

# Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

## March 17, 2015

- **Members Present:** George Tuthill and Michael Broome
- The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- The minutes from March 3, 2015 were approved.
- **Items Reviewed and Signed**
  - Excavation Tax: 14-005-03-E Morrison
  - Notice of Intent to Excavate: 15-005-03-E Morrison, Joseph & Gina
  - Notice of Intent to Excavate: 15-005-02-E Newport Sand & Gravel
  - Notice of Intent to Excavate: 15-005-04-E Hall, William & Ann
  - Abatement Reply: Comola Map 417 Lot 22
  - Letter: National Grid Vegetation Strategy
  - PA29 Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemption: Map 413 Lot 87
  - Letter: Mark Keenan regarding Fire & Police Department concerns and culverts on his property
  - Yield Tax Warrant: Barrett Map 410 Lot 39
  - MS-232 Report of Appropriations Actually Voted
  - Community Bill of Rights 2015
  - Purchase Order: Cold Patch/Pike Industries
  - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: 15-005-02-T Humphrey
- **The following items were reviewed and held for signature:**
  - Financial Policy: The policy will be made available to the public for review and comment before signing.
  - Personnel Policy: The policy will be made available to the public for review and comment before signing.
- **Appointments**
  - Geoffrey Sewake, Field Specialist, Community and Economic Development, and David Falkenham, Extension Field Specialist, Natural Resources and County Office Administrator from UNH Cooperative Extension
    - Mr. Sewake explained the types of services that he provides for communities and what types of connections and contacts he has with other organizations. There was discussion regarding what drew Mr. Sewake to contact Alexandria; he explained that he contacted all towns in Grafton county where his office of the UNH Cooperative Extension is based. There was discussion regarding concerns about a study that a UNH professor had done with students that pertained to industrial wind; Mr. Sewake and Mr. Falkenham explained that the professor is not part of the UNH Cooperative Extension, but is a UNH professor.
- **Business**
  - The Selectmen discussed a notice received from the NH Department of Transportation citing a critical bridge deficiency for the Bailey Road bridge over Bog Brook; the bridge will be posted with a 15 ton weight limit.
  - The Selectmen reviewed a letter they received regarding electricity supplier rates; the Selectmen will discuss the possibility of switching providers at a future meeting.
  - The Selectmen discussed the auditor's recommendation regarding making sure that the town's financial policy is followed regarding purchase orders; the Selectmen will make the purchase policy clear to department heads. The Selectmen also approved changes to the purchase order form that the town uses.
  - The Selectmen discussed the auditor's recommendations regarding police special detail billing for people that require the detail when they rent the town hall; the Selectmen will increase the charge for the special detail from \$30 per hour to \$35 per hour.
  - The Selectmen discussed the increased cost of the Special Use Permit for Wellington State Park; Mr. Broome made a motion to increase the season pass from \$4 to \$5; Mr. Tuthill seconded; both voted aye.
  - The Selectmen discussed closing Bog Road for mud season. Mr. Tuthill made a motion to empower the Road Agent to close Bog Road when he deems it appropriate; Mr. Broome seconded; both voted aye.
  - The Selectmen discussed concerns expressed by Erin Darrow, Right Angle Engineering regarding NH not participating in a HUD grant program; the Selectmen were going to submit a grant for several projects in town.
- **Public Input**
  - There was a question regarding whether the Highway Advisory Committee was still active and if they would be consulted regarding the new truck purchase; the Selectmen confirmed that the Highway Advisory Committee is still active and the Road Agent will be looking for input from the Highway Advisory Committee prior to purchase the new truck.

The public meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant