

Minutes Alford Select Board

February 24 2020

Present: Charles Ketchen, Peter Puciloski, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, TJ Horrigan

Guest: Thea Basis, Alison Dixon, HVA, Mike Jasteremski MVP

Meeting called to order at 5 PM

Alison Dixon from the Housatonic Valley Association reported to the Board her organization has collected data from the Town of Alford to prepare a Road/Stream water plan for a study being conducted by The University of Connecticut. She will submit the plan to the Board when it is complete. Mike Jasteremski from the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program (MVP) has been working with the Highway department to get Alford signed up as an MVP Community. Once the Town is accepted the Town will be eligible for grants for planning and installing culverts in the Town. He is also applying to see if Alford can be a training site which will make it more likely we get the grants.

Highway: Mold remediation is underway. Horrigan noted there will be a maintenance contract that is available for the new air processor. He strongly suggest we take advantage of the program since Prime Home Services will come and change the filters on a regular basis.

Horrigan has contacted Palmer Paving for estimated for paving 7,000 feet of West Road.

COA- Thea Basis would like to know from the Select Board how active they would like her to be on behalf of the Town. She would like to plan a few events in Alford as well as partner with the Town of Egremont. Alford residents would be invited to activities the Egremont COA has planned.

Other business:

Puciloski made the motion to have the unspent BAN money in the Capitol project account of \$242,893.07 be used to pay interest on the BAN amount of \$1333.07 and the remainder to reduce the BAN renewal in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 section 20. Seconded by Henden-Wilson. Motion passes unanimously.

Henden-Wilson made the motion to discontinue the Alford Newsletter. Seconded by Ketchen. Motion passes unanimously. It was felt with the Alford website and Alford Assist the mailed copy of the newsletter is no longer needed.

Henden –Wilson made the motion to change the positions of Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer to an appointed position rather than elected. Seconded by Puciloski. Motion passes unanimously. An article will be put on the Town Meeting warrant for May.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain