

**MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF ST. ALBANS  
REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

Roster:        Todd Brown, Chairman  
                 Peter Denbow, Selectman - absent  
                 Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chairman  
                 Richard Fisher, Town Manager

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman Brown asked if there was public comment. Seth Snowman requested to speak.

Mr. Snowman expressed his concern with the slow progress on the replacement of the Fish bridge on Web Ridge Road. Seth stated that he received a call from the Maine State Police, MDOT division that they rec'd a complaint and will be increasing enforcement on the weight limit. He stated that he has spoken to the State Rep. who believes that MDOT is using the proposed 80/20 agreement as a stall tactic. He wants the town to start making noise about the lack of movement or to move towards building a temporary bridge. In his view, the only reason the temporary bridge has not been built was because the 80/20 deal was more attractive.

Manager Fisher responded that he had a conversation with Tim Soucie of MDOT a few weeks earlier about the complaint they received that overweight trucks were crossing the Fish Bridge and that the complaint was being referred to the Maine State Police. At that time, he asked Mr. Soucie about the permanent bridge, asking for a response on a timeline for the agreement. Mr. Soucie said he would find out and get back to Manager Fisher. Manager Fisher also stated he received an invoice from our attorney for reading his memo on the bridge. He informed the Board that he would make some phone calls on Tuesday and try to get some answers from MDOT.

Minutes

Motion by Todd Brown to approve and sign the minutes of the Special Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, October 18, 2021. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor. 2-0

New Business

Open Truck Bids – 1995 Ford Single Axle

There were two truck bids. Bid No. 1 from David Michaud for \$1,010 with a cash deposit of \$101.00 representing 10% of the bid. Bid No. 2 from John E. Osgood for \$3,750.00 with a cashiers check for \$375.00 representing 10% of the bid. There were no other bids. Mr. Michaud was present at the meeting. After a short discussion, Motion by Todd Brown to reject all bids and to advertise the truck on municibid.com with a \$5,000 minimum. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor 2-0.

Review and Approve Municipal Tax Return

The Selectmen reviewed the return and agreed to sign the document after the conclusion of the meeting.

Department Of Environmental Protection Notice

Manager Fisher and the Board discussed the Investigation DEP into Presence of PFAS at the old dump behind the Salt Shed. Manager Fisher shared his concerns, as did Seth Snowman that the Notice of Investigation is based upon a new law where DEP took an advisory level from EPA of 70 parts per trillion in drinking water and Maine passed legislation that set a standard of 20 parts per trillion.

Manager Fisher stated that most chemicals and bacteria are tested in parts per million. This is the only group of chemicals that have parts per trillion (PPT) as a standard, which is stricter at 20 PPT than the advisory from EPA. He also questioned why St. Albans is identified as a Tier 1 community and why we weren't notified earlier of this fact. There was a short discussion on this with guidance provided by Joyce Weymouth on the definition of Tier 1 having to do with the value of the real estate.

The second concern raised is the third paragraph that states, "As part of our investigation of PFAS within your community, the DEP will request permission to sample soils from the owners of the sites where sludge and and/or septage were land applied." There was a short discussion on this statement and the consensus was for the Manager to request copies of the test results and to educate ourselves and the community on DEP's investigation, the new public law that authorizes standards where EPA only has advisory levels, and to determine which other communities are Tier 1 communities and how they are responding to investigations, etc.

Old Business

Manager Fisher informed the Board the Treasurer Report will be available by Friday.

Reports

1. Fire Department - Chief Crocker filed a written report.
2. Public Works Department - Jeff Aubin reported that 3 trucks are ready for plowing and sanding. One truck is in the shop but should be back by tomorrow.
3. Committee Reports – Manager Fisher reported receiving a bid of \$3,500 to remove the Pine Tree At Maloon Cemetery. He will obtain 2 more bids.
4. Selectmen's Items - none
5. Town Manager - There was a short discussion on the accounting software.

Motion by Todd Brown to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor. 2-0

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Fisher, Manager

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Todd Brown, Chairman

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Hiram Weymouth, Vice- Chairman

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Peter Denbow, Selectman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_