None
8. **Town Manager's Items.** None
9. **Treasurer Warrants** were approved and signed by the Selectmen.
10. Todd Brown made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Peter Denbow. All in Favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher, Manager

Date: March 22, 2020