

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF ST. ALBANS**  
**SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019**  
**5:00 P.M.**

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

1. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) to discuss an offer of employment for a new Town Manager.
  - a. *Motion by Peter Denbow to enter Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Sec. 405 (6) to discuss an offer of employment for a new Town Manager, second Todd Brown. Voted 3-0.*
  - b. *Returned to public meeting at 5:48 p.m.*
  - c. Board stated there has been an offer made for a sixteen month contract, running from August 20, 2019 to December 31, 2020 with a starting salary of \$55,000 with all other benefits to be those in the town's personnel policy. The prospective Manager has until Monday, August 5 to accept the offer.
2. Selectmen's Items.

Todd Brown-Attended a First Park meeting Thursday, July 25, 2019.
3. Town Manager's Items.
  - Roadside mowing usually has been completed by now, but they are behind schedule this year due to the wet weather in the spring and then equipment breakdowns. They have been keeping me informed. Their plan is to be here August 7
  - Applications for Road Commissioner were due Friday, July 26.
    - *Board decided to hold off on hiring at this time and discuss it at the next meeting.*
  - Channel 5 interviewed me last Wednesday on the "Local Liquor Option". After the interview aired, I contacted the state and asked why the gentleman from the state made it sound as though it is the town's fault the licenses were issued to area businesses. He called to apologize yesterday and said he knows it came across that way, but he did not intend it to. He doesn't feel like anyone should take the blame as they are working to correct it now. There were 112 towns/cities in the state that received the same letter we did and must go through the same process. They are at different levels of compliance at this time. Some have already had their election, some have gotten their required number of petition signatures and are having an election November 5, some are like us and are gathering signatures at this time in hopes to hold an election November 5 and there are some that have chosen to ignore the state's letter and those are the ones that will be getting follow up letters. If the required number of signatures, are not gathered for the petition, and there is no election in November then Indian Lake Market and AE Robinson Convenience stores will have their licenses pulled by the state. If the signatures are collected and there is a vote in November and it passes for sale of wine on Sunday then the stores can continue and all will be fine. If there is an election and it fails, they will lose their licenses and the right to sell wine on Sunday.
  - I have forwarded you the emails I've received on my inquiries on the stage the school district is at in removing their items from the school. They say their final plan is to be out

of the school August 5. Pre-K will be the last to move their items and they are trying to get just a few pieces of kitchen equipment out prior to that. They will let me know as soon as they are out.

- Chris Littlefield, Hartland Town Manager, and John Cressey from Beacon Environmental Services met with me today on the disposal of house next door and the process we must follow to tear down the building and dispose of it at the Hartland landfill. They recommended we contact DEP, due to the suspicious materials.
  - At the Selectmen's meeting last Monday night Seth Snowman brought up the special road work that was voted on at town meeting. As he said, we have not sent out bid proposals on this work. Ronnie and I had started discussion on it the previous week, after he began work for us and we have been reviewing the budget amounts for the project since. Yesterday he and I finished going through the numbers that were budgeted for both special roads and the paving project. 1,200' on the Ballard Road and about one mile on the Nyes Corner Road were in the town meeting budget. Numbers are running close on projects that were planned. The culvert work expenditures for the paving project came in high. Bruce and Jesse did a great job the entire month of June and half of July with just the two of them and getting things done, they also were very good about meeting with me every day to keep me informed. Ronnie has been great as well and now that he's working for us we can attempt to get back on track for summer roads. Since we are too late in the season to send out sealed bids for the special roads project, our purchasing policy says we can do three oral quotes, if an emergency arises rather than the formal bid process. It was certainly something that was beyond our control so I have authorized Ronnie to get the three quotes and begin summer road work. I wanted you to be aware of this exception that has been made this summer in order to get the work done. We have to move as quickly as we can, as Ronnie will only be with us the month of August, as he is having carpal tunnel surgery the last week of August.
  - John Wilson, Code Enforcement Officer and Plumbing Inspector, has given his unofficial resignation. He will know more in a few weeks, but believes he will be done the end of September.
4. Treasurer's warrants to be reviewed approved and signed for July 23 through July 30, 2019.
- *Treasurer's warrants were reviewed and signed as presented.*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda L. Stark  
Town Manager

Minutes were approved and signed at the Regular Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, August 12, 2019.

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