

**MINUTES
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
JOINT MEETING
BUDGET COMMITTEE and SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

6:00 P.M.

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

James O'Neil, Chairman, Budget Committee
James Thorne, Vice Chairman
Eleanor Davids
Emillie Lemire
Kimberly Novak (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)
Joyce Weymouth

Absent: Joe Madigan, Michael Wiers

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance was Recited

Minutes for Selectmen's Special Meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019

Motion by Todd Brown to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting held on Monday, November 4, 2019. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth Vote: 3-0

New Business

a. 2020 BUDGET

Manager Fisher presented his work on the budget to date, a 4-year trend analysis of the budget, with trending completed on the public works section and data gathered for trend analysis for the Fire Department.

Budget Chairman O'Neil asked if the budget committee will receive the same updates as the Board of Selectmen. Manager Fisher assured Chairman O'Neil that information and updates will be provided to both the Board of Selectmen and all Budget Committee members.

Budget Chairman O'Neil asked if Manager Fisher would still be using former Manager Rhonda Stark's budget papers. Manager Fisher stated that he was going to use Rhonda's forms but would be embellishing them with additional paperwork.

Manager Fisher stated he expected to have a preliminary budget completed within 2-3 weeks. The Selectmen and the budget committee reviewed the meeting schedule. There were no changes proposed. manager Fisher briefly reviewed the requests for donations for the next budget year.

- b. Abatement Request – Sandy Bussell – Map 20, Lot 7-1, Acc #374 , Amount to be Abated: \$152.78 After a very brief discussion in which the Manager stated that the abatement request was recommended by the Town Assessor.
Motion by Todd Brown, second by Hiram Weymouth, to grant the abatement in the amount of \$152.78 Vote 3-0.

Old Business

Bids to be Opened and approved for the following tax acquired properties:

- **Blackberry Lane, Map 8, Lot 25, Minimum bid is \$1315.05**
The following bids were received:
 1. Christopher Richards \$1,320.00
 2. Jeremy Bennett 1,500.00
 3. Dale & Cheryl Curtis 2,000.00
 4. Richard LaChance 2,200.00
 5. **Carroll Lane \$2,200.00**

- **Blackberry Lane, Map 8, Lot 35, Minimum bid is \$1617.26**

1. Christopher Richards \$1,600.00
2. Jeremy Bennett 1,700.00
3. Dale & Cheryl Curtis 2,000.00
4. **Carroll Lane 2,200.00**

Motion by Hiram Weymouth, seconded by Peter Denbow to award Lot 25 to Carroll Lane for the amount of \$2,200.00 and to award Lot 35 to Carroll lane for the amount of \$2,200.00. Vote 3-0

4 Road Commissioner Items

Road Commissioner Snowman led a discussion on the need to evaluate the existing truck fleet and develop a long range plan for truck replacement. The newest truck in the fleet is over 15 years old. Manager Fisher noted that the town spends over \$30,000 per year on vehicle parts and repairs. Road Commissioner and Manager Fisher agreed to study the situation further and provide options for the Board of Selectmen to consider.

5 Selectmen Items

- a. Todd Brown announced he would be attending the First Park meeting on Wednesday, November 13th.
- b. Hiram asked Manager Fisher to attend the Mid-Maine Solid Waste Association Meeting on November 19th

6 Manager's Items

- Manager Fisher reported that the \$510,000 bond issued in 2013 for that paving project has been paid in full and the 2013 General Obligation Bond paperwork confirming full payment has been returned to St. Albans.
- Manager Fisher requested permission to allow Denise Linderman to provide free Zumba classes at Town Hall twice per week. After a short discussion, *Hiram Weymouth made a motion, seconded by Peter Denbow to allow Denise Linderman to use the facility rent-free for Zumba Class. Vote 3-0*

7 Treasurer's Warrants

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

Adjournment

Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Peter Denbow to adjourn the meeting. Vote 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard D. Fisher
Manager
Town of St. Albans

Minutes approved and signed at the Regular Selectmen's Meeting Monday, November 25, 2019.

Hiram Weymouth, Chairman

Todd Brown, Vice-Chairman

Peter Denbow, Selectman