

## Minutes Alford Select Board

March 27, 2023

Present: Select Board: Charles Ketchen, Peter Puciloski, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, TJ Horrigan, Joan Rogers.

Zoom: Jayne Smith, Michael Wilcox

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes of March 13, 2023 approved as written

BOH Update: Ms. Smith reported the Harm Reduction Van would resume visiting Alford in April. It will be here on the fourth Monday of the Month from 1-2pm. Ms. Smith is working on getting magnets for the sharps containers. Mr. Horrigan suggested she reach out to the other towns, as it may be cheaper to print them in bulk. Ms. Smith has received a request for a residential kitchen inspection.

Highway update: Mr. Horrigan reported he received the estimates for the fence at the East Road Cemetery. All American Fence was the lowest bidder at \$3900. Mr. Puciloski made a motion to accept the bid from All American Fence for \$3900. Ms. Henden-Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The highway department is currently working on culvert replacement on Mountain Road.

Pole Petition National Grid/Verizon: Adam Dion from National Grid presented maps for the sections on Green River Road where the poles will be replaced and/or added. Mr. Dion stated this is a necessary upgrade. The new wires will be a thicker heavier covered wire and the new poles are necessary to carry the increased weight of the wire. Mr. Puciloski made a motion to approve the Pole Petition by National Grid/Verizon. Ms. Henden-Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Warrant Articles-Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Germain reported most of the warrant article would be the same as last year. An additional article will need to be added for the Appraisal and Acquisition of the properties relating to the work on the West Road Bridge. She and Ms. Rogers would like to have a joint Finance Committee meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> to finalize the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

AHDC: Alice Halsted reported her Commission is working on a comprehensive plan to make Town Offices and the Parsonage ADA compliant. The AHDC has developed a plan in 2 phases. Phase 1 would be the design services for an ADA compliant ramp/entrance to the Town Office building. Phase 2 would be design services for ADA access to 9 Alford Center Road (Parsonage). After much discussion regarding both Phase 1 and Phase 2, it was decided the AHDC would proceed with Phase 1, the ADA access to the Town Offices. Phase 2 will be expanded to include the design and renovation of the interior and exterior of 9 Alford Road. A warrant Article will be placed on the Annual Town Meeting asking for money for survey and design work for the Town Offices building.

Other Topics: Mr. Wilcox asked to review the motions for the Special Town Meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Board will make the motion for Article 1 and Mr. Puciloski will make the motions for 2,3 and 4. George McGurn would like to have a conversation with the Town of Alford regarding regionalizing Fire Department Services. Ms. Henden-Wilson offered to call Mr. McGurn and report back.

Thea Basis, COA, in light of the recent snowstorm with heavy wet snow and power outage; Ms. Basis would like to send a message via Alford Assist. She would ask seniors if they found a weak link in their emergency plan to please contact her. She would develop a contact list for future emergency events. Southern Berkshire Ambulance – Mr. Puciloski had drafted a letter asking the other 5 towns for mutual support to get a more detailed budget from the SVA.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted  
Roxanne Germain