

MINUTES
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Present: Todd Brown, Vice Chairman
Peter Denbow
Hiram Weymouth, Chairman
Rhonda Stark, Town Manager

Flag Salute

1. Approve and sign the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting Monday, April 22, 2019, the minutes of the Joint meeting between the Budget Committee and the Selectmen Monday, April 29, 2019 and the minutes from the Special Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, May 6, 2019.
 - a. *Motion by Peter Denbow to approve the minutes as written, second by Todd Brown. Voted 3-0.*
2. Public Forum.
 - a. George Farewell-St Albans inquired about the Harold Field, Jr. property the town foreclosed on in November located on the Todds Corner Road. He is an abutter and would like to purchase the property. Peter Denbow stated it is the town's policy to sell the property back to the owner for the price of back taxes and it is up to them if they keep it or sell it at that point. Manager said nothing has been received in writing from the daughters of Harold Field and there is no date to sell the property to them or anyone else.
 - b. Bonnie Lawrence-St. Albans stated she is not happy with the condition of the roads in St Albans, feels there should be more grading, calcium should be used and plowing should be done sooner in the day. Todd Brown said there is only one grader and three guys to plow and they can't be everywhere at once. Manager said she feels they do a very good job and has been pleased. They have accomplished quite a bit in the time that Steve has been Road Commissioner. Bonnie also asked about the offer of the bid to be put on the house next door and why the Board would not consider submitting a bid more than \$10,000.00, she feels it is a valuable piece of property. Peter Denbow said the Board discussed the cost of tearing down the building and clean up as well as the purchase price and did not feel it would be cost effective for the town to submit a bid for more than \$10,000. Manager said the Selectmen and Budget Committee discussed it at a joint meeting and it was the two groups that came up with the amount, not just the Selectmen.
3. Old Business.
 - a. Discussion and decision on the amount to submit for a bid for the property located at 15 Water Street, Map 22, Lot 67, if Article 5 passes at the Special Town Meeting, May 20, 2019.
 - Short discussion. *Motion by Peter Denbow to table this item until after the May 20, Special Town Meeting, second Todd Brown. Voted 3-0.*
4. New Business.
 - a. Review of the town's "Returned Check Policy" adopted October 20, 2008 and vote to be taken, if necessary.
 - Manager reviewed the recommended changes to the Policy and stated the revised Policy lists the steps that are currently being done, but are not in writing. She said there is also an increase from \$20 to \$25 for a returned check. *Motion by Peter Denbow to approve the "Returned Check Policy" as recommended, second Hiram Weymouth. Voted 3-0.*
 - b. Review of the town's "Purchasing Policy" adopted April 6, 2009 and vote to be taken, if necessary.
 - Manager reviewed the recommended change to the Policy and stated the only change is allowing the bids to be opened the week before a Selectmen's Meeting at a Public Meeting rather than at a Selectmen's Meeting. This has been done in the past with the permission of the Board, but would like it stated in the Policy. It allows for more time to submit bids and still gives one week for

the Selectmen to review the ones received, before they vote on it. *Motion by Peter Denbow to approve the "Purchasing Policy" as recommended, second Hiram Weymouth. Voted 3-0.*

- c. Discussion and decision to cancel the Regular Selectmen's Meeting Monday, May 27, 2019.
 - *Motion by Peter Denbow to cancel the May 27, 2019 Selectmen's Meeting, second Todd Brown. Voted 3-0.*
5. Committee Reports.
 - Cemetery Committee-Manager stated the Committee had their first meeting of the year on Friday. They discussed the littering that has gone on at the Village Cemetery. Last year it was a freezer with deer meat inside, this year a big black trash bag with several gallons of clear liquid inside.
6. Staff Items.
 - *None.*
7. Selectmen's Items.
 - *None.*
8. Town Manager's Items.
 - a. "Every Door Direct Mail" cards were mailed Wednesday, May 8 informing of the Special Town Meeting.
 - b. Tax liens for 2018 will be filed on Friday at the Register of Deeds, as of today there are 137, which is 5 less than last year and people still have another three days to pay off their account.
 - c. Received the preliminary plans on the Snowman property today from Plymouth Engineering, copy with your packet. Keith said he will attend the next meeting so everyone can ask questions. He said before he goes much farther on the planning, he will need direction to let him know what is going to be done. He said as he sees it at the moment, there are three options 1) Build a new building 2) Purchase Snowman property and make modifications to the buildings 3) Purchase Snowman property and make storage building and add an addition for training and bathrooms and the town could then rent out the office building.
 - d. Spoke to Fire Chief, Jason Emery, about the agreement made with Central Maine Cost Recovery (CMCR) last year to collect insurance money for accidents the Fire Department responds to. The contract expired in March. Jason said the company had been sold and he'd reached out to the new owners and they had not answered him.
 - e. Will be bringing policies and ordinances to the Board for the next few meetings for annual review. Next meeting we will discuss the Obscenity Ordinance to firm up the residency section, due to an incident that has arisen on the Mason Corner Road.
 - f. The person we had spoken to about supervising the paving project has decided not to do it. I'm speaking to SW Cole and they have someone in mind that may help out.
 - g. Superintendents meeting next Wednesday at either 1:00 or 5:00 p.m.
 - h. Closing on the MMBB of \$600,000 is May 23.
 - i. Next Monday night Special Town Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 - j. I will be out of the office on Thursday at the Maine Municipal Tax Collectors and Treasurers Conference in Waterville. This is my final year as President of the Association, I have served for 2 ½ years.
9. Treasurer's Warrants to be reviewed approved and signed for May 7 through May 13, 2019.
 - Warrants were signed as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda L. Stark
Town Manager

Minutes signed and approved at the Special Selectmen's Meeting Thursday, May 30, 2019.
