

Minutes Alford Select Board - Approved

June 26, 2023

Present: Select Board – Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Peter Puciloski, Jayne Smith, TJ Horrigan

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes of June 12, 2023 approved with spelling changes

BOH: Ms. Smith reported the Green River water quality has been tested and so far, the counts are within normal limits. Ticks continue to be plentiful. Ms. Smith will update the website with mitigation strategies.

Highway Dept. Mr. Horrigan presented the Sanitation contract for the Board to sign. Mr. Horrigan reported one of the plow trucks needed to have the sub frame of the dump body replaced. Mr. Horrigan would like approved to pay this repair bill from the Snow and Ice account. Ms. Henden-Wilson made a motion to pay the plow truck repair bill out of the Snow and Ice account. Mr. Ketchen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horrigan reported the many years ago the Town installed drainage pipes in the yard of 212 West Road. The homeowner is reporting these pipes are failing. Mr. Horrigan would like permission to install new drainage pipes at 212 West road. Mr. Puciloski asked if the Town has a written easement for the drainage. Mr. Horrigan is not aware of a written easement. Mr. Puciloski stated a written easement should be obtained before any work is performed.

Mr. Horrigan submitted a quote for the fertilization of the ornamental trees in the center of town. Ms. Henden-Wilson made a motion to accept the bid from Green Toad Tree Healthcare. The motion was seconded by Mr. Puciloski. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horrigan updated the Board on the speed limit status. He is in the process of implementing the contract set forth by the Mass State Police. Alford Road and East Road will be done by mid-July. The rest of the Town by the end of July.

Constable appointment: Ms. Henden-Wilson questioned Mr. Peter Schoeffer about his availability to serve at the various elections over the next 18 months. He stated he would be available. Ms. Henden-Wilson made a motion to appoint Peter Schoeffer as Constable for a 3-year term. Mr. Puciloski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

George Meyer Special Permit expiration- The special permit allowing Mr. Meyer to live in his camper trailer is due to expire on June 30th. Ms. Smith and Matt Kollmer, building Inspector, will issue a joint letter hoping for his voluntary compliance.

Library Services update- Town Counsel is in the process of having an agreement drawn up for the Town of West Stockbridge. Once both Towns have reviewed and signed the paperwork will be filed with the State. West Stockbridge will then begin to receive the Town of Alford share of State Aid to Libraries.

Mr. Bill Shein asked how long that would take. The answer is unknown at this time. However, any Alford resident can go to the West Stockbridge Library, get a library card, and start using their library. Mr. Shein also asked if the Town is still interested in trying to get the library in Alford certified. The SB said yes and it would be up to the Library Trustee's to do the research and implement the plan. Mr. Puciloski noted he had a conversation with the Town of Great Barrington and asked if they would postpone their vote until after our meeting tonight but was given on assurance that would happen.

Town Clerk: - Ms. Henden-Wilson asked Mr. Puciloski if he had a chance to draft a letter to E-Biz to terminate the contract.

Special Town Meeting for the vote on Municipal Aggregation of Power is set for July 25th at 6pm.

Update on Short-Term Rental by-law. The Planning board may have to schedule another public hearing. Ms. Henden-Wilson is waiting to hear back for Adam Cost.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Roxanne Germain