

Minutes Alford Select Board

July 8, 2019

Present: Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Peter Puciloski, Monty Green,

Others in attendance: Alice Halstead, Arthur Dellea, Tom Andrews, Shirley Mueller, Tim Ortwein

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Minutes of June 24, 2019 Approved

Highway Update: Bid opening for the work on Crooked Hill will be on Thursday July 8, 2019 at 9am. Green feels the bids are going to be high because the price of fuel is up from last year. He has applied for a culvert grant again for Crooked Hill it has not come back yet. He may want to slip line the culvert so it can get done before the paving.

Green noted there is approximately \$16,000 left in sanitation for FY2019 and would like permission to carry over that money since the Springfield recycling center has stopped serving us and he has no idea what the new program will cost the town. Motion to carry over \$16,000 from Sanitation by Puciloski, seconded by Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Locking the Town Hall at night. This has been brought up because there have been a few instances where the bathrooms have been found in disarray in the morning by the highway personnel. There was discussion on what the best way to handle this situation since many other boards in town use that building after 3pm. Key pad entry lock, distribute keys to Board chairs. The suggestion was made to post a notice on the door about making sure the building is cleaned up after use, if that is not successful a door locking system will be put into place.

Updating the Town website: Arthur Dellea provided a summary of what he currently does for the Town website. He is willing to explore options to update the website to add tabs for various boards and department. He will also explore adding a "calendar of events" to the website. He will work on these tasks and update the Select Board accordingly. Arthur will set up an additional user who will be able to post events and notices. Tim Ortwein offered to create a "Town of Alford" facebook page that can be used as a way of posting social events, road closing etc.

Historic District Commission: Alice Halstead has obtained a quote from John Graney Metal Design to replace the hand rail at the Town Hall. Motion by Wilson to accept the bid from John Graney for the hand railings to be paid out of Town Buildings. Seconded by Puciloski. Motion passed unanimously. The building Inspector will need to be contacted by John Graney before the work can be started.

Remote Participation: Puciloski made the motion to accept 940 CMR 29.10 to allow all board in the Town of Alford remote participation. Seconded by Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Butch Ray notified the Select Board that the assistant electrical inspector, Doug Wilbur, has retired. He would recommend Karl Cooper as his replacement. Wilson made the motion to accept Karl Cooper as the assistant electrical inspector, seconded by Puciloski. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Blaugrund, Alford Rep to the school committee attended the meeting to see if the Select Board had any questions or comments for him regarding the school committee's response to the letter from

BHRSD. He stated his personal view for open dialogue is welcome. His concern would be the increase cost for transportation and how that would/could be funded.

Tom Andrews approached the Select Board to see if a permit was needed from the Town of have a building demolished. He is concerned that the new o He was instructed to contact the Building Inspector. He would also like permission to have the stones in the Osborne Cemetery straightened out. He has contacted Rich Atwood for an estimate and Tom will pay for the work as a donation to the Town.

Other Business: Peggy Henden-Wilson, Town Clerk, updated the board she has been working with Kathy Chreiten the Town Clerk from New Marlboro. The Town Clerk's hours will be changed to Tuesday's from 9-12 starting in August.

Puciloski updated the board that he will be meeting with the Town of Egremont on July 9th.

Meeting adjourn 8:20

Respectfully submitted

Roxanne Germain