

## Minutes Alford Select Board

November 14, 2022- Approved

Present: Select Board: Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Peter Puciloski, Jayne Smith, TJ Horrigan and Joan Rogers

Via Zoom: Alice Halsted, Shirley Mueller

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes of October 24, 2022 Approved with spelling corrections

BOH Update: Smith reported Berkshire County is still in Green of Covid exposure.

PFAS testing results from the UMASS/DEP initiative came back and there are 3 wells out of the 5 that were tested that came back with elevated PFAS levels. Smith will reach out to Ma DEP to see what the next steps for remediation are.

303 East Road: Henden-Wilson has recused herself from this discussion since she is an abutter. An abutter filed a complaint with the Select Board there is a camper on the property line that someone is living in. Smith has drafted a letter for approval by the Select Board to do an inspection of the property. Motion by Puciloski to send the letter to the homeowner to schedule and inspection. Seconded by Ketchen. Motion passed 2 yes votes and 1 abstention. Smith has also drafted a permit for "temporary housing" to be kept on file in the BOH office for future use.

Highway Update: Horrigan reported there have been a few thefts in Alford. A street sign on North Egremont Road and a flashing Pylon on East Road. The State Police have been notified and a report filed.

Town Clerk update: Henden-Wilson introduced Jed Toohey from Image Data. Mr. Toohey submitted an estimate to digitalize the Town of Alford's permanent records. Mr. Toohey explained how the process works. The estimate appears to be for another town. Mr. Toohey apologized for the mistake and assured the Board he would get the corrected estimate out by the end of the week. Mr. Toohey will attend a future meeting when the correct estimate is received.

Henden-Wilson noted 70% of registered voters cast ballots in the November 8<sup>th</sup> election.

Alford Historic District Commission: Ms. Halsted reviewed the details of the Holiday Lights slated for December 3<sup>rd</sup>. from 5-6:30. Ms. Mueller asked to use the Town Wi-Fi so they could have background music. Cider and cookies will be served outside in the parking lot. The highway department will put the speed control signs at both ends of town to slow traffic.

The AHDC would like to "tidy up" the District space by moving the playground equipment by the School House to behind the Parsonage. Horrigan noted the current equipment could not simply be moved to a new space. It will need to be replaced with new ADA compliant equipment. Horrigan also noted the septic field for the Parsonage is behind the building so the septic fields will need to be located before a new playground space can be approved and installed. The AHDC stated they would look for grants to cover the cost of the new equipment.

The AHDC would like to have permission to dispose of the old piano in the Town Hall. The AHDC would like to get a newer piano donated that could be used for community events.

Other Business: The 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board would like to hold a community information session on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the morning while the Transfer Station is open.

The Garden Club would like to the use of Town Hall on December 14<sup>th</sup> for the annual potluck holiday luncheon.

There will be not Select Board meeting on December 26, 2022.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted

Roxanne Germain