

Minutes Alford Select Board

March 25, 2024

Present: Select Board – Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, and Via Zoom Peter Puciloski (left at 5:50)

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

Mr. Ketchen moved that the Board meet in Executive session pursuant to MGL ch.30A sec.21 (a) (3) for the following purpose: To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for the property at 130 Green River Road.

Roll Call Vote

Charles Ketchen-yes

Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson- yes

Peter Puciloski- yes

Select Board meeting re-convened to open session at 6:20pm

Minutes of March 11, 2024 approved as written

Highway Report: ADA walkway- The deed research from Foresight Engineering on the church boundary lines has been sent to Town Counsel. EDM presented lighting options for the pathways. The Select Board agrees with the lighting recommendations presented by the AHDC.

Route 71 paving- MASSDOT is willing to fund the paving of town owned State numbered roads. Mr. Horrigan will sign a memorandum of understanding and the work is scheduled for summer of 2024. Mr. Horrigan will ask the state to eliminate the passing zones on Route 71.

Planning Board Appointment: No action

Alford Historic Commission Grant: The AHDC and the Celebration 250th committee would like to submit a grant application to update the existing “History of Alford” book. The grant application would need to be authorized by the Town of Alford. Permission was granted to apply for the grant. Shirley Mueller was reminded someone from the 250 Celebration Committee will need to attend the Annual Town Meeting to present the Citizen Petition motion and be available to answer any question.

Other Topics: Joan Rogers, Finance Committee Chair reported her committee has met and approved the financial articles for the Annual Town Meeting. The finance committee recommends using Free Cash and Assessors overlay to fund the Compact Loader and the transfer of \$40,000 from Free Cash to Stabilization.

Ms. Germain read a letter sent by the Town of Egremont stating they were not interested in attending the meeting in April to be held in Monterey regarding the funding of the Southern Berkshire Ambulance.

Adjourned at 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted

Roxanne Germain