

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2018

- **Members Present:** Chet Caron and Robert Piehler
- The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- The minutes from the August 21, 2018 meeting were approved.
- **Items Reviewed and Signed**
 - Letter: Property Owner at Map 419 Lot 19 in violation of RSA 236:114
 - Land Use Change Tax: Map 418 Lot 85
 - Abutter Permission for work to be done to an existing lakeside retaining wall at Map 202 Lot 60
 - Purchase Order: Motorola Solutions for new radio for police cruiser
 - Release of Municipal Liability/Private Road driveway for Map 202 Lot 35
- **Appointments/Department Heads**
 - Mark Stetson, Avitar Associates to discuss LRCT BTLA A-9 form
 - Mr. Stetson provided an overview of the requirements for charitable organizations to be considered tax exempt. Mr. Stetson suggested that LRCT provided documented use of the property for education purposes in order to establish the appropriate use of the property to consider it tax exempt.
 - Ned Gordon, candidate for NH House of Representatives Grafton District 9
 - Mr. Gordon introduced himself as a candidate for the NH House of Representative for Grafton District.
 - Boyd Smith, Newfound Lake Region Association
 - Mr. Smith was present to discuss grant funding for a Shem Valley Road drainage project. NLRA will provide funds to the town to cover costs of materials and labor. The Town will need to document the costs and provide that information to NLRA to submit for payment.
 - Mr. Smith said that there is still \$15,000 in grant funds available for projects that will improve the water quality in the Newfound Lake watershed; the Selectmen and Road Agent will discuss potential projects at a later meeting.
 - Jeff Cantara, Road Agent
 - Mr. Cantara provided an update on highway department activities:
 - Paving of Town Pound Road has been completed and he will be drag shimming pavement on Karl Gordon Road.
 - Mr. Cantara is looking into obtaining prefunding for the large overflow culvert that will be installed at Fowler River Road next year.
 - They are working on the road around the Washburn Road Bridge and will be filling in some ruts on Mount Cardigan Road.
 - There a couple of trucks that require additional maintenance.
 - Fall grading will begin in early October.
- **Business**
 - FEMA reimbursement for October 2017 storm
 - George Clayman, EMD, provided an update on obtaining reimbursement from FEMA for the October 2017 storm damage repairs. Mr. Clayman stated that the process has been slow and that FEMA is short staffed. A meeting will be held next week with FEMA and our state HSEM representative to go over the status of reimbursement.
 - There was a discussion regarding the increase of the occurrence of natural disasters and the need to municipalities to be more self-sufficient. Jeff Cantara suggested that the town establish a budget for emergency repairs to infrastructure.
 - Mr. Cantara said that there are two locations damaged during the October 2017 storm that need additional work done to culverts and are pending the recommendations from NH DES.
 - Mr. Cantara said that he is working on obtaining FEMA mitigation funds for work to Gove Road.
 - Mr. Piehler motioned to accept the changes to Map 411 that removed the boundary line in contention designation between Lots 53 and 54; Mr. Caron seconded; all voted in favor of accepting the change.

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- The Selectmen are reviewing the MS-454 Revised Estimated Revenues and will discuss at their next meeting.
- The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the NH Division of Forest & Lands regarding their intent to harvest timber from Welton Falls State Forest.
- The Selectmen reviewed a notice received from NH DES for a public hearing on a Lake Level Investigation for Newfound Lake being held at the Bridgewater Town Hall on August 28, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant