

MEETING MINUTES (REVISED)
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021
6:00 P.M.

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

Todd Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The audience stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes

1. Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Todd Brown to approve and sign the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, April 26, 2021. All in Favor, 3-0

Old Business

2. Pond Road Extension Update – Manager Fisher updated the Board on his deed research. His results are being reviewed by the Attorney. There was a short discussion on the road takeover with one citizen objecting to the project.
3. Webb Ridge Road Bridge Update – Manager Fisher reviewed with the Board the Zoom phone call with Maine DOT on Friday, April 30th. Vice- Chair Hiram Weymouth also attended the Zoom meeting. Manager Fisher stated that there would be a site visit with Maine DOT scheduled within the next few weeks.
4. School Budget Update - Manager Fisher attended a meeting for managers arranged by the School District. The Town of St Albans should expect an increase of 2.48% for their portion of the school budget. This would amount to approximately \$48,000 more in costs. Manager Fisher reported that the continuing increases each year complicate our efforts to maintain or lower the millage rate for our citizens.
5. First Park Update – Chairman Brown and Manager Fisher discussed exit strategies with the Selectmen. Manager Fisher stated he review the agreement with KRDA and there is a requirement that once a Town votes to leave, they are required to remain a member for one entire fiscal year and any debt that is incurred in that year, the town would be responsible for their share of the loan. In Manager Fisher's opinion, this is the hook that keeps towns from exiting the program. While 1st Park is currently out of debt, they are considering borrowing as much as 1 million dollars to expand the park. Peter Denbow asked the Manager to find out when the next election is.
6. Recreation – Manager Fisher reported that he and Town Clerk cleaned out and sanitized the concession stand. He has ordered the baseball uniforms, the benches are in the mail, the electric has been repaired, the storage shed has been repaired and the metal door installed, there is infield dirt arriving on Thursday. There are approximately 36-38 kids in the program.
7. Fire Dept Oxygen Pack Replacement Deadline – Fire Chief reported that some oxygen pack reserve bottles will expire in July and the estimate expires at the end of June.

New Business

8. Supplemental Tax Assessment – Corey and Heidi Hutchins. Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to assess the penalty for removing the lot from Farmland Exemption in the amount of \$10,872.85. All in favor: 3-0
9. Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Todd Brown to set the date of June 26, 2021 for a Special Town Hall Meeting at 9:00 A.M. All in Favor: 3-0

Reports

10. Fire Department – Chief Crocker submitted a written report. Chief reported Engine 3 is repaired.
11. Public Works Department - Road Commissioner Hewins reported on the condition of the roads, equipment repairs, including issues with the grader the past two weeks.
12. Committee Reports – no reports
11. Selectmen’s Items – no report
12. Town Manager’s Items – Manager Fisher provided the Selectmen with a Release Deed for Mr. Berry who is selling a part of his property and in the Title search revealed that the town had not released liens on taxes that were paid in the early 2000’s. The Release Deed removes the liens. Manager Fisher reviewed the financials and confirmed those taxes were paid in full several years ago and the Deed accurately reflects the Town’s position as well as the position of the property owner. Manager Fisher requested a motion on the matter. Motion by Peter Denbow to accept and sign the Release Deed, seconded by Hiram Weymouth; All in Favor: 3-0

The Treasurer’s Report was submitted and the Summary is attached. Manager Fisher reported an 4/30/21 General Ledger Balance of \$756,177.44 compared to 4/30/20 General Ledger Balance of \$ 686,839.85, an improvement of \$69,337.59 over the previous year. Manager Fisher reported Operational Revenues of \$337,167,68, received \$62,137.76, and Excise taxes in the amount \$151,331,11. Our administration is at 31% of budget, our road dept is at 17% of budget, our fire protection is at 18% of budget. All other departments are under budget and consistent with our expectations.

Todd Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor: 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher
Manager
Town of St Albans

Todd Brown, Chairman

Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chairman

Peter Denbow, Selectman

Date:_____