

Minutes Alford Select-Board

July 26, 2021

Present: Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Hendon-Wilson, Joan Rogers

Present through Zoom: Peter Puciloski, Jayne Smith

Chuck, this meeting will be recorded

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Minutes of July 12, 2021 approved.

BOH update: E. coli going to stay high in Alford. I have had several people calling with well questions, should I put out an advisory. Both Chuck and Peggy said not at this time.

Smoke: Egremont has sent out an advisory

MAHB: We could be put on the list for when things do become available. The Selectmen would like to be notified before the town is listed in any further grant applications.

Email: I am still having trouble accessing my email account. TJ told Jayne how he has to do it going through host monster.

Chuck told Jayne that the Fire Department foam is safe not the cancer causing type.

Highway update: TJ, gave an update on the heating/cooling system for the town offices. The only quote we have so far is independent heating; they could have it installed before winter approx. cost \$7500. For materials and another \$2500. Labor, The deadline for quotes is 29 July

Chapter 90 money is approved. The specs are out and bids due by August 4, 2021

Old Business: EDM no update available at this time.

Air BNB: Peter we cannot grandfather into residential-we could Vito all. I will continue to pursue. Peggy tax and bylaw.

New Business: Inspector's fee increase the inspectors would like to raise the fees from \$75. To \$125. Peter will look over what Joel Bard emailed.

Garbage Haulers Permits: The Board agreed to charge all haulers \$125.00

New Business: We will need to have a Special Town Meeting for the by-laws. Chuck I would also like to propose that we spend out of free cash approximately \$50,000. To remove the dead Ash trees. Peggy asked who the Tree Warden was. TJ told her it is Monty. Peggy I just do not want people having Ash trees removed off personal property.

Henry Flint spoke to Peggy about the Town acquiring Riggs property, Henry has raised all but \$20,000 the Town might asked to pay the last \$20,000.

Peggy gave a quick update on Owen Wright; is being discharged and is doing quite well.

Peggy: website think about presentation page, maybe invite boards for their input.

Calendar check for meeting schedules make sure they are up to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Blackwell