

## Minutes Alford Select Board

March 14, 2022

Present: Select Board Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson,  
VIA Zoom: Peter Puciloski, Jayne Smith, TJ Horrigan, Michael Wilcox  
Other present via zoom: Joan Rogers, Tim Ortwein, Wylie Goodman(BRPC)

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 7, 2022 approved as written

BOH update: Smith presented a mask policy for the Town of Alford based on the CDC guidelines.

A motion by Henden-Wilson to accept the presented policy. Puciloski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Smith will upload the policy to the Town website.

Smith reported she has been working with Horrigan to install a permanent sharps container at the transfer station. The Harm Reduction van will be in Alford on March 28<sup>th</sup> and Smith will be on hand to assist.

Smith reported she has included money in the FY2023 budget for water testing of brooks and streams in Alford. This testing will be independent of the testing by the HVA.

Highway: Horrigan has been working with Mass DOT on the West Road bridge repair. The state needs to know when and if West Road was accepted as a public way. If that was not done there will need to be an article on the Town Meeting warrant to do so.

Horrigan asked if Katherine Klein from KP law could remain on the West Road project when the Town changes Town Counsel. Puciloski suggested Horrigan look at the phases of the work to see when an appropriate time to separate service would be.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) On behalf of the BRPC, Wylie Goodman, gave a presentation on the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan (CEDS) for Berkshire County as required by the Federal Government. The BRPC has identified goals for Berkshire County to meet the CED requirements. Henden-Wilson asked "what is the objective of the BRPC and the presentation tonight?" Ms. Goodman's role with the BRPC is to identify commonalities across Towns in Berkshire County and assist with grants. Goodman made it clear the BRPC does not write the grants BRPC will help gather information to assist the Town to write a grant.

FY 2023 Budget and Warrant – Ortwein, Finance Committee, commented the overall budget increase is 3.5% increase from last year. Puciloski inquired about an article for Hunting, 9 Alford Road and undated zoning by-laws. Ketchen suggested the zoning by-laws and 9 Alford Road wait for a STM.

Henden-Wilson suggested a joint Select Board and Finance Committee meet on March 21, 2022 at 5:30 to approve a draft to be sent to Town Counsel for review.

### New Business:

Town Clerk- Henden-Wilson reported she is still collecting information on companies that will digitalize data.

Henden –Wilson reported on July 15, 2022 the ability to have zoom public meetings will end. The Town would have to petition the State Legislature in order to continue public meeting via zoom.

Henden-Wilson informed the Select Board there would need to be a Special Select Board Meeting to appoint the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector on May 18, 2022 since their current elected terms end on May 17, 2022

Old Business:

Town Counsel- the Select Board signed an agreement with Adam Cost of Mead, Tallerman and Costa beginning March 16, 2022

Meeting adjourned 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Roxanne Germain