



Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Present: Todd Brown
Hiram Weymouth
Tammy Crocker
Richard Fisher
Jeff Aubin
Jamie Crocker
Robin Steinwand
Travis Stewart
Joyce Weymouth

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

Appoint Chair

Todd Brown nominated Tammy Crocker for Chair, seconded by Hiram Weymouth.
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There being no further motions, nominations were closed.

Todd Brown called for the vote on Tammy Crocker. Brown: Yes Weymouth: No
Crocker: No The motion failed by a 2-1 vote.

Todd Brown called for the vote on Todd Brown. Brown: No. Weymouth: Yes.
Crocker: Yes. The Motion carried by a 2-1 vote

Appoint Vice-Chair

Hiram Weymouth nominated Tammy Crocker for Vice Chair, seconded by Todd Brown.
Tammy Crocker nominated Hiram Weymouth for Vice Chair, seconded by Todd Brown.
There being no further motions, the nominations were closed.

Todd Brown called for the vote on Hiram Weymouth. Brown: No. Weymouth: No. Crocker: Yes
The motion failed by a 2-1 vote.

Todd Brown called for the vote on Tammy Crocker for Vice Chair. Brown: Yes Weymouth: Yes
Crocker: No. The motion carried by a 2-1 vote.

Todd Brown is Chairperson and Tammy Crocker is Vice-Chairperson.

Minutes

Motion by Todd Brown to approve the minutes for January 24, 2022, February 1, 2022, February 14, 2022, February 22, 2022, and February 28, 2022. Motioned seconded by Tammy Crocker. Vote 3-0, All in Favor.

Appointments

Grant Advisory Committee

Todd Brown made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Grant Advisory Committee: Representing Private Citizens: Robin Steinwand, Susan Bowman; Representing the Fire Department: Paul Doughty; Representing the Town of St. Albans: Richard Fisher, Manager and Tammy Crocker, Selectperson.

Motion was seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Vote: 3-0 All in favor.

Cemetery Representative First Park Irving Tanning Community Center Mid-Maine Solid Waste Association Planning Board St. Albans Lake Committee

Todd Brown motioned to appointed Select Board representatives to the following positions:

Cemetery Committee: Hiram Weymouth

First Park: Todd Brown

Irving Tanning Community Center: Tammy Crocker

Mid-Maine Sold Waste: Hiram Weymouth

Planning Board: Todd Brown

Lake Committee: Hiram Weymouth

Motion seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Vote: 3-0 All in Favor.

Sexton Contract

Travis Stewart, Sexton, was present and there was a general discussion on his fees. Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to agree to the following contract:

\$15,000 per year for Cemetery Maintenance

\$25.00 per hour per man (maximum three men)

Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Vote: 3-0 All in Favor.

Fish Bridge Update

Manager Fisher informed the Board that the agreement is currently under review by our attorney. There was a discussion on the Non-Appropriation Clause which states:

The Municipality acknowledges and agrees that if funds programmed for this project are de-appropriated, or if MaineDOT does not receive the legal authority to spend money otherwise programmed for this project, MaineDOT shall be released from its obligations to make payment under this agreement.

The consensus of the Board was that, while this may be a legal requirement for MaineDOT to protect their financial integrity, this is their bridge not our bridge and they already told us they didn't have the funding to repair the bridge in the current 5-year budget horizon. With this clause in place, it will not be possible to recommend our citizens approve this agreement.

Manager Fisher advised the Board that another clause states that any costs incurred prior to the signing of the agreement is not reimbursable under the agreement. Under 3.b.ii LOCAL RESPONSIBILITIES, the agreement states that the municipality will be responsible for the following:

A. Costs incurred before the effective date of this agreement

He explained that this clause prevents him from spending town funds on an engineered design in order to provide a realistic cost estimate for the project prior to placing the agreement before the voters for their consideration.

Roadside Mowing Discussion

Manager Fisher and Road Commissioner Jeff Aubin suggested that a tractor is available for \$5,000.00 and with an additional cutting implement (\$800.00) they could use it to cut the brush alongside the roadways. With the retirement of Drew from Aggressive Cuts, who provided the service at a very low price, where other bidders were closer to the purchase price. After a long discussion on the subject, it was the consensus of the Board not to purchase the tractor but rather bid out the work, as originally decided.

Fire Department Report

Chief reported there were two ambulance assist calls, saved a lady's life with CPR and Chief Crocker stated he was proud of his men for their effort to save her. There was one car accident and one structure fire in Palmyra. All the trucks are operational, they replaced an air dryer on truck no. 3. and are servicing all the trucks this week. Next Monday, the gear representative will be here to measure for the gear. Working on the AED stuff. Hiram Weymouth asked how many we have. Chief Crocker replied that we have one AED unit but we should have three units, two have disappeared.

There was a discussion on the inventory list and there was some confusion as there was more than one person talking at once. Chief Crocker explained that the fire department has a complete inventory of their equipment and Manager Fisher explained that our Risk Management division of our Insurance company requires that we provide a full inventory list every year- our auditor also requires full inventory.

Chief Crocker stated that all equipment is registered by their serial numbers.

Public Works

Jeff Aubin reported that we made it through another storm, all trucks running except GMC, dirt roads are getting very soft and are posted for weight limits.

Selectmen's Items

Manager Fisher and the Board members discussed MRC's proposed purchase of the Hampden facility for 1.5 million dollars and in particular the Board's opposition to such a plan.

Manager's Report

Manager Fisher informed the Board that he has applied for a Speed Trailer through the Maine Local Roads Center in Augusta, ME. He expects the trailer to be placed on Hartland Road.

Also in the Select Board packet was the 2022-2023 budget meeting notice for First Park. The estimated assessment for St. Albans for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is \$10,012.00. The Notice was posted on March 10, 2022 and the meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2022.

Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m. Todd Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session as per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) to discuss personnel. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Vote 3-0 All in favor

At 7:24 p.m. Todd Brown made a motion to end the executive session and reconvene the meeting. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Vote 3-0 All in favor.

Adjournment

At 7:25 p.m. Todd Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher
Town Manager

Todd Brown, Chair

Tammy Crocker, Vice

Hiram Weymouth, Selectman

Date Approved: _____