

Minutes Alford Select Board Via Zoom –

June 8, 2020

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Minutes from May 26, 2020 approved unanimously.

BOH update: Phase 2 of reopening the State started today. Jayne is working on a COVID Control plan for the reopening of Town Hall. Reopening of Town Hall to the public is scheduled for July 1, 2020. Jayne will be available at Town Meeting and Town Elections. She suggested having KN95 masks available for Election workers and people working at Town Meeting.

Puciloski made a motion to appoint Jayne Smith to the Berkshire County Public Health Alliance as the Representative for Alford. Henden-Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and Smith accepted the appointment.

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

Horrigan proposed to the Board the Town to hire their own Saturday person to man the Transfer Station. He suggests \$125 per day for an annual cost of \$6500.00. The Master Garbologist currently charges the Town approximately \$8000 per year. Puciloski made the motion for the Town to assume the responsibility to hire the Saturday transfer station attendant and pay the person \$125 per Saturday. Seconded by Henden-Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Horrigan recommends the Town Hall be pressure washed and peeling paint on the wooden trim be addressed.

Henden-Wilson made the motion to have the Town Hall pressure washed and peeling paint repaired. Seconded by Puciloski. Motion passes unanimously.

Horrigan recommends the Slate roof on Town Hall be inspected. It has been 10 years since the last inspection.

Horrigan was instructed to have the roof inspected and report back to the Select Board.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday July 4th. But will be open from 7-12 on Friday July 3rd.

In an effort to make the Town Meeting as short as possible Henden-Wilson suggested removing Article 9 and 10.

Changing the Elected positions of Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer to appointed positions. She feels as those articles will require a fair amount of explanation and conversation. They can be put on the next Special Town Meeting or the Annual Town meeting next year. Motion by Puciloski to remove Article 9 the change the Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position. Seconded by Ketchen. Motion passes unanimously.

Puciloski made the motion to remove Article 10 to change the Treasurer and Tax Collector from an elected position to an appointed position and combine them into one position. Seconded by Ketchen. Motion passes unanimously.

The Building Inspector, Own Wright, informed the Select Board he is currently having some health issues. He has been working with the Alternate Building inspector to keep things running smoothly in Alford. Wright would like to continue to the best of his ability without causing any hardship to the Town Of Alford. The Select Board would like to support Wright in way they can. The Board would also like the Alternate Inspector, Matthew Kollmer, to attend a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain