



MINUTES
Town of St. Albans
Regular Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021

Chairman Todd Brown convened meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Todd Brown, Chairman; Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chairman; Peter Denbow, Selectman; Richard Fisher, Town Manager; Jamie Crocker, Fire Chief, Tammy Crocker, Residents of Dudley Brook Road

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Title 23, MRSA 2953(2) PUBLIC HEARING: Winter Road Closures.

Todd Brown opened the Hearing. There was a short discussion with residents who expressed concern that their road, Dudley Brook Road would not be plowed. The Selectmen and Manager Fisher assured the residents that plowing on their road will not change from previous years.

Motion by Peter Denbow to close the Hearing Seconded by Todd Brown. All in Favor 3-0

Motion by Hiram Weymouth to close Nelson Road, from 87 Nelson Road to Dixie Road, gravel 0.50 miles, closure for winter maintenance only for the next 4 years. Seconded by Todd Brown All in favor 3-0

Motion by Hiram Weymouth to close Dixie Road, gravel section 1.00 miles, closure for winter maintenance only for the next 4 years Seconded by Todd Brown All in favor 3-0

Motion by Hiram Weymouth to close Devil's Head Road, gravel section 2.50 miles from Bigelow Road to Bryant Road intersection, closure for winter maintenance only for the next 4 years. Seconded by Todd Brown All in favor 3-0

Motion by Hiram Weymouth to close Dudley Brook Road, from 133 Dudley Brook Road to the Town Line, closure for winter maintenance only for the next 4 years. Seconded by Todd Brown. All in favor 3-0

Motion by Hiram Weymouth to close Finson Road, from 207 Finson Road to 408 Finson Road, closure for winter maintenance only for the next 4 years. Seconded by Todd Brown All in favor 3-0

Motion by Hiram Weymouth to close Nate Richards Road, from 117 Nate Richards Road to 212 Nate Richards Road, closure for winter maintenance only for the next 4 years. Seconded by Todd Brown All in favor 3-0

Approve and sign the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of Monday, August 23, 2021.

Motion by Todd Brown to approve the minutes for August 23, 2021 as written, seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in favor 3-0



New Business

Assessor Contract

There was a short discussion on the contract. Manager Fisher informed the Board that the quarterly has been completed and the commitment was successfully completed, that this would be the opportune time to request proposals for the position. Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Todd Brown to advertise the position. All in favor 3-0

Dixie Road Closure Request

After a short discussion, motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth, to advertise the Assessor position. All in favor 3-0

2021 Abatement Requests

Amanda Maddocks Map/Lot 3/22ON Amount: \$16.75

Structure only account- trailer destroyed- no value- account to be removed.

Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Todd Brown to approve the abatement request. Vote: 3-0

Charles Gallison Map/Lot 14-25-14 Amount \$113.90

Structure only account, Trailer destroyed- no value

Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to approve the abatement request. Vote: 3-0

Supplemental Requests

Errick and Kristina Johnson Map/Lot 17/19A Amount: \$301.50

Reason for Supplemental: Land Not Assessed

Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to approve the supplemental. Vote: 3-0

Linwood Vicnaire Map/Lot 7/1 ACC #1712 Amount: \$1167.96

Farmland Penalty

After a short discussion, Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to approve the supplemental request. Vote: 3-0

Pat Roberts , Ripley Road, Tax Acquired in 2019- still on Tax Roles as owned by Patricia Roberts (now Deceased) Total Tax to be Abated: \$2,464,23 Map/Lot 027/034 Account No. 1916

Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to abate the taxes and to write a new deed and record the deed on the name of Town of St Albans. All in favor 3-0.



Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was provided to the Selectmen. Manager Fisher informed the Board that with the departure of Cathy Martin, the administration reviewed how payroll, AP, and Check Reconciliation were being prepared, which was mostly through Excel spreadsheets. Manager Fisher provided the Board with samples of how the Check Reconciliation will look from using the TRIO software the town has available for use that was previously used infrequently.

ARPA Funding Update

Manager Fisher reported that the State of Maine has created a portal for the towns to use to request funding and that the official grant number is now \$207,000 over a two year period.

TRIO Web Update

Manager Fisher reported that the town should go live on Trio web on October 6th

Reports

Fire Department

Chief Crocker reported that in the previous month, 11 calls were made, 6 car crashes, 2 medical, 1 ATV crash, 1 bailer fire, and 1 storm damage. Chief Crocker reported that Canaan Fire Dept. donated a fill station to our fire department that is in excellent condition. It may require a new compressor. The department approved another member bringing the active membership up to 36.

The rest of the report is in writing and was presented to the Board for review.

Public Works Department

Manager Fisher reported on road conditions, most gravel roads have been graded. We have two trucks in the shop in preparation for the winter season. The Road Department was recommended that the Ford L-8000 be sold by sealed bid. Sand and salt is being delivered next week.

Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Todd Brown to place the Ford for sale by sealed bid only. All in Favor 3-0

Selectmen Report

Manager Fisher was asked to attend the MMSWA meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 4 pm at the Dexter Council chambers.

Manager's Report

Manager Fisher reported he met with the owners on the half mile stretch of Pond Road. Manager Fisher said that he had requested permission to grade the roadway and there was no objection.

Manager Fisher corresponded with MaineDot and there appears to be no hurry on their part.



Manager Fisher reported to the Board that the he has three of the five persons needed for the Recreation Board. Chief Crocker reminded the Manager that he and his wife Tammy both wanted to be on the Recreation Board.

Motion by Peter Denbow, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to appoint the following persons to the Recreation Board: Jason Ramsdell, Gregory Morse, Jamie Cooper, Jamie Crocker, Tammy Crocker . All in Favor 3-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 P.M. in accordance with 1.M.R.S.A. Sec.405(6)(A), Todd Brown made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss personnel. Seconded by Peter Denbow. All in Favor 3-0.

At 8:07 P.M. Todd Brown made a motion to end the executive session and continue the meeting. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor 3-0.

Peter Denbow made a motion to approve pay increases for Jamie Crocker, Breanna Goewey, and Jeff Aubin as per the recommendation of Manager Fisher and to name Manager Fisher as Temporary Public Works Director for the next 2-3 months, at which point he will make a recommendation to the Board on his choice for Road Commissioner. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in favor 3-0.

Motion by Todd Brown to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in favor 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p..m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher
Manager
Town of St. Albans

Todd Brown, Chairman

Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chair

Peter Denbow, Selectman

Date: September 27, 2021