

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

Roster: Todd Brown, Vice Chairman
Peter Denbow, Selectman
Hiram Weymouth, Chairman
Richard Fisher, Town Manager
Gregory Crump, Town Clerk

Chairman Weymouth called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public Forum –No Participants

Todd Brown made a motion to go into Executive Session as Per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) for Personnel. Seconded by Peter Denbow Vote: 3-0 The board went into executive session at 6:10 pm

Peter Denbow made a motion to return from Executive Session, seconded by Todd Brown. Vote: 3-0 The regular meeting continued at 6A;45 PM.

New Business

1. Approve Minutes for January 25, 2021 and February 8, 2021 Todd Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for January 25, 2021 and February 8, 2021. Seconded by Peter Denbow. Vote: 3-0 All in Favor
2. Pond Road – Property Owners Initiative Group - Manager Fisher presented their proposal for the town to take over ½ mile of Pond Road beginning where Town jurisdiction stops and would extend to Stagecoach Rd. The reason the whole length of road is not proposed is due to 6-7 property owners along that stretch refusing to sign the release. It was generally agreed that this would have to be approved by the citizens. Since the Town Warrant is already approved. Manager Fisher stated it was his understanding that the group would like a special citizens meeting rather than wait another year. Peter Denbow made a motion to have a straw poll at the March 6th meeting. Have it ready for March 5th election, to be tabulated on March 6th. Seconded by Todd Brown. Vote: 3-0 All in Favor
3. Heidi Hutchins – Lakeview Drive. Heidi would like to turn her private driveway which serves one dwelling unit off Town Landing Road. There was general discussion. Jason Emery spoke in opposition to the idea, citing the problem of emergency responders having to memorize every street name that is really a driveway, It was agreed that Heidi can name her driveway at her own expense, but the town would not sanction it as an official lane or road.
4. Webb Ridge Rd – Manager Fisher provided an update on the email exchanges between MaineDOT, Seth Snowman, and Eric Calderwood, PE. – the project is at MaineDOT’s Legal Department and they cannot provide a timeline for completing their review.

Road Commissioner Report

Manager Fisher reported for Brady Snowman who was on the road plowing snow. The GMC has been burning antifreeze. This means either a cracked head or a head gasket. It appears to be a head gasket. The cost of repair range is between \$4500-\$7,000 which is more than the vehicle is worth.

Fire Department Report

Jamie Crocker reported 2 call-outs and 9 pending applications. Fire engine 3 had a minor problem that has been repaired.

Committee Reports

Lake Committee – Manager Fisher explained that the State’s Town Landing project has been delayed again by the State declining to continue working with the engineer they originally hired And that the plans will have to be done over again, putting the project back at square one. After some discussion, it was determined that we invite the State representative to a Selectmen’s meeting.

Manager Report

Manager Fisher reported that the audit is not yet complete and will not be included in the Annual Report. The Annual report is at the printers and should be available at the end of the week. Manager Fisher reported that the town received a proposed resolution from “Beacon for Sovereignty” that was emailed to the Selectmen for review. The Board asked that Manager Fisher re-send the resolution to them. The letter to Palmyra concerning fire costs has been prepared for their review.

At 7:20 p.m. Todd Brown made a motion to go back into executive session as per 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) to discuss the Fire Chief position. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. Vote: 3-0 All in Favor

At 7:40 p.m. Todd Brown made a motion to end the executive session and reconvene the regular meeting.

Peter Denbow made a motion to appoint Jamie Crocker as Fire Chief for the Town of St. Albans. Seconded by Todd Brown. Vote 3-0 All in Favor.

Peter Denbow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Todd Brown. Vote 3-0 All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher
Manager

Hiram Weymouth, Chairman

Todd Brown, Vice – Chairman

Peter Denbow, Selectman

Date: _____