

Minutes Alford Select Board Via Zoom –

May 11, 2020

Present: Charles Ketchen, Peter Puciloski, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Jayne Smith, TJ Horrigan  
Michael Wilcox, Joan Rogers  
Others: Alice Halsted, Shirley Meuller

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM  
Minutes from April 27, 2020 approved unanimously.

BOH update: As of May 6, 2020 face coverings are required in public when social distancing cannot be maintained. Jayne has 25 masks available for residents in need in Alford. Jane has guidance she will send on how to safely reopen Town Hall. A letter should be sent to small businesses in town with guidance on how they can safely reopen. The assessors should be able to provide her with the list.

Trash Haulers: All haulers that pick up in Alford need to be registered. There can be a fee structure base on how many customers they have. Jane will draft a letter for the Select Board approval. Trash Haulers licenses are issues on a calendar year basis.

Highway update: The culver grant for Green River Road was submitted for \$15,000 to cover engineering, planning and permitting. Also included on the grant application was to use Alford as a training site. Alford is desirable because we have less traffic and guardrails on both sides of the road.

TJ reported to the Board not to expect any Chapter 90 money for the roads. The Highway department will use the money in the budget and do what they can with that.

Transfer station- Residents need to be encouraged to wear masks and having recyclables sorted and boxes broken down before they arrive at the transfer station.

Finance Committee update: The School Committee will be operating on a 1/12 budget starting in July since they do not know what they will be getting for Chapter 70 and 71 aid. They may have to make cuts to the current budgets based on the aid they get from the State.

Historic District Commission: The AHD would like to hold some informational meetings with the residents of Alford for possible uses for 7 Alford Road. Jim Hall and Juli Scott have offered to lead these meeting. The Board informed the AHD that with current State of Emergency the Town would not be spending any money on the building in the foreseeable future.

Town Clerk Update: Town Meeting logistics. Several site were suggested where to hold the meeting keeping in mind proper social distancing. Michael Wilcox suggested forming an AD Hoc planning committee to help with the details. A Zoom meeting will be set up for May 14, at 5:15pm

Conservation Commission: Henry Flint sent an email to the Select Board and asked if he could pay Shep Evans on a monthly basis out of his expense account instead of waiting for him to send a bill. Since the pay is coming out of the Conservation Expense account and the account has funds the Board has no problem with the payment.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted  
Roxanne Germain