

Minutes Alford Board of Selectmen

April 8, 2019

Present: Charles Ketchen, Chairman; Peter Puciloski, Peggy Rae Henden- Wilson, Monty Green, Joan Rogers, Mort Josel.

Meeting called to order 7pm

Minutes from March 11, 2019 approved unanimously.

Highway update: Monty has spoken to Steve Ellis from Massachusetts Recycling Program about the proposed 10 year contract with them. The rate would be \$50 to \$90 per ton which would begin in FY2021. The current contract the Town has there is not fee per ton. However with the current market for recyclable goods being so poor there will be a charge per ton with the new contract. The Town has until July of 2020 to make the decision if they want to go with MRF or find a private hauler.

Blacktop plant is now open so pot holes can be patched as weather permits.

Monty has applied for another grant to replace the culvert on Crooked Hill Road.

William G. Murphy from Environmental Partners has contacted Monty to see if Alford would like to join the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program. This company would apply for state grants on the town's behalf for a fee. That fee has yet to be determined. Monty will bring more information to the board when it is available.

AlfordLink: Puciloski reported to the Select Board that the Enterprise Fund Board is not in support of the taxpayers funding the additional principal payment in the proposed FY20 budget (\$143,000). The board is comfortable with the 60/40 split as was proposed when the initial meetings took place when discussing the funding in 2015. The Enterprise Fund currently has \$90,000 in the budget for FY2020 therefore, the town share would be \$60,000. There was discussion on State House Notes vs. Bonds and the fees associated with each. There is a minimum payment that has to be made when the current note is due in March of 2020. Roxanne Germain will call Unibank and find out what the minimum principal and interest that is due at the next renewal. Ketchen would like to have the Finance Committee and Alford Link Board at the next Selectmen's meeting on April 22 to work out a solution to the financing issue.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne Germain