

Minutes Alford Select Board

October 3, 2022- Approved

Present: Select Board Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Peter Puciloski,
Via Zoom: TJ Horrigan, Jayne Smith, Alice Halsted, Tricia Bevan, and Shirley Meuller

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by acting Chair Peter Puciloski

Minutes of September 12, 2022 approved with spelling changes.

Highway: Horrigan reported the State salt bid is \$74.29/ton and Berkshire County salt bid is \$78/ton. Henden-Wilson made the motion to accept the State salt bid price at \$74.29 per ton. Puciloski seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. Horrigan and Coons will attend a salt calibration class on October 25. Tim Drum will cover the transfer station.

BOH Update: Smith reported Berkshire County is in red due to the rise COVID infections. Smith stated the increase is mostly likely due to the colder weather and folks gathering inside again. Henden-Wilson made a motion to have Town Offices open by appointment only until October 16, 2022. Motion was seconded by Puciloski. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk update: Henden-Wilson would like to install a ballot box down at the parking area for Handicap access. Henden-Wilson continues to get public records requests from the November 2020 Elections. Early voting request postcards are still being delivered to Great Barrington.

Alford Historic District Commission: Alice Halsted asked permission for the Holiday Lights to be lit from December 3 to March 1, 2023. The Commission will serve hot chocolate and desserts at the lighting event. Horrigan informed the Commission the lights on the two maple trees will need to be restrung this year. He requested the AHDC hire a tree company since the trees are too large for the highway department to do safely.

Tricia Bevan asked about planting shrubs to hide the propane tanks at the Town Office building. Horrigan explained the Town does not own the tanks, so if the propane company changes so will the tanks. Henden-Wilson and Puciloski asked for a planting schematic before moving forward.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain