

Alexandria Highway Advisory Committee

March 20, 2017 Minutes

Members Present: Dennis Ford, Ronald MacLean

Selectboard Members Present: George Tuthill, Robert Plehler

Also Present: Jeff Cantara, Road Agent

The meeting came to order at 4:30 pm.

- After discussion regarding whether to purchase/lease a new Dodge or Ford with either an all-season body or a slide in sander, the recommendation as made to go with the Ford with a slid-in sander from HP Fairfield with an extended warranty.
- There was discussion regarding including lease payments in the operating budget next year.
- There was discussion regarding requesting the Selectboard update the Financial Policy and include a preferred vendors list.
- Mr. Cantara said that he should receive new proposals from the engineer for the Knowles Hill Road bridge by 3/21/17.
- There was discussion regarding having a warrant article next year to change the road agent position from elected to appointed.
- There was discussion regarding concerns that the highway department employees are underpaid; it was suggested that the Selectboard look at the state's pay rates for equivalent positions.
- Mr. Cantara expressed concerns that Rodney Braley may retire at some time this year. Mr. Cantara has a replacement in mind but he would need to obtain his CDL license first.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie