

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Monday, September 14, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

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

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Public Forum

New Business

1. Review and Approve Minutes from: August 24, 2020  
*Motion by Todd Brown, Seconded by Peter Denbow to approve the minutes from August 24, 2020. All in Favor.*
2. General Assistance – Schedule Hearing Motion By  
*Motion by Todd Brown, Seconded by Peter Denbow to hold the General Assistance Hearing to amend the Ordinance with updated Appendix A-H on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. The regular meeting of the Selectmen is also rescheduled to this date due to Columbus Day holiday on Monday, October 12, 2020. All in Favor*
3. Joint Budget Committee Meeting – Set Date  
*Motion by Todd Brown, Seconded by Hiram Weymouth to schedule to Join Meeting for October 26, 2020. All in Favor*
4. Treasurer's Report- Update on 2019 Liens – Manager Fisher reported that 74 liens were filed with the Somerset Registry of Deed representing approximately \$81,000 in uncollected taxes.

Old Business

5. Amanda Maddocks- Current Status  
Manager Fisher updated the Board on the current status of the agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Maddocks. They have paid their 2018 taxes. Their fees were waived as per Board approval previously. However, the agreement required they pay both 2018 and 2019 and 2019 remained unpaid. Manager Fisher gave them until the next Tuesday to pay or their 2019 taxes and avoid another lien. They did not make payment and their property was included in the liens filed that day. Todd Brown noted that the trail is still only partially removed. No further action discussed

6. Vachon, John Tax Acquired Property- Discuss Minimum Bid Amount  
Manager Fisher asked if the Selectmen wanted to set a higher minimum bid than the taxes owed. After a short discussion the consensus was to leave the minimum amount at the taxes owed.
7. Patricia Roberts Tax Acquired Property- update  
After a short discussion, Manager Fisher agreed to ask the Assessor to re-evaluate the property.
8. School Board Member Search Update  
Manager Fisher informed the Board that the position remains open. The Selectmen asked Manager Fisher to highlight the opening on the website and Facebook page.

## Reports

### Road Commissioner Report

Commissioner Snowman reported that most of the sand has been delivered and appears to meet the minimum requirements. They managed to get the 8000 running after a period of non-starting. He then reported that the grader has a serious engine problem that will require either a new engine or a re-built engine. The Board discussed options available.

Commissioner Snowman estimated the costs anywhere from \$14,000 to \$30,000 for the replacement- but he doesn't have enough information to provide a solid estimate yet.

### Fire Department Report

Asst. Chief Dennis Smith reported they appointed Chuck Crump as Communications Officer and Chris Richards as Safety Officer. There are 26 members total and 22 active on the roster. Engine 1 is going in the shop Wednesday morning for a wiring upgrade. Manager Fisher brought up the subject of a property owner wanting to give cash to firefighters to thank them for their service in delivering water to his pond during the drought. There was a long discussion on his request and the consensus was that he should not make such a donation, that we should request he buy some pizzas for a meeting. Manager Fisher agreed to reach out to the property owner to discuss that idea and to inform him we cannot accept cash gifts to individual firefighters.

### Committee Report

### Selectmen Report

### Manager Report

The ACO questioned the process for taking a violator to court. It was agreed that the Board would have to vote to file charges in court.

Manager Fisher discussed the letter from Sheriff Lancaster concerning the needle exchange and the recommendation that towns pass an ordinance restricting needle exchanges. The

question is without police is it possible to list the County Sheriff as the enforcement arm of the ordinance. Manager Fisher agreed to look further into the enforcement requirements.

Manager Fisher raised the issue of the Peter Brower property and the code violations and potential for additional problems. Manager Fisher stated that they complained about the attitude of the code official. There was a discussion on the limitations that the town has on enforcement and the need for a town lawyer.

Manager Fisher discussed the cemetery data, the perpetual care and informed the Board the research will continue into all aspects of the cemetery organization. The most important of these is locating the deeds so that we have a clear record of the number of plots owned by each individual and to determine how to advance perpetual care to a one time only charge and how to handle delinquencies.

Approve Treasurer Warrants

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher  
Manager

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Hiram Weymouth, Chairman

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Todd Brown, Vice Chairman

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Peter Denbow, Selectman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_