

**Meeting Minutes
Regular Selectmen's Meeting
Town of St. Albans
January 24, 2022**



Present: Todd Brown, Chairman; Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chairman; Peter Denbow, Selectman, Richard Fisher, Town Manager

Todd Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman Brown asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion by Peter Denbow to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022 with a few minor typographical corrections. Seconded by Todd Brown. All in Favor.

2022 Budget Review

Manager Fisher reported to the Board that he had reached out Pike Industries about the Pond Road shoulder project (proposed) and the estimate of \$18,000 is an accurate estimate, based upon current costs. There was a short discussion on the budget changes.

Town Warrant Review

The Board reviewed the warrant, there was consensus on which articles to remove or amend. There was a discussion about Manager Fisher's proposal to include the purchase of a used loader in the warrant. Manager Fisher explained how the loader would be useful. Seth Snowman, seated in the audience stated that the town can always rent his loader, if there was a need. Peter Denbow did not feel a loader was necessary. The consensus of the Board was to remove the loader from consideration.

There was discussion on truck purchasing timelines, per Manager Fisher's request. He expressed concern that the process used on the last purchase (ordering the truck in year one of the savings program and then paying for the truck when completed in year two) could be viewed as circumventing citizen approval for the purchase as opposed to waiting for citizen approval in March of year two. The Board members agreed that even if it means delaying the purchase an entire year and missing a winter season, and even if the citizens are aware of the proposal, the Select Board would not feel comfortable approving the use of funds from a future budget for the purchase of a truck or other equipment.

Peter Denbow commented that Article 10, Article 11, and Article 12 be shortened to only include the subject to be voted upon. If additional information is necessary, to place that information within parentheses.

Hiram suggested typographical corrections and that Manager Fisher check the numbers, especially Article 44, which has an incorrect total.

Motion by Peter Denbow to table the Warrant pending changes. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor.

The warrant for Municipal election was approved and signed by the Select Board. The Oaths for Town Manager and Fire chief was approved and signed by the Board.

Abatement Request for Lee Gustin Sr. (deceased) #21-05

Request to abate Lee Gustin Sr.'s Taxes on his property at Tax Map 10-07, Account #1946.

Manager Fisher stated that Mr. Gustin Sr. was deceased and his mobile home was removed from the property prior to April 1, 2021 and also prior to April 1, 2020. The amount was \$102.18 for 2021 and \$102.18 for 2020 and the mobile home was removed before that time as well.

Motion by Todd Brown to abate the taxes in the \$102.18 for each year- \$204.36 total. Seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in favor.

Reports

Chief Crocker provided a written report to the Board.

Jeff Aubin provided an update on the road conditions and on the truck conditions.

Manager Fisher provided a Treasurer Report for December 2021.

Manager Fisher updated the Board on the Webb Ridge Road bridge, the PFAS study and testing results for PFAS on the Snowman property and properties on Cemetery Road. No PFAS was found on tested properties.

Manager Fisher stated that he did not require an executive session this evening.

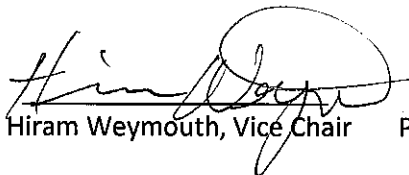
Motion by Peter Denbow to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Todd Brown. All in Favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Fisher



Todd Brown, Chair



Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chair

Peter Denbow, Selectman

Date: 3/14/22