

Minutes Alford Board of Selectmen

March 11, 2019

Present: Charles Ketchen, Chairman; Peter Puciloski, Peggy Rae Henden- Wilson, Monty Green, Jeff Blaugrund

Meeting called to order 7 PM by Charles Ketchen, Chairman

Minutes from Minutes of February 28 Approved

Alford School Committee Rep, Jeff Blaugrund, gave the Board and update on what is happening at the SBRSD. The art department has started to receive submissions for a town flag. This is an ongoing project. When the submissions are in he will present them to the Board so a design can be chosen.

School Budget- Alford's share of the budget is expected to increase by approximately \$45,000. The board expressed their concern of an approximate increase of 10% since the Alford enrollment is going down by 3 students. Blaugrund stated some of the reasons for the increase are hiring a full time School Resource Officer. The current office is now part-time, and the creation of new middle school program grades 6-8. Included in this budget is a full time principal for the middle school. Blaugrund suggested to the board write a letter to the School Committee stating their concerns with the proposed school budget and the closing of the South Egremont School. Motion was made by Henden-Wilson to draft such a letter and seconded by Puciloski.

Highway update: Green submitted his proposed budget for FY2020. He would like to trade in the 2009 Ford F550 he has an estimate of \$85,000 for a new truck. The rest of his budget will stay the same. He expects \$71,454.00 in state aid with a possibility of \$14,321.00 in FY2020.

Snow and ice budget is ok as of now.

Senator Hinds office would like to hold "Office Hours" in Alford on March 27th from 11am to 1pm. Motion by Henden-Wilson to approve the office hours. Second by Puciloski. Motion passed.

March 18th at noon will be a joint meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss FY2020 budget.

The Select Board will put an article on the Town Meeting warrant to change the positions of Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector from elected to appointed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Germain