

St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting

October 8, 2018 @ 2:00pm

At the St Agatha Town Office

AGENDA

- Article 1: To consider the meeting minutes of September 10, 2018 and September 18, 2018
- Article 2: To consider the general ledger report, revenue report, and expense summaries for period ending 9/30/18
- Article 3: To discuss the Tri-District Strategic Plan with Superintendent Lisa Bernier
- Article 4: To consider letter from resident
- Article 5: To consider donation request
- Article 6: To consider a public hearing date for public hearing
- Article 7: To consider any old business
- Article 8: To consider any other business



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All present at the meeting: Aubrie Michaud, Christy Sirois, Dan Bechard, Beurmond Banville, Lisa Bernier, Robert Guerrette

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 1:58pm

**Constant Agenda**

Article 1: To consider the meeting minutes of September 10, 2018 and September 18, 2018

Motion: Beurmond Banville

Second: Dan Bechard

All in favor

Article 2: To consider the general ledger report, revenue report, and expense summaries for period ending 9/30/2018

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Second: Dan Bechard

All in favor

**New Business**

Article 3: To discuss the Tri-District Strategic Plan with Superintendent Lisa Bernier

Superintendent Lisa Bernier was present to update the board on the Tri District Strategic plan. She went through all eight priorities in the plan to inform the board of what had already been implemented from the plan. So far, the Tri District has hired a curriculum coordinator, implemented a standards-based education currently being used by 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, cost sharing for an alternative education program, 8<sup>th</sup> grade career exploration through the St John Valley Tech Center, the CPR and First Aid certification of every student at the Tech Center, an Early College Program, Job shadowing and internship programs, the shared costs of the EMPOWER and Power School Programs. She also informed the board that as of July 1, 2019 the three districts will share one Superintendent and one central office. She also informed the board that there is a 21-step process for the construction of the new Regional High School and they are currently on step 3 which is site selection.



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**Article 4:** To consider letter from resident

The board read and considered a letter from PJM Properties regarding sewer fees. The letter was a request for the Town to stop assessing sewer fees to 4 lots on the property as there is no one living on 4 of the 6 lots. It was the decision of the board by consensus that if the structures are removed from the property and the lines are capped then the Town would stop assessing sewer fees to those connections. The Town Manager will respond via letter to the property owner.

**Article 5:** To consider donation request

The donation request was from the French Exchange Program between the St John Valley Schools and St. Romuald, Quebec. They will be holding a fund raiser for this event. Last year a donation was made in the form of a 1-month gym membership. By consensus the board agreed to that same donation again this year.

**Article 6:** To consider a date for a public hearing

The public hearing will be the next step in the Pelletier Island secession process. The board decided on November 5 at 6:30pm at the Knights of Columbus hall for the public hearing. The Town Manager will request a copy of the presentation to be discussed at the public hearing from the secession committee for the board to review ahead of time. The board requested to review the Comprehensive Plan from 1997 specifically the portion dealing with Pelletier Rd and the MDOT standards of what defines a public way.

**Old Business**

**Article 7:** The board requested a definite date from Ground Tek as to when they would begin the Main Street Boat Landing retaining wall project.

The board also wished to review the Economic Development Interlocal Agreement for the next board meeting.

**Other Business**

**Article 8:** Fire Chief Robert Guerrette was present to discuss a question in the Mutual Aid Agreement with Frenchville. He discussed that there was a question regarding the "30 day notice" portion of the agreement. He wrote up a quick summary describing that should either department have an issue with the Mutual Aid Agreement the Chiefs would meet with the Town Managers to attempt to resolve the issue. If the issue is left unresolved then a meeting with the board of both Towns would occur. If the issue is still left unresolved then a 30 day written notice would be presented from the department to end the agreement. Should the Mutual Aid Agreement be dissolved a per unit fee



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would be assessed should assistance be needed. A decision on this topic has been tabled till the next board meeting.

Chairperson Sirois requested attendees be added to the minutes.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:01pm

**Signatures of approved minutes:**

*Christy Sirois*  
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*Darryl Bechard*  
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*Beauvais J. Dault*  
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