

Minutes Alford Board of Selectmen

February 11, 2019

Present: Charles Ketchen, Chairman; Peggy Rae Henden- Wilson,

Others present: Tom Canning, Katinka Jaszai, Craig and Anne Kay

Meeting called to order 7pm by Charles Ketchen, Chairman

Minutes from January 28 Approved

The Kay's and the Canning's of 130 and 138 North Egremont Road, respectively ,have submitted formal complaints to the Select Board regarding the noise of fireworks and shooting of guns by their adjacent neighbor on 118 Green River Road, Michael McGonagle. Although the activity has been quiet recently he seems to be more active in the summer months. The Kay's are also disturbed by the drone activity flying over their property and the shooting targets that face the direction of their house.

Motion by Henden-Wilson to have the Select Board will draft a letter to Mr. McGonagle requiring him to cease the illegal activity. A copy of the letter will be sent to the MA State Police, local Police and Fire Chiefs. Second by Ketchen. Motion passed

The Hall and the Highway Department are in need of new defibrillators. One will be paid by the MEMA grant and the other will come out of the Police budget. Motion made by Ketchen and second by Henden- Wilson. Motion Passed

Raises for Town Employees were discussed for FY 2020. Henden- Wilson made the motion for 2.5%, seconded by Ketchen. Motion Passed

Discussion regarding the Town of Alford having a credit card to allow purchases from companies that will not direct bill the town. Henden- Wilson asked Roxanne Germain to contact the local banks the town does business with to see about setting up such a credit card with a \$500 credit limit. The Highway Department, Fire Department and the Select Board will be the only departments or boards with access to the account.

Lauren Satori-Hobgood has suggested the town put an article on the Town meeting warrant to allow the Tax Collector/ Town of Alford to put a lien on the property of delinquent Alfordlink customers. Motion by Henden-Wilson, seconded by Ketchen. Motion passed.

Steve Berkel, Fire Chief, stated the wood siding on the back of the Fire house is rotting. Ketchen will ask Monty Green to meet with a few contractors and get quotes for the repairs.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Germain

