Minutes Alford Select Board

November 28, 2022-Approved 12-12-2022

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

TJ Horrigan and Joan Rogers, Larry Gadd, Alex Glover

Via Zoom: Alice Matt Kollmer Others: Jed Toohey, Image Data

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes of November 14, 2022 approved as written

Image Data/Ebiz: Jed Toohey presented his corrected estimate to digitalize Vital Records. A motion made by Henden-Wilson to accept the Image Data proposal to digitalize Vital Records for \$26,426.88. Puciloski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Smith reported the Southern Berkshire Health Collaborative has hired a second nurse. She will start in January 2023. The public health nurse has been doing vaccine for homebound residents. The Collaborative will be holding a vaccine clinic for 5-11yr olds in the near future.

Smith received a letter from the Berkshire Public Health Alliance confirming the termination of service. Smith has been in touch with the State regarding the PFAS testing and positive findings. She suggests if any residents calls the Select Board office to refer the calls to her.

Smith and TJ Horrigan did an inspection today at 303 East Road regarding the complaint of a mobile home violation. Smith reported there is no one living in the mobile home and there is currently no violation. She will a follow up letter to the homeowner and tenant of her findings and reinforce that mobile homes are not allowed in Alford. Smith and Kollmer will collaborate on the inspection follow up letter.

Highway Update: Horrigan reported he has concerns of the safety of his crew working along the roadsides. Motorists are not slowing down in work zones. Horrigan would like to install dash cameras in all 3-highway vehicles. He will ask the State Police for recommendations for cameras.

Planning Board: Larry Gadd and Alex Glover submitted a proposal approved by the Planning Board at their November 9, 2022 meeting for a Short-Term Rental By-Law. Puciloski made a motion to accept the proposed Short Term Rental By-Law as submitted by the Planning Board and refer it back to the Planning Board for a public hearing. Henden-Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business: Berkshire People's Gym, 274 East Road. A post was seen on social media regarding a gym in Alford. The building inspector, Matt Kollmer, stated the building permit for the property was for a garage to store equipment. Kollmer stated he would not have issued a permit for a gym, as zoning is Alford does not allow such a use. Alex Glover stated a gym is not a by right use in Alford. Kollmer as code enforcement office will issue a cease and desist order on the Gym at 274 East Road.

Old Business: Parsonage- Plans for the interior renovation of the Parsonage have been submitted to the Select Board for review. The Select Board will discuss the plans at the next meeting. Kollmer asked to review the plans.

Other Business: Henden-Wilson brought to the attention of the Select Board her concerns of the unapproved minutes of the Alford Historic District Commission currently posted on the Town of Alford website. A letter will be sent to the AHDC with the Select Board concerns.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19pm

Respectfully submitted Roxanne Germain