

**TOWN OF ST. ALBANS
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Roster

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

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

General Meeting

Manager Fisher requested the minutes of January 24, 2022 and February 1, 2022 special meeting be tabled. Motion by Todd Brown, Seconded by Hiram Weymouth to table the minutes. All in Favor.

Mr. Fisher reminded the Board that Robert Davids has resigned from the Town's Planning Board. Dylan Thibodeau has requested to be appointed to the Board and has submitted a letter of interest. After a short discussion, motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to appoint Dylan Thibodeau to complete Robert Davids Term on the planning Board. All in Favor,

Manager Fisher informed the Board that Rick Drew, who we have contracted with for several years has retired. Todd Brown motioned for Mr. Fisher to advertise for the position, seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor

Manager Fisher informed the Board that the Sexton's contract had reached its end and that Travis Stewart had informed staff members that he was not planning to return for another year. Motion by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth to authorize Manager Fisher to advertise for a new sexton. All in Favor.

Confirm Appointment to County Budget Committee. Motion to table by Todd Brown, seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor.

Town Warrant Review

Emillie Lemire, Budget Committee Chair reviewed the Town Warrant and offered the following corrections:

1. Article 2 - Change day to Wednesday
2. Article 4 – Saturday, March 4, 2022
3. Article 13 and/or the or is missing
4. Contract breakdown is missing in latest revision - computer approved by budget from \$16,000 to \$17,500. Manager Fisher stated that the cost had increased since the budget committee met.
5. There were others missing Tasker, \$5,950, and trash was \$800.00. Computer was approved by budget at 1,000, nor \$2,000 as now shown- lowered back to \$1,000. There was agreement on the total of \$32,875 for contracts. There was a general discussion on the computer network.
6. Article 21, budget committee recommended \$82,906 not \$82,806.
7. Public Works, was \$1,500 off, and it was agreed that the \$1,500 is listed but not added into the total.

Ms. Lemire advised on Article 29, the language needs to be clear that the fourth quarter begins, not

begins again.

Manager reported on his changes.

- a. Article 44 the total is \$724,250 not \$ 778,000
- b. Article 37 \$ 25,175 based upon the Sexton in 2021 contract
- c. Insurance costs reduced to 123,371
- d. Corrected run-on sentence in constable return, and other minor changes such as adding a period or a semi-colon.

Todd Brown motioned to table the town warrant, seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in favor

Fire Department Ordinance

Emillie Lemire asked if there could be strikeouts shown where the ordinance was changed. Manager Fisher stated that was done for earlier versions. After a short discussion, Motion by Todd Brown to approve placing the Fire Department Ordinance on the town meeting agenda, seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor.

Reports

Chief Crocker reported 1 structure fire in town, 2 car wrecks, stood standby for Newport. Added a new member.

Jeff Aubin reported that all is well with road department,

Hiram thanked the Road Department for the excellent job they have been doing.

Hiram Weymouth was re-appointed to Budget Committee for the County.

Manager Fisher reported that the treasurer's report will be completed soon, the town has hired a new bookkeeper, Joan Gibson and she is quickly moving forward on the learning curve. Manager Fisher believes that the report will be ready by the end of the month.

Manager Fisher advised on the Broadband grant, and the County's spreadsheet. And that he will attend the MRC presentation along with the other members of MMSWA. Hiram Weymouth requested Manager Fisher to make clear that government should not be in the business of trash removal and disposal.

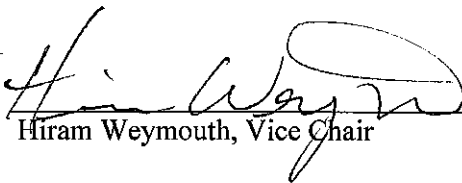
Todd Brown made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Hiram Weymouth. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Fisher



Todd Brown, Chairman



Hiram Weymouth, Vice Chair

Date:

March 14, 2022