

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

1. HEARING -Liquor Control Option – Ballot Question

Manager Fisher read the ballot question. There was a brief discussion and no public comment .

Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Peter Denbow to appoint Joyce Weymouth as Warden for the next election. Vote 2-0-1, Hiram Weymouth abstained.

Motion by Hiram Weymouth, seconded by Todd Brown to approve placing the local liquor control option question to allow on-premises establishments to sell alcohol on days other than Sunday. Vote 3-0, All in Favor.

2. HEARING – General Assistance – Revised Appendices for 2021-2022

Manager Fisher informed the Board that this is yearly housekeeping matter required by the State. Motion by Hiram Weymouth, seconded by Todd Brown to approve the General Assistance revised appendices for 2021-2022. All in Favor . 3-0

Minutes

3. Approve and sign the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, September 13, 2021. After review for typographical errors, motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Todd Brown to conditionally approve the minutes with the proposed changes. Vote: 3-0 All in Favor.

New Business

4. *MRC Request*- There was discussion on MRC's request of its members. Manager Fisher was asked to find out at the next MMSWA meeting and also to ask neighboring towns if they plan to take any action. Peter Denbow made a motion to table this matter to the next Selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Vote: 3-0. All in favor.

5. *Set Date for Joint Meeting of Budget Committee and Selectmen*- Todd Brown made a motion to schedule the joint meeting for November 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by the Selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in favor 3-0.

Old Business

6. ARPA Funding Update – clarification on Town Warrant
Manager Fisher read the Article on grants from the Town Warrant that was approved in March of 2021. He asked the Board if the intention of the warrant was to grant full authority of the grant monies and how they are to be spent. The language in the Article, which is published every year, suggests that the Manager and Selectmen have sole authority over the spending of grant from application to closure. Peter Denbow agreed the Article creates a gray area and that there could be more than one interpretation. The Board's consensus is to address the issue in the warrant for the next town meeting, to better clarify the intention of the citizens of the town.

Manager Fisher reported that he has applied for the ARPA funding and that, upon approval, approximately \$103,500 will be transferred into the General Fund. Then those monies will be transferred into a Money market savings account until a decision is made on how to spend the monies.

7. Dixie Road Abandonment Update – Manager Fisher updated the Board. Early research indicates that 1-2 properties on this section of Dixie road have no other means of access to their properties. If correct, this would trigger a section of the new law that requires the Town wait a year while the affected property owners seek private easements, and that the town may be required to compensate the property owners for the loss of access to their property. Manager Fisher was asked by the Board to contact the property owners on Dixie Road and ask their opinion on the abandonment of the road and get back to the Board with their answer.

Reports

8. Fire Department - Tammy Crocker spoke on behalf of the Fire Chief - There were 6 calls, 1 skidder fire, 1 car fire, 1 car crash, 1 medical call, 1 brush fire, 1 mutual aid call for a structure fire in Hartland. Peter Denbow asked if the medical call was for NARCAN for an overdose. Tammy Crocker confirmed it was an overdose.
9. Public Works Department - Jeff Aubin was present and reported the crew spent the past week mixing and storing sand and salt as it was delivered. The town received 2010 yards of sand and 192 tons of salt- the salt shed is now full and ready for the winter season. Jeff then reported that there are two trucks at TW Clark getting tuned up for the winter season. The GMC needs a starter and alternator. Manager Fisher stated that the Town budgeted \$35,000 for repairs and have spent \$5900.00 and our estimate for year end, barring any major repairs, is \$10,000-\$15,000.
10. Committee Reports - Manager Fisher attended the MMSWA meeting and neighbors were there to complain about rats and smoke from the burning of demolition debris.

Todd Brown reported that the Planning Board approved a one lot subdivision

11. Selectmen's Items nothing to report

12. Town Manager - Manager Fisher has nothing additional to report. Hiram Weymouth requested Manager Fisher research solar panel information to see if remediation can be addressed once the panels reach the end of their life.

Motion by Todd Brown to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor. 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher
Manager
Town of St Albans

Todd Brown, Chairman

Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chairman

Peter Denbow, Selectman

Date: _____