

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2016

➤ **Members Present:** George Tuthill, Michael Broome and Robert Piehler

➤ The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

➤ **Items Reviewed and Signed**

- Purchase Order: Tom Moore, Sr for Water Tank with sprayer
- Purchase Order: Maine Oxy for Plasma Cutter
- Purchase Order: All States for liquid calcium
- Intent to Cut: 16-005-05 Cassidy (King Road)
 - Mr. Cassidy is also requesting to use a town owned lot on King Road to access his property for the timber harvest; the Selectmen did not give permission at this time and will be consulting Town Counsel on the matter.
- 2016 MS-535 Financial Report of the Town Budget
- Contract for Services: Town of Bristol Newfound Regional Public Access
- Application for Property Tax Credit: Map 406 Lot 38
- NH Interlocal Trust Group Health Application

➤ **Appointments/Department Heads**

- Charles Hopkins was present to discuss removing the dead branches from the large tree in front of the Alexandria Village School instead of cutting down the tree; the Selectmen agreed that the tree needs to be pruned and not removed.
- Jay and Jim St. Jean, James R. St. Jean Auctioneers, were present to discuss the selling of town owned property via public auction. The auction for the sale of the properties will be scheduled for July.
- Steve Whitman was present to review a letter he sent to the Selectmen regarding the recycling program; Mr. Whitman does not recommend making any changes to the program at this time. Tony Brown estimates that 65% of residents are participating in the recycling program. There was discussion on ways to educate residents about the benefits of recycling. There was a question as to whether the Town would start charging for the transfer station stickers; no decision to charge a fee for the stickers has been made. Mr. Whitman stated that Mr. Brown has done an outstanding job of negotiating and finding the best pricing for disposal and hauling fees.
- Jeff Cantara, Road Agent, provided the Selectmen with an update on Highway Department activities.
 - Mr. Cantara requested that letters be sent to residents on Fox Hollow Road, Gordon Hill Road, and Berry Farms Road reminding them not to park along the side of the road in the right-of-way.
 - Mr. Cantara requested that the Town pursue a misuse of horsepower ordinance to try to curb people tearing up the dirt roads.
 - Paving will begin on Cass Mill Road the first week of July.
 - The replacement of Brook Road Bridge has met some delays due to NH DOT concerns regarding the abutments.
 - The grader will need around \$8300 in repairs; Mr. Cantara will wait until later in the year to see if there will be room in his budget to cover the repairs.
- Doug Benton, Trustee of Trust Funds, was present to discuss trust money from the Whittinghill Estate Trust. The trustees are concerned about the funds because the Town does not own the area that the plot is in next to Crawford Cemetery and there are too many conditions placed on the funds.

➤ **Business**

- The Selectmen reviewed a letter from NH DES letter regarding Indeck Energy's Groundwater Management Permit Renewal.
- The Selectmen reviewed NHEC's response to a letter they sent regarding herbicide application in their right-of-way. There was discussion as to whether the Town could request the application of herbicide be an opt-in process rather than an opt-out process. No decision to respond to NHEC was made.
- The Selectmen discussed the BTLA A-9 & A-12 List of Real Estate on Which Exemption is Claimed received from Lakes Region Conservation Trust and the Appalachian Mountain Club. There was also discussion regarding the amount that AMC pays in their PILOT agreement and the cost of maintaining the road to the AMC lodge. The Selectmen will schedule a meeting to discuss these and the PILOT agreement with AMC with Mark Stetson, Avitar Associates.
 - The Selectmen discussed plans for a sign to post notices on outside the municipal building; Tony Brown will draw up a design and provide a cost estimate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant