

Minutes Alford Select Board

August 8, 2022- Approved

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

Others Present: Cindy Holmes

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

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6:10 pm Ketchen left the meeting.

BOH update: Smith reported Berkshire County is still in green for Covid-19 protocols. The public health nurses are currently being trained for the MonkeyPox virus. Henden-Wilson asked about the water testing for the brooks and streams. Smith will be testing the Green River on August 10th.

Highway: Horrigan reported he will be attend a Zoom meeting with MassDOT August 9th and August 22nd regarding the Route 71 paving. This project is being paid for by MassDOT.

Horrigan reported the fence at the East Road Cemetery is in rough shape but he wants to wait until National Grid has removed the guide wire and taken the tree down before he fixes the fence.

Horrigan reported the new textile boxes have been emptied 2 or 3 times since they were installed.

Horrigan will call Terminix about the snake that was found inside the Town Office building.

Election Constable: Henden-Wilson made a motion to appoint Tim Ortwein as Election Constable for the September 6th primary election. Second by Puciloski. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: George Meyer is still living in the mobile trailer on his property at 11 Rowe Road. The Special Permit was issued in August of 2020 and has expired. Meyer will be notified in writing he needs to attend the next Select Board Meeting. The Board of Health and Building Inspector will also be asked to attend the meeting.

Alford Garden Club: The current president of the Garden Club, Cindy Holmes, informed the Select Board none of the current members are coming forward to fill the positions on the Garden Club Board. Holmes suggested dissolving the Garden Club. Henden-Wilson expressed she would not want to see the Garden Club dissolve. Holmes suggested maybe the Garden Club would remain fallow for a few years and see if anyone comes forward to run it. In the meantime who will maintain the gardens and barrels in Alford? Holmes will report back to the Select Board after the Garden Club meeting in September.

Town Clerk: Henden-Wilson reported absentee ballots are still being delivered to the Town of Great Barrington.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Roxanne Germain