

Minutes Alford Select Board

September 12, 2022- Approved

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

Others Present: Tammy Blackwell, Larry Gadd, Alexandra Glover, Gary Pratt

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes of August 22, 2022 Approved Unanimously

Classification Hearing: Tammy Blackwell, Assessors Clerk, reported to the Select Board the assessments for Real Estate and Personal Property for FY2023. Noting the excess levy capacity is \$392700.65. She asked the board to establish the Tax rate. Puciloski made a motion to establish a single tax rate. Henden-Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Short- Term Rental By-Law: Gadd and Glover presented a draft by the Planning Board for a Short-term rental By-Law. They asked the Select Board for feedback on proposed draft. The Planning Board wants to prevent properties being purchased for the sole purpose of being used as a short-term rental. Questions were raised by the BOH regarding smoke detectors, septic compliance and adequate smoke detectors. Glover will take the suggestion made at this meeting back to the Planning Board to incorporate in a final draft.

Rural Recovery Resources: Gary Pratt, Executive Director, asked permission to place "Smash the Stigma" signs in Alford triangles until September 30th. September is Overdose Awareness month. Henden-Wilson made a motion to allow the signs for 30 days. Puciloski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BOH update: Smith reported she has inspected the Meyer property and everything passed. The sewage is being disposed of properly.

The water testing on the Green River is within normal limits after all the recent rains.

Smith presents a letter regarding well water testing she would like to put on the Town website. Henden-Wilson made a motion to accept the well testing recommendations. Puciloski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Southern Berkshire Health Collaborative will be hosting a Flu and Covid vaccine clinic in Alford on October 11th from 10am to Noon.

Highway: Horrigan reported MassDOT still has Route 71 on their radar. MassDOT has been in conversation with Egremont as well and would like to pave the entire portion of Route 71 at the same time next summer.

Casey starts CDL training on Sept 17th.

Horrigan alerted the Select Board there are a few residents dumping their yard waste on town roadsides. He asked if the Select Board would send a letter asking to stop dumping waste on the roadsides. Ketchen made a motion to send a letter to residents dumping yard waste on town roadsides. Puciloski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Horrigan reported he is still waiting for the West Road Bridge paperwork to be completed.

Special Town Meeting Articles: 3 accounts need supplement funds for FY 2023.

Ketchen made a motion for \$10,400 for Highway to pay for CDL training, \$10,000 for Veteran's Benefits and \$15,000 for the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board. Puciloski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk update: The Primary Election went well. 109 votes were cast. That is roughly 30% of registered voters. Henden-Wilson states she needs a larger pool of folks to work the polls. She will hopefully have the poll pad up and running by the November election. Henden-Wilson has not heard back from Image Data on a cost to start the digitalization of town records.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31pm

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain