

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022 6:00 P.M.

Present: Todd Brown, Chair

Hiram Weymouth, Selectman Tammy Crocker, Vice Chair Richard Fisher, Town Manager Jeff Aubin, Road Commissioner Jamie Crocker, Fire Chief

Todd Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

Mrs. Kathryn Reed of Old Wing Road was present to discuss her opinion on the condition of Rand Hill Road and her concern that someone will get injured there. She threatened to file a complaint (in accordance with the State Statute she had researched) with Somerset County accusing the Town of St Albans with neglect of their duties to provide safe roads for their citizens. The Road Commissioner reminded her that after she called him recently about Rand Hill Road he performed road maintenance within 2 days on Rand Hill Road. She agreed the town responded but the road conditions deteriorated again a few days after that. Mrs. Reed insisted that Manager Fisher provide to her the long-term road improvement plan at that moment in the meeting that will eliminate the poor road conditions during Maine Mud Season. Mr. Fisher stated he could prepare a plan of that magnitude but reminded those present that the Town can not afford to rebuild every dirt road, the costs are prohibitive, even more so if the plan is to pave those roads as well.

Bonnie Lawrence of was present and joined the public forum as she questioned the capability of the Road Department to properly grade dirt roads. Mrs. Lawrence stated that her husband is an expert on road grading. Manager Fisher replied that he had been in contact with both Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Steadman (also considered by many as an expert at road grading) and while both have agreed verbally, neither one has shown up yet and given up their time. Mrs. Lawrence replied that her husband would not help due to a personal matter between him and one of our road crew members. Manager Fisher recalled that was a personnel matter from last year that was handled internally to everyone's satisfaction.

Discussion continued for another ten minutes on roads, road conditions, and the Town's response.

Approve Minutes for March 14 2022

Motion by Todd Brown to approve the minutes from March 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Chairman Brown called for the vote and the motion passed by a 3-0 margin.

Pond Road Repairs

Manager Fisher and Road Commissioner Aubin discussed with the Board the road conditions on the half mile section after where the paved section ends. The town was provided an easement from the property owners on that section of road. Manager Fisher notified the Board that our attorney had written back and the legalities of the easement are still unresolved. That more information on that would be coming in the next few weeks. Manager Fisher stated he has received quotes for repairs to Pond Road from one contractor, but that he is also obtaining quotes from other contractors.

Appeals Board

Motion by Hiram Weymouth to re-appoint the following persons to the Town of St Albans Appeals Board: David Bubar, Jane Denbow, Joseph Madigan, Thomas Roach, and David Weymouth. The motioned was seconded by Todd Brown, who called for the vote. The motion passed by a 3-1 margin,

Cemetery Recording Fee

Manager Fisher informed the Board that the Cemetery Committee would be proposing a fee scheduled change to add the cost of recording the deeds we issue so that a record of those deeds are never misplaced or lost.

Tax Acquired Properties

Manager Fisher notified the Board that there are three properties that have been tax acquired by the Town of St Albans for failure to pay their 2019 property taxes and those properties are:

- 1. Butler, Paul, 79 Camp Road, Map 014 Lot 023
 Total Taxes and Penalties: \$1,428,23 Total Acreage: 8.9 Acres
- 2. Butler, Eva and Heirs, and or Assigns, 664 Todds Corner Rd., Map 014 Lot 028 Total Taxes and Penalties: \$3,025.39 Total Acreage: 1.01 acres
- 3. Gillen, John T. Jr., Kathleen-Mae Corinna Rd, Map 08 Lot 019 Total Taxes and Penalties: \$1,061.60 Total Acreage: 5.5 Acres

Motion by Todd Brown, Seconded by Hiram Weymouth to allow a 60 day period for the current property owners, their Heirs and or Assigns to pay current all taxes owed, plus penalties. If at the end of the sixty days, the taxes for all three years have not been paid, then the town will auction the properties as per statute. Chairman Brown called for the vote and the motion passed by a 3-0 margin.

Treasurer's Report

Manager Fisher will have a written report to the board by their next meeting. The training of our new bookkeeper continues and she is making great progress.

Fire Department

Report is attached. Their new gear is now arriving.

Public Works Department Report

Jeff Aubin reported they are doing all they can to keep all dirt roads passable in the Spring Mud. All trucks are operational except the GMC which is being repaired.

Town Manager Report

Manager Fisher recommended the Board appoint the following citizens to fill vacancies:

Mark Blanchard, 18 Luckman Road, to Lake Committee. Mark has agreed to conduct the lake testing. Mr. Blanchard was present at the meeting and introduced himself.

Andy Kreutzer, 46 Lakeside Drive to Planning Board. Mr. Kreutzer is a retired Professor of Sports Management at Ohio University.

Motion by Todd Brown to appoint Mark Blanchard to Lake Committee and Andy Kreutzer to the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Chairman Brown called for the vote and the motion passed by a 3-0 margin.

Adjournment

Todd Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher

Town Manager		
Todd Brown, Chairman	Tammy Crocker, Vice Chair	Hiram Weymouth, Selectman
Date Approved:		

ST. ALBANS FIRE DEPARTMENT

SELECTMENS MEETINGS

1. Fire Responses since last meeting

In Town 2 medical CAILS 1- Crash Mutual Aid) Stucture Fire CortINA Palmyra 1 CIAGN

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2. Apparatus Status

In Service IN Service having service done to All Tinks

Out of Service

Repairs

3. Personnel Issues

Applications | Aps out Gearlssues 11 Sets Oldered

4. Information requested by Selectmen

Signature:

Date: 3-29. 22