

Minutes Alford Select Board

August 9, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at 5:32pm
Minutes of July 26,, 2021 approved.

BOH update: Smith reported that Berkshire County has become an area of concern for the spread of Covid -19. Mostly due to the outbreak at a nursing home in North Adams. The CDC has recommended face coverings indoors for vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Smith will post the proper signage on Town buildings and update the website.

Smith would like to get Septic and Well application on the website.

The COA and the public health nurses are planning a meeting to discuss a flu clinic for Alford and other programs to benefit Alford residents.

Smith asked if there is any money in this year's budget for E-Coli testing of Alford brooks and streams.

Highway update: Green reported the paving Bid was awarded to LB Corp. Contracts were signed by the Select Board.

Haupt Tree Company was awarded the tree-cutting bid. The daily rate is \$1991.00 per day.

Green announced he would be retiring on October 29, 2021 after 32 years of service.

Old Business:

EMD update: EMD reported the first phase of the improvement on 9 Alford Road would be \$57,000 to bring the foundation and the support beams up to code. The Select Board agrees the other phases of inspections should be completed before the residents of Alford are asked to approve funds to rehabilitate the building.

Inspection Fees: Puciloski made a motion to increase inspection fees for the Electrical, Plumbing, Gas and Fire from \$60 to \$75 per inspection. Motion seconded by Henden-Wilson. Motion passes unanimously.

Air BnB Tax: Puciloski did a bit of research on the case law. The Town can either prohibit or Tax residents for short-term rentals. Puciloski suggests Alford pursue the taxing of short- term rentals. He will get some language together for a vote.

New Business:

Ketchen suggested if there is to be a Special Town Meeting putting an article on for \$50,000 for additional tree work. Henden-Wilson asked Green when the last time National Grid was in town to due major tree trimming. Green responded a about 5 years. He will call National Grid to see when they will be coming again.

Speeding on East Road: a second complaint by the same resident on East Road. The State Police will be asked again to increase patrols and Tim Roy will be asked to research a "Flashing Speed Limit" sign.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain

