

**TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
MEETING MINUTS FROM
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 28, 2020**

Roster: Todd Brown, Vice Chairman
Peter Denbow, Selectman
Hiram Weymouth, Chairman
Richard Fisher, Town Manager – By Phone
Brady Snowman, Road Commissioner
Char-lin R Williams – Administrative Assistant

Call to Order – Flag Salute

Public Forum – None

New Business

1. Webb Ridge Rd Bridge weight limit discussion. Maine DOT Representatives will be in attendance to answer concerns, etc. – *Maylon Presby, Ben Foster, and Timothy Soucie in attendance to discuss the Webb Ridge and its potential weight limit posting down to maximum of 20 ton. After a recent annual inspection of the bridge, the MDOT has many concerned of the stability of the abutments. A recent flooding of the bridge prompted a closer look at the stability. State will be posting weight limit as early as late January after posting committee meets. Depth of the abutment bases are not known. The High water is affecting the movement of the abutments. Hiram asked if they had a ground-radar but was informed that it was not trustworthy in this situation. MDOT is suggesting the quarry traffic be rerouted in opposite direction. Seth Snowman requested some plausible solutions other than the reroute of traffic due to the danger of palmyra end intersection, recent Raymond road posting in palmyra down to 23,000 pounds and no through truck traffic, and the 90 degree turn at top of the hill after the exit of the quarry. Ben Foster indicated not enough funds in budget to repair all bridges, more statewide bridges in disrepair that do not have traffic reroute option available. Is it possible review other engineering options that may allow for full weight capacity? This is a possibility. Also, Tim Soucie said he would do a site visit to see if there are some alternatives to update palmyra end intersection and 90 degrees corner on Webb Ridge to allow for a better entrance and exit of truck traffic to the quarry. Possible split funding available? MPI? Our bridge is not eligible for MPI (Municipal Partnership Impact) Emergency Services and Plowing would be impacted. Bridge has been declared scour critical. There can be a possible assumption by the town of the bridge, but posting would still occur, and replacement would then be responsibility of the town and town budget. Peter requested a 90 moratorium on positing to give town time to research options. MDOT indicated that it isn't an option. Decision is up to the posting committee. Board agreed that MDOT should have given town more time with notification of this situation. This bridge has been on the possible closure list for a few years, but town never received the reports of the conditions or concerns. Question was raised of who polices the violators of the*

posting? Was advised Law Enforcement. Brady thanked visitors for taking time to review with the board their concerns. Hiram also suggested that we should consider reaching out to our representatives with a letter of our concerns and see if they can get help us facilitate a plausible solution.

2. Discussion of the Marijuana Ordinance and Moratorium. *Peter received a complaint from a daycare owner indicating that a new house reeked of marijuana and wondered what our ordinance covered. Are they selling, growing etc.? reviewed or ordinance and Peter asked for a copy of the MRSA from the state. Maybe best option to determine what is going on is to have a formal complaint to sheriff's department to see what is going on. Town really does not have any way to enforce ordinance. It would be through Sherriff's Department.*
3. Request closure to public on Thursday for end of year processing. *Peter motioned to close all day. Todd seconded 3-0 approved*

Old Business

4. Perpetual Care – Target date for letters to go out first week of January
5. Tax acquired – Letters to go out to remaining properties

Reports

6. Road Commissioner Report – *Brady informed us that North side of town is icy and South side is slimy because its warmer making dirt road maintenance difficult. Hiram indicated East end of Ballard is very rutty and the sand salt mix is making it like "pea soup". Steve Emery had that section done awhile back, but Brady thinks it needs a better higher grade of gravel put down for like a surface gravel.*
7. Fire Department Report – *Chuck Crump indicated with the loss of Dennis Smith the department was keeping busy assisting his widow Ann with things she needed done. They ordered masks in memory of Dennis on them for firefighters. Peter suggested doing this and sell as a fundraiser for Ann.*
8. Committee Reports - *none*
9. Selectmen Report - *none*
10. Manager Report – Treasurer's Report - *none*

Budget Discussion (Update) – *Discussion with Town Manager via phone over budget. One item changed was lowering Fire Hall Reserve contribution from \$50,000 to \$15,000. This makes the total capital reserve contributions \$100,000. Peter motioned to approve budget with changed to send to committee, Hiram seconded 3-0 approved*

Approve Treasurer Warrants

Adjournment – *adjourned 749pm*

Respectfully Submitted,
Char-lin Williams
Administrative Assistant

Chairman Hiram Weymouth

Vice Chairman Todd Brown

Selectman Peter Denbow

Date: _____