

Minutes Alford Select Board

November 22, 2021

Present: Select Board Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, TJ Horrigan

VIA Zoom: Peter Puciloski, Jayne Smith

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm

Minutes of November 8, 2021 approved with spelling corrections

BOH update: Smith informed the Board she has applied for a position with So County Public Health Collaborative and she will file the necessary paperwork with the Town Clerk disclosing her employment. She will continue to apply for grants for Alford through the Collaborative.

Alford currently has 1 confirmed case of COVID.

South Egremont School will be closed the week of Thanksgiving due to a confirmed case in the building. The State has approved Booster shots for everyone over the age of 18. She did comment the unvaccinated population has a higher rate of testing positive than the vaccinated population. Henden-Wilson asked Smith if the School is informing her of the positive cases. Smith is being informed however; the Sheffield BOH is taking the lead on this issue since the School is located in their Town. Henden-Wilson also asked Smith why Sandy Hubbard is listed as the lead contact for the School and not the nursing staff.

Highway update: MassDOT will hold a Virtual Design Public Hearing on the Scribner Brook project on December 21st at 6:30pm .

Old Business: EDM- Results are expected December 1, 2021

KP Law- By-Law review- Lauren Goldberg said she would have someone available the first week in December.

MVP Grant: Henden-Wilson does not feel it is a viable option for Alford at this time.

Ketchen stated he does not think the townspeople are aware of the work that is involved with the work. Smith commented some of the assessments and services are already being provided such as Alford's participation in South Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee and the Housatonic Valley Association.

New Business: Cemetery plot transfer: Marty Levine has requested he transfer his 2 plots in the Osborne Cemetery to Jay Weintraub.

Henden-Wilson made the motion to allow Marty Levine to return 2 cemetery plots in the Osborne Cemetery to be purchased by Jay Weintraub at the current rate per plot providing there are not restrictions in the current general by-laws. Puciloski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Other topics: Berkshire Regional Planning Commission survey – Horrigan will complete and submit.

Jay Ortwein would like to see the Cemetery files

Henry Flint will be retiring from the Conservation Commission in the Spring of 2022. The Town need to start looking for a replacement.

Meeting adjourned 6:20 pm

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain

