

Minutes Alford Select Board

May 22, 2023

Present: Select Board — Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson

Zoom: Jayne Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

Minutes of May 8, 2023 approved

BOH: Ms. Smith reported the new housing code rolled out on May 12th. Smith suggested a joint meeting with the Planning Board and the Building Inspector as some of the new regulations are not currently allowed in Alford. Smith also reported the Southern Berkshire Health Collaborative has received a grant, which will allow them to hire a housing specialist.

The public health nurse will be scheduling a vaccination clinic in September for Flu and Covid shots.

Alternate Power Supplier- Tim Ortwein presented materials to the Board to investigate getting an alternative to National Grid for the residents of Alford. He reported most of the surrounding Towns use Colony Power Group. The Select Board gave Mr. Ortwein permission to research and report back to the Select Board.

AHDC- RFP for handicap access to the town offices. Jim Hall presented 2 proposals. Both are above the \$20,000 authorized at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Hall has asked both bidders for clarification. Ms. Henden-Wilson asked if the Church was included in the survey, if so, what would be the cost saving to take that off since the Town does not own that building. Ms. Germain informed the AI-IDC she is working on the logistics of how to award a contract without sufficient funds having been approved at Town Meeting.

Ambulance Survey from the MA Attorney General's office: Ms. Henden-Wilson would like to insert a paragraph in the open comment section of the survey stating the financial assessment to the Town of Alford.

AHDC: Alice Halsted would like to have the Annual Picnic on July 1, 2023. "Jazz and Pie" from 2 to 5pm.

Conservation Commission: Henry Flint introduced Shannon Poulin as the Con Com administrator. She will be the point person for the Commission. She will be doing all the posting of meetings, newspaper advertising and State permitting. She will need an office space, computer and email access. Mr. Flint asked if we could put on the website, the Commission is looking for new members. All of Mr. Flint's requests were granted.

Town Clerk: Ms. Henden-Wilson reported Jed Toohey from Image Data has finally responded to her request to start the digitalization. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25th.

Ms. Henden-Wilson reported the Town Elections are complete and submitted to the State. She is working on the minutes from the Annual Town Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 6:54 pm

Respectfully submitted

Roxanne Germain