

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF ST. ALBANS**  
**REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Roster: Todd Brown, Vice Chairman  
Peter Denbow  
Hiram Weymouth, Chairman  
Emillie Lemire, Administrative Assistant

**Flag Salute**

1. Approve and sign the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 11, 2019.
  - *Minutes tabled.*
2. Public Forum.
  - Kathryn Reed spoke, stating she is a 4-year resident on Old Wing Road off of Rand Hill Road and would like to address her concerns on the condition of Rand Hill Road during mud season. Mrs. Reed stated she has spoken with Steve Emery, Road Commissioner on her concerns but is now bringing it in front of the Selectmen to ask what the long-term plan is to improve the conditions of Rand Hill Road. Mrs. Reed stated a few weeks ago her daughter was stuck for 8 hours waiting on a tow truck to come and pull her out. Mrs. Reed is concerned for herself and her 3 grandchildren who live with her and that during mud season an ambulance or fire truck would not be able to pass on the road. She has spoken with other residences on her concerns and understands they have stated it has been like this for 40plus years but she feels that mud season comes every year as does winter. If we as a town can plan for snow removal/plowing during winter why can't we plan for mud season. Mrs. Reed went on stating a resident of Rand Hill Road, Skip Gordon was out on his tractor and fixed the entire road. Hiram Weymouth, Selectmen Chairman asked Steve Emery, Road Commissioner what has been done. Mr. Emery stated that yes, Skip Gordon was able to smooth out some areas on the top of the hill of Rand Hill Road with his tractor and he personally thanked Mr. Gordon. But Mr. Emery was the one who graded the entire road the following day after Mrs. Reed came to the town office to address her concerns with him. Mr. Emery went on stating last fall he graded the road and cleaned the ditches, as he is aware it is a large hill that has been a problem for many years. Mud season we are limited to when we can get on the road as grading the road when it is muddy will just make the conditions worse. It is a difficult road and can be difficult at times with such a large grader. Ultimately to fix the problem of mud during mud season is to pave the road. Steve stated he will do what he can by improving ditching. Mrs. Reed asked what will be done by next year and stated that something must be done. She stated that 2 of her grandsons are special needs and when the roads are muddy it is a health and safety concern. Mr. Emery replied that unfortunately the more sand and salt he puts on the hills the softer the road underneath will get. The general public demands the road to be sand and salted which in turn will soften the road. Peter Denbow, Selectmen then asked Mr. Emery what the distance is from the Ripley Road to the top of the Rand Hill Road and could we consider applying recycled asphalt. Mr. Weymouth stated the town is on a 7-year paving schedule. The current plan has been approved this year and unfortunately it will be 7 years before paving of roads will be addressed again. Mrs. Reed stated well something has to be planned for next year. Mr. Weymouth asked Mr. Emery if we can separate the salt from the sand and leave a pile for just sand for the dirt roads. Mr. Emery stated that the sand will freeze outside so will be

required to be left in doors and then will require extra trips of unloading and loading of trucks if we are only sanding dirt roads and then having to go back out and sand/salt paved roads. Mr. Weymouth stated to Mrs. Reed we are aware of your concern and will do our best. Mr. Emery will do what he can.

- No others to speak, Mr. Weymouth closes the floor to Public Forum.
3. Old Business.
    - *None*
  4. New Business.
    - Peter Denbow can not access his email. Emillie Lemire, Administrative Assistant will look into
  5. Committee Items.
    - Todd Brown, Planning Board representative stated that the planning board met and voted in the same Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The Planning Board has asked if the town has a dangerous building Ordinance. In specific what can the town do with the 2 homes that were destroyed by fire on Hartland Road and Nokomis Road. Dennis Smith, Fire Dept Rep stated the Fire Dept can condemn the building but that doesn't require the owner to remove the building. A request was asked to look into if there is a Maine State Statue.
  6. Staff Items.
    - Mr. Emery, Road Commissioner reports that he sold the two old Mack trucks today for the sum of \$4,500 to a gentleman from Hartford, CT whose intentions are to ship them to Haiti. Mr. Emery shared pictures with Selectmen on a 2006 International he is looking at possibly making a bid on. The sand pile held out this year but we did go through a lot of salt this winter. Road crew has started grading what and where they can. Cold patch was picked up today and pot hole repairs started this afternoon. Have received a few enquires on the paving bid that is currently out and due 1 April.
  7. Selectmen's Items.
    - *None.*
  8. Town Manager's Items.
    - *None.*
  9. Treasurer's warrants to be reviewed approved and signed for March 12 through March 25, 2019.
    - Warrants reviewed and signed as written.

Meeting adjourned time 634pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emillie G. Lemire  
Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved and signed at the Regular Selectmen's Meeting Monday, April 8, 2019.

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