

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Roster: Todd Brown, Chairman - ABSENT
Peter Denbow, Selectman
Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chairman
Richard Fisher, Town Manager
Jamie Crocker, Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order by Vice- Chairman Hiram Weymouth at 6:00 a.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Motion by Peter Denbow, Seconded by Hiram Weymouth to approve and sign the minutes of the Regular Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, June 14, 2021. All in favor Vote: 2-0

New Business

VALIC – Adoption Agreement –AIG Plan Changes- Manager Fisher advised the Board that AIG has sent additional paperwork for review and approval, Amendment 001. Manager Fisher will review the document for consistency with our current plan.

Review of Fuel Oil bid package – The Board review the package, Motion by Hiram Weymouth, seconded by Peter Denbow to approve the bid package for advertising. All in Favor 2-0

Open and Award bids for summer gravel- Manager Fisher reported there was only one bidder for the gravel. Seth Snowman from Snowman Construction submitted the following bid:

¾" Crushed Surface gravel or ledge bid:	Loaded \$12.50 per cubic yd.
Crushed Ledge Dust Bid	Loaded \$11.25 per cubic yd.
Hourly Truck Rate Bid: \$80.00	Truck Size: 18 yds (tri-axle)
Hourly Truck Rate Bid: \$70.00	Truck Size: 14 yds (single- axle)

Both Peter Denbow and Hiram Weymouth expressed concern on the lack of bidders . Peter Denbow asked Manager Fisher to compare to last year's prices. Manager Fisher reported that In 2020, Snowman was also the only bidder and charged \$12.00 for ¾" crushed gravel and \$12.00 per cubic yd. Hourly truck rate was \$65.00 and \$75.00 per hour respectively.

Motion by Peter Denbow to award the bid for gravel to Snowman's Construction. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Vote: 3-0 All in Favor.

Old Business

Maine DOT Proposal for Webb Ridge Road Bridge – Manager Fisher reported that he met with Maine DOT's Chief Engineer Joyce Taylor and Maine DOT Rep Haley Jaramillo on Thursday, June 24th at the town office. Ms. Taylor proposed the following project proposal:

1. An 80/20 cost split with Maine DOT at the 80% mark
2. Project would be designed by an engineer of the Town's choosing but those costs would be shared
3. Maine DOT would review and approve the design
4. The Town would oversee the bidding and construction of the bridge

5. Bridge must meet desired load ratings and not be fracture or scour critical
6. Maine DOT would reimburse Town for 80% of costs – no cap on numbers
7. Municipality ownership of bridge after project completion
8. Town responsible for all maintenance moving forward
9. Road paving alternative is not cost effective and is not being proposed as an alternative

There was a discussion on this being a good starting point, but the consensus was this is unrealistic to expect the town to bear the full cost of the bridge and then wait for reimbursement from the State. There is also consensus that it isn't cost effective to build two bridges. Manager Fisher stated he asked Ms. Taylor if Maine DOT had ever approved parts from the temporary bridge being used in a permanent bridge. She replied not to her knowledge. The implication is that Maine DOT will not financially support building two bridges, The Board requested Manager Fisher continue negotiations with Maine DOT.

Fire Department Standard Administrative Regulations – new changes- There was a discussion on the need to have an Editor review this document due to the number of incomplete sentences and grammatical errors. Manager Fisher had a few questions about the changes. Chief Crocker explained to Manager Fisher and the Board the changes that are proposed. Manager Fisher agreed to review the entire document before moving on to an editor.

Winter Road Closure- Manager Fisher notified the Board that the law has changed and he will have to review the new law to see if it conflicts with the current law. The new law takes effect October 1, 2021.

Reports

Fire Department

Chief Crocker reported 2 calls – 1 false alarm and one car accident with a personal injury. The air compressor is fixed, jaws of life serviced for the first time in 10 years- should be serviced on a yearly basis. The Fire Department had outside lighting installed and other much needed electrical work. They have an application again for a firefighter position. Their current roster is at 34 firefighters. Chief reported that Dennis Smith Memorial service went very well.

Committee Reports - Manager Fisher advised the Board that the Lake Committee will meet next week.

Selectmen's Items – Manager Fisher reported he received First Park information from Todd Brown. There was a short discussion on First Park.

Manager's Items - Manager Fisher informed the board the CD's rolled over for another 5 months at 0.25% each.
Manager Fisher notified the Board the Governor signed a new bill into law that reduces the copy fee for Right to Know requests to 10 cents per copy.

Peter Denbow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 720 pm. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth All in Favor. 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard D. Fisher
Manager, Town of St Albans

Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chairman

Peter Denbow, Selectman

Todd Brown, Chairman