

Minutes Alford Select Board – Special Meeting regarding Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund Grant

January 6, 2021

Via Zoom: Charles Ketchen, Peter Puciloski, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson and Shirley Mueller

Meeting called to order at 5:17pm

Minutes of December 28, 2020 Approved

Ketchen opened the meeting by asking Puciloski and Henden –Wilson their thoughts and comments for the proposed grant application. Puciloski commented that the building must be on the State Register to apply. Mueller interrupted him to say she had talked to a Tricia Fortier from the State and that was not true. Puciloski would like to have that in writing before the Town proceeds with the application. Puciloski also wondered if the building has any historic value.

Henden-Wilson commented she would like to make sure the building is structurally sound before any decision is made for the use of the building. Henden-Wilson would like to see a hold on the building use survey until the Town is assured the structural soundness of the building.

Mueller advised the Select Board there are 2 types of Grants available a Pre-Development Grant and a Development Grant. The Pre-Development Grant would be for the surveying and engineering “make ready” costs. The Development Grant would be for the actual work on the building. She informed the board the Town could apply for both Grants. Both grants would only cover work for the integrity of the outside of the building. Both Grants are reimbursable grants and they would also require a 50% match from Town funds.

All members of the Board of Selectmen are in favor of pursuing the Pre-Development Grant.

Mueller will forward the name and contact information to the Select Board secretary.

Meeting adjourned 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain