

Minutes Alford Board of Selectmen

December 10, 2018

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

Others: Tom Carmody, Building Inspector; Jeff Blaugrund, SBRSD School Committee rep

Meeting called to order 7.04pm by Charles Ketchen, Chairman

Highway Department

Dorothy Terino called Monty Green and asked if her arborist could meet with National Grid and supervise the cutting so National Grid would only cut the dead limbs from the two trees in question. The question was brought before the board. Henden-Wilson made the motion that Ms. Terino needs to file her appeal to Superior Court by January 2, 2019 and give the town the notice or the tree will be removed by National Grid on January 3, 2019 or any date after that at their convenience.

Chapter 90 paperwork has been submitted and approved. Money will come in about 3 weeks.

No line painting on North Egremont road this year.

National Grid has been called to move the Guide wires on the tree at the John's Cemetery on East Road.

SBRSD Rep- Jeff Blaugrund

Mr. Blaugrund is the newly elected representative from Alford to the school committee. His agenda as the Alford rep is to improve the outbound communication from the school to the 5 member townspeople, work on a marketing plan for the district and enhance the 6-8 grade curriculum. He recognizes some tension in the school system and is hopeful once the new board is in place that will subside. He is looking forward to working with the Town of Alford for the best interest in the school. Henden- Wilson made clear to him the wishes of the Select Board and the Finance committee on the need to close the South Egremont School.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the change submitted by the planning board on the Solar By-law after the public meeting on November 1, 2018.

A Special Town Meeting will be scheduled on January 24, 2019

Henry Flint of 362 East Road submitted a complaint to the Building inspector regarding the landing and departing of a helicopter requesting zoning enforcement of this issue. The building inspector stated he has 30 days to take action on this matter and has requested an executive session meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss litigation strategy. This meeting will take place on December 19, 2018 at 3pm

Ketchen would like to send a letter to the School Committee regarding the lead paint issue at the South Egremont School requesting that the school not reopen until this issue is resolved. Puciloski will draft the letter.

Meeting Adjourned 8:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Germain