

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2019

- ❖ **Members Present:** George Tuthill and Robert Piehler
- ❖ The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ The minutes from the August 20, 2019 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
 - LUCT Warrant: \$740 Map 414 Lot 63-2A
 - Quote from CWS Guardrail for work at Fowler River Rd. overflow culvert
- ❖ **Items Held for Further Review**
 - Town of Alexandria Financial Policies
- ❖ **Business**
 - Mr. Tuthill congratulated the Alexandria Firefighters Association for a successful pig road and thanked Jeff Shackett for the donation of the pigs.
 - The Selectmen discussed a resident's concern that their driveway culvert at 75 Stoney Lane was blocked and water runoff damaged the bottom of their driveway. Jeff Cantara, Road Agent, and the Selectmen expressed that driveway connection, including driveway pipes, maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner and not the town. Mr. Tuthill provided a reminder to property owners that regularly maintaining driveway pipe may prevent blockages. Mr. Cantara expressed that while the town has no obligation to maintain driveway pipes, the highway department tries to assist property owners with removing blockages as time allows.
 - The Selectmen discussed having DTC Lawyers accept service on behalf of the Town for additional Northern New England Telephone (Fairpoint) property tax appeals.
 - The Selectmen discussed a letter from DTC Lawyers regarding pooling together with other communities to create a comprehensive public rights-of-way ordinance; Mr. Tuthill and Mr. Piehler were in agreement to participate.
 - There was discussion regarding a notice from Industrial Communications & Electronics Inc. of their intent to construct a cell tower off Smith River Road in Alexandria.
 - Mr. Tuthill inquired as to when budget work sessions with department heads will begin; meetings will begin in October.
- ❖ **Department Heads/Committees**
 - Jeff Cantara, Road Agent
 - Fowler River Road overflow culvert project is approximately ninety percent complete. Paving will be done this week and the guardrail will be installed next Monday or Tuesday.
 - Work will begin on shoulder gravel for Cass Mill Road.
 - Mr. Cantara discussed grant monies available from Newfound Lake Region Association for materials to do work on culverts on Gove Road. Mr. Cantara and the Selectmen agreed to move forward on this project if time allows.
 - Mr. Cantara said that truck 4 (2007 Ford F550) was going in for work and would cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000.
 - Mr. Cantara suggested that the Selectmen look into adopting an ordinance regarding defacing a town road.
- ❖ **Public Input**
 - Debbie Monico, 155 Cass Mill Road, expressed concern that the new owners of 205 Cass Mill Road intend to establish an impound lot at that location and her concerns that there may be fluids from vehicles contaminating the soil, lights and excessive noise, and increased activity and traffic in that area. There was discussion regarding wetlands at the back of the property and drainage culverts that empty on either side of the property. Abutters at 225 Cass Mill Road were present, Lawrence and Marie-Rose Boyce, to express the same concerns. It was explained that Alexandria has no zoning ordinance or other ordinance that would prevent this type of usage of the property. Jennifer Tuthill, Alexandria Conservation Commission, suggested that Ms. Monico encourage residents to adopt a zoning ordinance. There was suggestion that Ms. Monico contact N.H. Department of Environmental Services with concerns about fluid leakage into the wetlands from vehicle storage. There was discussion regarding adopting a noise ordinance to alleviate noise concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant