

Minutes Alford Board of Selectmen

November 1, 2018

Present: Charles Ketchen, Chairman; Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Roxanne Germain, Selectmen's Secretary, Monty Green, Tree Warden

Meeting called to order 6:05pm by Charles Ketchen, Chairman

Public Hearing for Shade Tree Act MGL Chapter 87 Section 3 on 16 Green River Road

Ms. Terino and her representative, Jack Magai were in attendance as the trees in question are on Ms. Terino's property.

Green stated that National Grid marked the trees in question in 2012 to be removed. At that time Ms. Terino asked we not remove them and her wishes were granted. The trees have since deteriorated more with branches falling in the public ways. Green is concerned that a large limb will fall off and harm a passing motorist or cyclist. National Grid is willing to remove the trees at no cost to the Town of Alford.

Mr. Magai states that the trees are at a low risk of falling in the public way and pose more of a risk of falling on Ms. Terino's home. He also contends that they are more than 10 feet from the road being solely on Ms. Terino's property therefore not Town trees. Ms. Terino asked if we could wait at least another year.

Motion was made by Henden-Wilson to give National Grid permission to remove the trees in question at 16 Green River Road. Second by Ketchen. Motion passes unanimously.

The Select Board appointed a committee to investigate purchasing the former parsonage. The committee will assess what the building will be used for, how much it will cost to purchase and renovate for the needs of the Town. Members are. Peggy Henden- Wilson, Alice Halstead, Shirley Meuller, Peter Schoeffer, Howard Wilson, and Michael Wilcox.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Germain