

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 24, 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 6:00 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, May 10, 2021. All in Favor, 3-0

Bid Openings

Bids were opened for the Tax Acquired property located at 21 Pine Grove Dr. as follows: Dugan \$9,990.00; Godfrey/Hood \$1617.75; Williams \$2,999.98; Salisbury \$19,501.00; Walsh \$21,750; Kennedy \$2,603; Conway \$3,200.00; Ramsdell Jr. \$6,500.00 Kirk \$8,510; Nichols \$4,250; Harville \$5,400.00; Snowman, \$4257; Sprague \$5,000; Babak \$8,001; Happy Property \$3,801.99

Motion by Peter Denbow, second by Hiram Weymouth to award the bid to Christina Walsh for \$21,750. For \$4,000. Motion passed 3-0

Bids were opened for 2006 Polaris Ranger as follows: Salsburg \$2,200; Chapdelaine \$1,152; McNichols \$2,762.69; \$2,509.99 Goodwin \$2,509,99; Erving \$4,000; Hutchins \$1,800; Macchi \$1652; Snowman \$2,818.11; Burill \$2,525; Peters \$2,000.

Motion by Peter Denbow, second by Hiram Weymouth to award the bid to Dwight Irving for \$4,000. All in Favor 3-0.

Bids for paving pond road were reviewed as follows:

a. NE Paving	\$135,793.75	1071 tons 2" 19m \$82.25 per ton 536 tons 1" 9.5m \$89.00 per ton
b. Wallman Paving	\$116,982.0	1072 tons 2" 19m. 71.00 per ton 536 tons 1" 9.5m 76.25 per ton
c. B & B Paving	\$116,773.50	1092 tons 2" 19m 70.50 per ton 546 tons 1" 9.5m 73.00 per ton
d. Hopkins	\$122,464	1100 tons 2" 19m 78.30 per ton 540 tons 1" 9.5m 76.35 per ton

e. Roundy Paving	\$107,590	1060 tons 2" 19m 66.25 per ton 530 tons 1" 9.5m 70.50 per ton
f. Pike Industries	\$109,076	1072 tons 2" 19m 67.00 per ton 536 tons 1" 9.5m 69.50 per ton
g. Streets Paving	\$131,795	no bonding – dis-qualified

Motion by Hiram Weymouth to award the bid to Roundy Paving. Motion dies for lack of a second.
 Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Todd Brown to award the bid to Pike Industries. Vote: 2-0-1
 Hiram Weymouth abstained.

Old Business

Webb Bridge Road Bridge – Site Meeting with Maine DOT

Manager Fisher reported that he met with Maine DOT officials at the bridge on Webb Ridge. They looked at the bridge, the sharp bend in the road and the intersection in Palmyra. From our conversations during the inspection, it was clear that, once they crunched the numbers, they would be willing to pave the road, and a turn-around at the bridge, and even add a turning lane at the intersection instead of replacing the bridge, which they estimated onsite to cost 750,000 dollars. It was also suggested that the town refrain from applying for Federal grants as that could have a negative impact on their own budget.

There was a general agreement among the Selectmen that the preference for the town was a new bridge.

School Budget

Manager Fisher provided copies for the new proposed budget, explained that he attended a meeting with the school district on the budget. Since the school bases their budget on valuation of real estate and the town of St Albans reassesses 25% of their town every year, our valuation increases and so does our taxes. There was a general discussion on taxes.

New Business

Review/Approve Warrant for June 26th Citizens Meeting.

Manager Fisher provided a DRAFT Town Warrant for Selectmen consideration.

The Selectmen signed the RSU and Municipal warrants.

Hartland Road Complaint

Manager Fisher provided copies of photographs of cars and junk on a property on Hartland Rd. Bonnie Lawrence made a complaint that the Code Official wasn't getting the property cleaned up to her satisfaction. Manager Fisher reported that she did state she was involved in a lawsuit with her neighbors over the junk and the fence she installed. Manager Fisher informed Bonnie that he had the matter on the agenda, but she is not in attendance. There was a short discussion on the matter, but no action was taken.

Reports

Fire Department - Firefighters were in training and did not attend the meeting.

Public Works Department - No report

Committee Reports - No Report

Selectmen's Items – Upcoming ITCC meeting, First Park also has meetings coming up, and Hiram reported that MRC is still monkeying around with the new buyer.

Town Manager Items - No Report

Executive Sessions

Motion by Todd Brown, Seconded by Hiram Weymouth to go into executive session pursuant to Section 405-6-A for personnel matters. All in Favor 3-0. Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to end the executive session and rejoin the meeting. All in favor.

Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to confirm Manager Fisher's appointment of Breanna Goewey to the position of Town Clerk, 32-34 hours per week with benefits, at \$15.50 per hour. All in Favor: 3-0.

Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded Todd Brown to re-enter executive session as per Section 405-6-A for personnel reasons. All in Favor 3-0.

Motion Peter Denbow, Seconded by Todd Brown to end the executive session and adjourn the meeting. All in Favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher
Manager
Town of St Albans

Todd Brown, Chairman

Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chairman

Peter Denbow, Selectman

Date: June 14, 2021