

Minutes Alford Select Board Via Zoom –**Approved**

April 13, 2020

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

Guest: Tim Ortwein, Joan Rogers

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Minutes from April 6, 2020 approved unanimously.

BOH Update: Jayne Smith reported there are no active cases currently in Alford. The BNRC has put up signs at the trail heads at Alford Springs and she has not had any complaints from anyone this past week. There will be grant funding from the State that will cover her fees during the pandemic. Jayne asked if the Town of Alford has declared a “State of Emergency” for Grant purposes.

Highway update: TJ Horrigan reported he has received the Road-Stream Crossing Inventory from the Housatonic Valley Association. They would like to meet with the Select Board to discuss which stream crossing culverts in Alford need repair and facilitate getting a grant from New England Forest & Abstracts for the repair.

Town Clerk: Peggy Henden- Wilson on recommendation from the state she is proposing changing the Annual Town Meeting to June 23,2020 at 7pm and the Annual Town Election to June 30,2020 Polls to be open from 2pm to 6pm. A **Motion** made by Puciloski to change the date of the Town Meeting to June 23 and the Town Election to June 30. Seconded by Ketchen. Motion passes unanimously.

Planning Board: A **Motion** made by Henden-Wilson to refer the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments for Marijuana to the Planning Board for a public hearing. Second by Ketchen. Motion passes unanimously.

Lauren Sartori-Hobgood, Town Accountant, asked if the Select Board wants to put a Prop 2 ½ on the Annual Town meeting warrant for the purchase of 7 Alford Center Road. Town Counsel will be consulted and the item will be added if needed.

Historic District Commission: No one present from the committee to report. The inclusion of 7 Alford Center Road will be tabled until the next meeting. Ketchen would like to ask the Commission to decrease their 2021 Budget since they have cancelled the Square Dance for September.

Transfer Station: Puciloski noted that the transfer station on Saturday was a “zoo” there were cars with license plates from all over. A discussion ensued on the best way to handle the transfer station usage. Jayne Smith asked if the Town of Alford charges garbage hauler an annual fee. If not she would like to institute that In January of 2021. A **Motion** was made by Henden-Wilson to reinstate the Transfer Station sticker fee as of July 1, 2020 for \$50 per household. Seconded by Puciloski. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain