

Minutes Alford Select Board

February 1, 2021

Via Zoom: Charlie Ketchen, Peggy Henden-Wilson, Peter Puciloski, Thea Basis, Alice Halsted, Tricia Bevan, Juli Scott

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

Elderly Transportation: Thea Basis reported the Town of Egremont is working on getting a handicap accessible van and running their own elderly transportation service. Basis has done some research as to other services the Town of Alford could use to serve our seniors possible on a voucher basis. In the past Alford has only used SBETC at the most 12 times in a one-year period.

Puciloski noted the current contract brought forth by the Town of Great Barrington would allow Great Barrington to cancel the contract but would not allow Alford to cancel the contract. It also would only provide transportation to and from the towns listed in the contract.

Henden-Wilson stated she would not be in favor of signing the current contract. She asked if the contract could be revised and negotiate the cost per year for the Town of Alford since our population is much less than the other towns Great Barrington contracts with.

Pre- Development Grant: 9 Alford Center Road. Germain had a lengthy conversation with Paul Holtz from the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding the grant and the use of the funds. If the Town were to be awarded any funds under this grant, a preservation restriction would be placed on the building for 5 to 10 years.

The Select Board is not in favor of the Alford Historic District Commission applying for this grant at this time. Ketchen suggested in the spring the Town would hire an engineer to evaluate the building and make recommendations.

The Commission shared the possibility of another grant "Shared winter Streets and Spaces Grant" to construct a path behind the building at 9 Alford Center Road. Scott has called the BNRC and they are willing to assist in the project. Henden-Wilson suggested she contact Henry Flint and Peter Tucker from the Conservation Commission and get their input as well.

Meeting adjourned 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain