

Minutes Alford Select Board

June 14, 2021

Present: Select Board Charles Ketchen, Monty Green, Jayne Smith, via Zoom, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Peter Puciloski

Meeting called to order 5:33pm

Minutes of May 24, 2021 approved.

BOH update: Smith reported fully vaccinated people are no longer required to wear face coverings. 2 full time public health nurses have been hired through the Tri-Town Health Grant. They will be serving Southern Berkshire County. This will be in addition to Nancy Slattery for the VNA who now covers Alford. It will take about 60 days to roll out an outreach program; programs such as tick-borne illness may be offered.

PFAS well testing program is being offered by the DEP, Smith will look into the program and see what that means for Alford residents.

Berkshire Public Health Alliance has been applying for grants and including Alford. Smith is not confident Alford is getting any benefit from being included in those grants. She will draft a letter by the next meeting for the Board's approval.

Highway update: Geoffery Donelan from East Road has applied for a driveway permit. Green has approved and need the Select Board's approval.

Berkshire Engineering has started the annual inspection of the Transfer Station.

260 East Road has piled brush on the roadside. TJ Horrigan asked the homeowner to remove the brush so the roadside can safely be maintained. If the brush is not removed a letter will need to be sent to the homeowner

Town Clerk update: The State of Emergency will end at 12:01 am June 15th. So far the Legislature has not passed an article to allow fully remote meetings.

Absentee ballots will be allowed permanently.

Henden-Wilson is looking into a grant to be able to digitalize vital records.

Annual Town Minutes have been completed. The AHD by-law has been submitted to the Attorney General's office after many revisions by the Alford Historic District Commission.

New Business:

1. Julie Scott asked if the Alford Artist's Collaborative could have the use of the Town Hall on October 1st and 2nd. Amateur artists in Alford will have open studio tours. She also asked if the highway department would be able to hang a banner in town.
2. EDM quote for the structural stability of 9 Alford Center Road was presented. The Board will review and make a decision at the next meeting.
3. Marijuana Delivery- The Select board must vote to allow Marijuana delivery in Alford since we do not allow retail establishments. Puciloski made the motion to allow delivery of marijuana to the home in Alford. Motion seconded by Henden-Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.
4. The AC/ Heat unit in the Town Office building has stopped working. Green will have the system evaluated and report back to the board.

Complaints:

1. Barbara Campbell from 310 East Road filed a noise complaint by email today. Ms. Campbell stated that on June 6th her neighbor at 300 East Road was firing a gun. She stated the gun shots were constant and lasted more than an hour.
2. William Ryan from 297 East Road filed a complaint regarding the speed of cars on East Road. The Select Board will contact the State Police and ask for increased police detail on East Road.
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Meeting adjourned 6:35 pm

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain