

Meeting Minutes
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, September 28, 2020 6:00 p.m.

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

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Public Forum – no participants

New Business

1. Review and Approve Minutes from: September 14, 2020 *Motion by Todd Brown to approve the minutes of the September 14 2020 Selectmen Meeting, Seconded by Hiram Weymouth, All in Favor.*
2. Resignation of James Burns, Planning Board,
The Board accepts Mr. Burns resignation, with regret. Manager Fisher will advertise the position online.
3. Road Name Change Request – Tim Ames, Manager of Rycole LLC, owner of the Woodfield Manufactured Home Community, previously Rainbow Park is present and has requested the road name be changed to Woodfield Drive. *Motion by Todd Brown to change the name of Rainbow Road to Woodfield Drive. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in favor.*
4. Sale of Excess Property – Public auction
Road Commissioner Snowman would like to sell equipment no longer in use. Some of the items included (a) toolbox (b) chain saw (c) gas-powered pressure washer. Manager Fisher also had a few items, mostly computer peripherals, to sell. There was a short discussion on the different types of sales that are permitted. *Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to auction the items by sealed bid. All in Favor.*
5. 2020 Abatements (8)
 1. Derrick & Camden Davis Map 21 Lot 16 Reason: Homestead Exemption Omitted.
Motion by Todd Brown, Second by Hiram Weymouth to abate \$418.75. All in Favor

Amos and Bonnie Lawrence Map 21 Lot 124 Reason: Buildings removed. *Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to abate \$13.40 All in Favor*

Ekco Farms LLC Map 8 Lot 42A Reason: Buildings Taxed Twice *Motion by Todd Brown, Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. To abate \$303.18 All in Favor*

Mark and Wendy Sheriff Personal Property Reason: business closed prior to 4/1/2000 *Motion by Todd Brown, Second by Hiram Weymouth to abate \$41.88 All in Favor*

Bio-Rem Services Personal Property Reason: Business Closed prior to 4/1/20 *Motion by Hiram Weymouth and Second by Todd Brown to abate \$16.75 All in Favor*

Charles and Patricia Gallison M14 Lot 25-14 Reason: Mobile home removed prior to 4/1/20 *Motion by Todd Brown and seconded by Hiram Weymouth to abate \$113.90. All in Favor*

Bowmans M 21 L7 To Correct building value and reduce taxes by \$28,959.08. There was a short discussion on the amount of building value that has been recommended for reduction. *Todd Brown made a motion to table this matter to the next meeting and request a letter of explanation from the Assessor on how he determined the lower value. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth.*
The request is tabled.

6. Municipal Valuation Return was signed by Todd Brown and Hiram Weymouth.
7. An offer was made to donate a 1-acre lot in a subdivision to the town of St Albans. After a long discussion, the Selectmen declined to consider the property as it was on a private lane at the apex of a cul-de-sac and serve no purpose as a town property.
8. School Board Director Opening – Kathy Butler Neill was present and has submitted a request to serve as School Board Director representing St. Albans. Mrs. Butler Neil spoke about her 20 years in the education field, from teaching to administration. After a discussion which focused mostly on her term, which would end at the next election unless she chose to run for the position, *Hiram Weymouth made a motion to appoint Kathy Butler Neill to the position of School Board Director. Seconded by Todd Brown. All in Favor.*
9. Perpetual Care

Manager Fisher placed this on the agenda to further the discussion and provide more results from staff- and reported that there are currently 32 accounts of which 28 are current as of 2019. There are 4 delinquent accounts. And then there is another list of delinquent accounts from several years ago that, according to notes from that time were dropped off the list due to non-payment, difficulty of locating the responsible parties. Manager Fisher explained that small claims court is the only method to use to force payment.

There was a long discussion on perpetual care and Manager Fisher was asked to provide more information on the delinquencies.

Road Commissioner Report

Commissioner Snowman discussed the parking lot project next door and that he expects to keep it under budget yet be able to gravel the lot back to the front of the garage.

Commissioner Snowman reported that the grader engine has been repaired and will be placed back in the grader and we should have the grader back soon. Chairman Weymouth remarked that Ballard Road was in very good condition this year. Mr. Snowman stated that as soon as he gets the grader back, he will get working on the trouble spots.

Fire Department

Communications Officer Chuck Grump reported that it has been relatively quiet. They did receive the truck back and checked the truck and the repairs were all completed as advertised.

Selectmen Report

Todd Brown discussed the First Park Business meetings and their continued attempts to revitalize the park.

Chairman Weymouth reported on the MMSWA and the MRC issues that have plagued the groups involved in the proposal and now they are having their garbage trucked to PERC and the trucking company wants \$600.00 more per load to go there because it is hard on tires. MRC was asked to help with the additional cost and did so for a little while but then they stopped. Now the MMSWA wants MRC to return to assisting with the payments. The town will have to make a decision by the end of the year.

Manager Report

Manager Fisher discussed the recent Fire Committee meeting and expressed his concern over wants exceeding needs and hopes as they explore and research, the committee will find a path based upon the town's needs.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Weymouth motioned to adjourn the meeting, Second by Todd Brown. Documents were signed and returned to the Manager and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Fisher
Town Manager

Hiram Weymouth, Chairman

Todd Brown, Vice Chairman

Peter Denbow, Selectman