

## Minutes Alford Select Board

January 25, 2021

Present: Charles Ketchen, TJ Horrigan

Via Zoom: Peter Puciloski, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Jayne Smith, Lucy Prashkar, RSDPB; Peter Taylor, RSDPB; Joan Rogers, Mort Josel, Carl Stewart, Peter Schoeffer

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

Minutes of January 11, 2021 Approved

RSDPB-Regional School District Planning Board- Prashkar introduced herself and Peter Taylor as chair and vice chair of the RSDPB and thanked the Town of Alford for the opportunity to present on behalf of the RSDPB. She gave an accounting of how the Board is comprised and a history of what they have accomplished in the last 12 months. Phase one of the planning is nearing completion. They have looked at enrollment data and "where will we be" in 5 to 10 years. In Phase 2 (12-18 months) they will be collecting data and develop options and bring this to each Town for review. The Board has put together a budget. The Board has applied for a State Grant. The Board is asking each member Town for \$15,000 to be voted on at their respective Town Meetings. They should hear about the Grant in March so the \$15,000 could be lower but not higher. Prashkar is not asking for a vote from Alford she is simply presenting a budget so RSDPB can continue its work.

Henden-Wilson made a motion to put \$15,000 on the Town Meeting warrant for FY2022. Seconded by Puciloski. Motion passed unanimously.

BOH update: Smith reported starting on February 1<sup>st</sup> people 75 and over will be able to get the vaccine in MA. Proposed clinics dates for W.E.B Dubois are February 3, 10, 13, 20, and 24. Smith asked if we could identify residents of Alford who are in the 75 plus group who may need help with the registration process. Henden-Wilson will get a list of names from the town census.

Tuesday, February 9 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, the CHP bus will be in Alford for routine health screening.

Covid-19 testing will be done but not vaccines.

SBRSD is looking into Covid- 19 pool testing.

Highway update: Horrigan reported the COVID 19 training last week went well.

Horrigan is getting figures together for a new truck to be put on the warrant for FY2022. It will take 12-18 months to have the truck built.

Horrigan hopes to have Route 71 paved in the summer of 2021

The state is going to repair/replace the bridge on West road when that happens West Road will need to be closed and Horrigan is hoping to be able to keep at least one lane traffic open during the construction.

### Old Business:

Pre- Development Grant for 9 Alford Road: Puciloski would like to see the language for the preservation restriction before any decision is made.

Website: Henden-Wilson and Germain had a zoom meeting with Civic Plus for a new website design. They were impressed with the layout and design as well as the ability to have department able to do their own posting. Puciloski made the motion to use \$6000 from the Town Hall account for the initial design. Seconded by Henden-Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Alford Artist Group will be collaborating with Egremont Artist Group  
Transportation Agreement with Great Barrington: Ketchen and Henden-Wilson are in favor of supporting the agreement. Puciloski would like more time to review the contract. The board will schedule a follow up meeting on February 1, 2021 at 5pm

Other Topics: George Meyer from 11 Rowe Road may have installed a woodstove in or around his camper. BOH, Smith will work with the building inspector and report back to the board.

Town Clerk: Nomination papers have been mailed to officials for terms that are expiring in May. Early voting and absentee voting will end on March 31, 2021

Meeting adjourned 7:00

Respectfully submitted  
Roxanne Germain