

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2018

➤ **Members Present:** George Tuthill, Robert Piehler, and Chet Caron

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

The minutes of the May 1, 2018 meeting were approved.

➤ **Items Reviewed and Signed**

- PA-29 Disabled Exemption: Map 410 Lot 31
- MS-535 Financial Report of the Budget 2018
- Letters to Properties Owners on the Tax Deeding List

➤ **Business**

- Nancy Whitman informed the Selectmen that the old town hall building has been approved as a historic building and that the state will be issuing a press release soon. The intent to apply for a moose plate grant has been submitted; the grant will be for repairing the windows. Mrs. Whitman will be working on paperwork for the LCHIP grant for funding to complete a study and plan on what repairs will be needed to the building.
- The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Steve Whitman requesting reappointment to the Conservation Commission; the Selectman approved Mr. Whitman's reappointment.
- The Selectmen briefly reviewed a letter from a resident at 404 Shem Valley Road regarding driveway drainage concerns; Mr. Tuthill stated that the problem has been addressed by the highway department and landowner.

➤ **Appointments**

- Jeff Cantara, Road Agent
 - Mr. Cantara provided an update on current highway department operations. The highway department is currently performing spring grading and are needing to use the water truck due to dry conditions. Mr. Cantara stated that the road conditions after grading may be different than what is normally done due to both budget constraints and dry conditions.
 - Mr. Cantara provided an update on the ongoing meetings with FEMA representatives regarding submitting paperwork for the October 2017 storm damage. Mr. Cantara expressed his concern that due to budget cuts, we do not have money in the budget to finish repairs to some of the damaged areas. FEMA does allow 18 months for work completion, so costs could be included for the 2019 budget year.
- Nick Craw requested to put pipe under Welton Falls Road between properties at Map 404 Lot 32 to Map 404 Lot 1-3. Mr. Caron stated that Mr. Craw will be required to notify Mr. Cantara of when the work will be performed.
- Boyd Smith and Parker Griffin from the Newfound Lake Region Association presented information on new grants available for property owners to put their land in a conservation easement and reviewed the area of the aquifer that feeds the Bristol town wells that is of most interest for the commission (Drinking Water and Groundwater Commission) that will review the grant applications. The grant funding is available as a result of NH's \$236 million settlement with Exxon Mobile in 2015 over contamination from the gasoline additive MtBE. Interested landowners in Alexandria are encouraged to contact the Newfound Lake Region Association.
 - Mr. Cantara inquired as to whether funding for assisting with closing a section of Bog Road might be available as part of the grant funding; Mr. Smith said that he look into whether it would be a covered project.
 - Jennifer Tuthill expressed that landowners have control over what is included in the easement and that the process takes a length of time to complete.
 - Mr. Smith mentioned that there is also separate grant funding available for the surveying and legal expenses for putting properties into conservation easements.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant