

**TOWN ST. ALBANS
MINUTES for
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021
TIME 9:00 AM**

County of Somerset

State of Maine

61 Voters in attendance

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Town Clerk opened meeting and greeted the town people.

Art. 1. To elect a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Town Clerk asked for nominations for Moderator, Doug Spalding made motion to nominate Samantha Fencer for moderator, second by Char-lin Williams. Motion was passed. Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by Paul Doughty for nominations to cease. Motion was passed.

Three paper ballots cast for Samantha Fencer as moderator of said meeting.

Article 1 passed with 3 YES and 0 NO.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer up to eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Fire Hall Capital Reserve Account and purchase of ten (10) new air packs.

Motion made by Doug Spalding to accept Article 2 as written and second by David Crocker. Motion was passed. Motion made by Doug Spalding to have a discussion; second by David Crocker. Motion was passed. Peter Denbow asked Fire Chief, James Crocker to speak about the air packs. James Crocker spoke. Motion made by Jayne Denbow and second by Gregory Crump to cease discussion. Motion was passed. Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by Paul Doughty to have a written ballot on said article. Motion was passed.

Article 2 passed with 49 YES and 2 NO.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the conveyance of an easement in perpetuity from BCW Corporation, and other property owners in common, on a half-mile section of Pond Road, beginning where the town-owned section of road ends and ending at the south side of the intersection of Cliffside Drive and Pond Road.

Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by Paul Doughty to accept Article 3 as written. Motion was passed. Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by Paul Doughty to bring said article to be discussed on the floor. Motion was passed. Town Manager spoke about easement history research. Robert Denbow, Diane Corbon, David Crocker and Robin Steinwand spoke. Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by Peter Denbow to allow non-registered voters to speak on said article. Motion was passed. There were no further comments. Motion made by Doug Spalding and Robert Denbow to cease discussion. Motion was passed. Motion made by Doug Spalding and John Stedman to have a written ballot on said article. Motion was passed.

Article 3 passed with 36 YES and 22 NO.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to negotiate an agreement with Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the purpose of installing a permanent replacement bridge on Webb Ridge Road.

(MDOT has proposed to share the cost of engineering, and to reimburse the Town of St. Albans for eighty percent (80%) of the project's construction costs. Under their proposal, the town would be responsible for one hundred percent of the initial cost of construction, which would require further approval by the citizens for financing of the project, said costs to be determined upon completion of engineered plans. Under the MDOT proposal the town would assume ownership of the new bridge upon its completion.

Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by David Crocker to accept Article 4 as written. Motion was passed. Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by David Crocker to bring the article to be discussed on the floor. Motion was passed. Marion Spalding requested that the Town Manager provide information on the history of the existing bridge. Town Manager provided a timeline on the Town's negotiations with MDOT. Tom Tremblay, David Crocker, Seth Snowman, Phill Russell and Doug Thomas spoke. Motion made by Jayne Denbow and second by Doug Spalding to cease discussion. Motion was passed. Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by Michelle Denbow to have a written ballot on said article. Motion was passed.

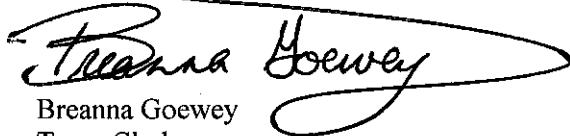
Article 4 passed with 53 YES and 4 NO.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to enact the attached Recreation Ordinance – to authorize the Municipal Officers to create a five-person Recreation Board for the purpose of administering baseball, community events, and sports clinics for the benefit of the citizens and families who reside in of St. Albans and to allow the Town of St Albans to provide insurance for the participants.

Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by Paul Doughty to accept Article 5 as written. Motion was passed. Motion made by Doug Spalding and second by Paul Doughty to go into discussion. Motion was passed. Doug Spalding spoke. Motion made by Doug Thomas and second by Robert Denbow to end discussion. Motion was passed. Motion made by Marion Spalding and second by Robin Steinwand to enact the recreation ordinance. Motion was passed.

The Special Town Meeting Adjourned 10:15am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Breanna Goewey". The signature is written in black ink and is enclosed within a large, horizontal, oval-shaped flourish.

Breanna Goewey
Town Clerk
St. Albans, Maine