

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Roster: Todd Brown, Vice Chairman
Peter Denbow
Hiram Weymouth, Chairman
Richard Fisher, Town Manager
Brady Snowman, Road Commissioner

There were 4 members of the audience present for a total of 9 participants.

Call to Order

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited .

1. Public Comment

Chairman Weymouth opened the floor to the general public. There was no response.

2. New Business

A. Approve and sign minutes from April 20, 2020 Special Meeting

Motion by Todd Brown, Seconded by Peter Denbow to approve the minutes of April 20, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Personnel – Executive Session 1 MRSA Sec 405.6 A

Motion by Todd Brown at 6:05 P.M. to enter into executive session pursuant to MRSA 406 6A for the purpose of a discussion concerning personnel. Seconded by Peter Denbow. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peter Denbow to reconvene the meeting at 6:30 P.M., Seconded by Todd Brown. All in Favor.

Motion by Peter Denbow to hire Emillie Lemire back at twenty (20) hours per week at her regular rate of pay with sick benefits to accrue based upon her part time status. Seconded by Todd Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to add sick time benefits for Char-Lin due to the fact she is temporarily working full time and will continue to do so until at least the fall. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Sexton Contract

Town Sexton Travis approached the Board at a respectable safe distance of 6 feet and the discussion was focused mostly on his proposed increase of 30.6%. Travis explained that the costs of goods and services have gone up. Manager Fisher reported that prior to this year fees have not changed for over ten years. Peter Denbow questioned whether it would be wiser to advertise for the position. Hiram Weymouth suggested the increase be staggered over a 2 year period of time. The discussion continued for several minutes and again Hiram suggested a 2-year staggered increase. Travis Steward agreed.

Motion by Todd Brown to approve a new contract with Travis Stewart for 2-year. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor. Manager Fisher will prepare a new contract.

D. Bids – New Truck – the bid is not ready for review and the matter was tabled.

E. Municipal Year Change –Pros and Cons

Manager Fisher provided the Selectmen with a written report. There was a general discussion about the process and the best avenue to take if the citizens wanted to change it. Manger Fisher stated that there would be a cost, but it is possible and the Selectmen have the authority to make the change. Manager Fisher suggested the Board consider asking the citizens at the next Town Meeting. There was no action taken.

3. Old Business

F. Thomas Harville Tax Acquired Property- Status

We have not heard from Mr Harville at all. The Town now owns the property. No action was taken. Manager Fisher will provide more information next meeting,.

G. Disaster Relief Update

Manager Fisher reported that we are still cleaning up along the roadways. No action taken.

H. Covid- 19 – Action Plan Revision Update

Manager Fisher provide a Revised Action plan that expires in May 15, 2020 unless otherwise instructed by the Selectmen.

Todd motioned to approve the revision, seconded by Hiram Weymouth. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Road Commissioner Report

Commissioner Snowman requested the Board allow the road crew to work the summer 4- 10 hour days. A short discussion followed.

Motion by Peter Denbow, Seconded by Hiram Weymouth to allow the Public Works department to work 4-10 hour days per week. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Committee Reports

Fire Department has been very busy, according to Dennis Smith, they answered 8 calls over the weekend. The Chief is doing a fine job and the citizen should be very proud.

K. Selectmen Reports

No Report

L. Manager Report

No Report

M. Adjournment

Motion by Hiram Weymouth to sign the Treasurer's warrant and to adjourn, seconded by Todd Brown. The motion passed 3-0 with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher
Town Manager