

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance Recited

**Minutes for Selectmen's Regular Meeting on Monday, October 15, 2019**

*Motion by Peter Denbow to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Special Meeting held on Monday, September 16, 2019. Seconded by Todd Brown Vote: 3-0*

**Appointment of Election Warden**

*Motion by Hiram Weymouth, seconded by Todd Brown to appoint Stacey Desrosiers to the position of Election Warden for the State General And Referendum Election, November 5, 2019*

**Blackberry Lane Sale of Properties**

Manager Fisher explained that the numbers now reflect the interest and the difference is \$227.93 to be deducted from one property and added to the other property. This is consistent with the opinion Peter Denbow expressed at the previous meeting. Manager Fisher also learned from staff that the owner of the properties is hiding from law enforcement somewhere in Pennsylvania and cannot be contacted, as per his mother.

*Motion by Peter Denbow to place the two Blackberry Road properties up for sale. Seconded by Todd Brown. Vote 3-0.*

**Elementary School Update**

Manager Fisher updated the Board on the status of the sale of the Elementary School. The deed is in the possession of the town attorney, Mary Costigan of Bernstein-Shur. Today additional supplementary information was emailed to our attorney along with a request for a closing date.

**15 Water Street**

Manager Fisher updated the Board on the status of the 15 Water Street purchase. The property should be town-owned by the end of the week. The deed should be recorded by the end of this week or early next week. We still have to get asbestos removal prices.

## **Paving Project**

Manager Fisher provided an update to the Board that is attached. Hiram Weymouth expressed concerns over how technical this has become and that he wanted fairness for the town and for the contractor, that this is small town and he was becoming frustrated with the payment process. Manager Fisher requested approval to pay the estimated amount of \$682,529.75 with the remaining amount to be determined through verification of the escalator clause and finding a common number to agree upon with the contractor pre –escalator.

*Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Todd Brown to pay Roundy's Paving LLC \$682,529.75 Vote 3-0*

## **King Property Fire Damage – 179 Hartland Road**

As per the Board's request, Manager Fisher updated the Board on the progress. Manager Fisher informed the Board that the Code Enforcement Officer was making one more attempt at gaining voluntary compliance for the owners. He would have more to report at their next meeting. Hiram Weymouth asked Mr. Fisher to keep on top of the situation

**Committee Items-** No Reports

## **Staff-Items**

Road Commissioner Brady Snowman gave the thorough update on the truck maintenance underway to prepare for winter.

## **Selectmen's Items**

Peter Denbow could not attend a meeting of the ITCC 16<sup>th</sup>  
Todd Brown reported that the First Park meeting has been rescheduled

## **Manager's Items**

Manager Fisher reported the following:

MMA Risk Management Safety Inspection has been rescheduled to Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and now includes the fire station, the training facility, the town garage, and the sand/salt shed.

Manager Fisher has completed training in MOSES, BMV, General Assistance, Tax Collection, Treasurer, Right to know.

The town is applying for Supplemental Life Insurance that is 100% employee funded. The insurance will be provided through MMA and the effective date is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Veterans Day Holiday falls on Board's scheduled meeting night. Manager Fisher asked if they would prefer to reschedule to Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>?

*Motion by Todd Brown, Seconded by Peter Denbow to move the meeting to Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Vote 3-0.*

Manager Fisher will be taking off Thursday and Friday of the Veterans Day Holiday weekend using comp time to return back to Pennsylvania to visit with family and tie up a few loose ends.

The Cemetery Committee will meet on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 7:30 A.M.

## **Executive Session**

*Motion by Peter Denbow under 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) to go into executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss personnel, specifically Fire Chief. Seconded by Todd Brown Vote: 3-0*

*Motion by Todd Brown to leave the executive session at 7:10 pm. and return to the meeting. Seconded by Peter Denbow Vote: 3-0*

There was a short discussion on whether to adjourn or make a motion based upon the executive session.

*Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to appoint Tim Kuespert as Fire Chief, effective January 1, 2020. Vote 3-0*

## **Treasurer's Warrants**

*Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Todd Brown to approve the Treasurer's warrants. Vote 3-0*

## **Elementary School**

There was a short discussion with Mr. and Mrs. Bowman (who arrived concerning the Elementary School. Manager Fisher repeated his earlier comments about the pending sale. Mr. Bowman said he will heat the entire building this winter.

*The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth and a unanimous vote at 7:20 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard D. Fisher  
Manager  
Town of St. Albans

Minutes approved and signed at the Regular Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

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Hiram Weymouth, Chairman

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Todd Brown, Vice-Chairman

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Peter Denbow, Selectman