

Minutes Alford Select Board Via Zoom –

May 26, 2020

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

Others: Steve Hayward, National Grid; Elise Contarsy and Cynthia Lynch

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

Minutes from May 11, 2020 approved unanimously.

Pole Petition for East Road. TJ Horrigan, Highway Dept. asked if the pole could be moved away from the town road. No other comments or opposition. Motion by Puciloski to approve the Pole Petition, Seconded by Henden-Wilson. Motion passes unanimously.

BOH update: SBREPC has mask and hand sanitizing wipes available for towns. Smith will pick them up and drop them off at the Town Hall. These can be used for Town Meeting.

Smith asked if the Town Of Alford requires a well permit for irrigation. Ketchen responded: No just as long as it meets the zoning requirements.

Smith asked the Board if it was permissible for her to write a letter to the Town Accountant stating the need for the retrofitting of the doors so the cost would be covered by the Cares Act Grant. Motion by Puciloski allowing Smith to write the letter and seconded by Henden-Wilson. Motion passes unanimously.

Smith asked if guidance for businesses in town be posted on the website. A letter should also be sent to businesses in town letting them know of the new COVID safety requirements.

Smith will get the Town the State guidance for reopening Town Hall to the public. For now Town Offices will be open by appointment until July 1, 2020. This notice will be posted on the website.

Highway update: Transfer Station bid and Blacktop bid for West Road will take place on June 25, 2020

TJ had a community member inquire about the dead tree in the Center Cemetery. He was concerned it would fall on the grave of his family. Ketchen made the motion to have the tree removed and be paid out of the Cemetery Fund, seconded by Puciloski. Motion passes unanimously.

Town Moderator reported Bill# 4752 was passed by the state. It did not include any provisions to hold Town Meeting virtually. The Town will have to plan for an outdoor meeting. Wilcox asked the Select Board if we should wait until July or later. The Select Board would like to hold the meeting as planned on June 23 at 6pm and plan accordingly. The Annual Town Meeting warrant will be posted on June 9th.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain