Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2020

❖ ***Members Present:*** George Tuthill, Chet Caron and Robert Piehler
❖ The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
❖ The minutes for February 4, 2020 were approved. The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
  ➢ Cemetery Deed: Riverside Cemetery multiple lots to Charles & Wendy Gilbert
  ➢ PA-29 Property Tax Credit/Exemption Application: Daniel Kuntz
  ➢ CAI Technologies: Tax map maintenance agreement
❖ **Business**
  ➢ Conservation Commission appointments
    ▪ Jennifer Tuthill and Ron MacLean were appointed as full members of the conservation commission.
    ▪ Dilys Morris & Deb Donohue were appointed as alternate members of the conservation commission.
    ▪ Merry Ruggirello was reappointed as a full member of the conservation commission.
  ➢ The Selectmen discussed the USDA community loan and grant program that is available to area towns. They will be scheduling a meeting with Dave Jeffers from Lakes Region Planning Commission to discuss potential projects.
  ➢ The Selectmen provided a reminder that town voting is held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, polls open 11 am to 7 pm at old Town Hall.
  ➢ Mr. Tuthill provided information on a group of residents that have formed a group to address climate change. Mr. Tuthill read the following statement from the group:
    ▪ *To all Alexandria residents. Why is it important to vote YES on Article 11 (land purchase for new town transfer station). Proposed site off Cass Mill Rd and Route 104 presently has power, excellent access off a main highway, and significant acreage. Will provide years of material for town highway department at significantly less cost. This site will provide the ability to meet recycling demands in the future.*
  ➢ Mr. Tuthill asked about how the donations received for the town hall preservation are accessed to be spent; Mrs. Dostie explained that the donations can be utilized for purchases as they relate to town hall preservation.
  ➢ The Selectmen approved the 2019 Annual Report.
  ➢ The Selectmen reviewed the bridge inspection report provided by NH DOT. Alexandria has no new bridges on the report. The Bailey Road bridge and Cole Hill Road bridge continue to be on the red list.
❖ **Public Input**
  ➢ Larry Monroe was present to discuss concerns he has with the 2020 Town Warrant.
    ▪ On Article 11, Mr. Monroe inquired as to how much gravel the town currently uses, the cost for the gravel currently, cost for excavating the gravel, and whether the town would need a new loader at the location. Mr. Tuthill expressed that this was answered in detail at the deliberative session; Mr. Monroe said that he did not attend the deliberative session. There was discussion on gravel prices, price to crush gravel, and that there is already a loader housed at the transfer station.
    ▪ Mr. Monroe expressed his concern on the article for $60,000 to repair the 2009 Sterling. He expressed his opinion that it was excessive and inquired as to the specific repairs that would be done. The Selectmen explained that the Road Agent has the full details, but believe it includes repairs to rust and replacement of plow and wing.
    ▪ Mr. Monroe expressed his concern that the article for chip sealing did not specify the roads that would be chip sealed. The Selectmen explained that this is done to allow for flexibility on determining which roads are in most need.
    ▪ Mr. Monroe questioned whether recommendations by the budget committee and selectmen should be included on the warrant as he feels it influences voters. Mr. Caron also expressed concern about including recommendations. It was explained that the requirements for recommendations are set by the state.
    ▪ In response to Mr. Monroe's concerns about the cost of the land purchase and developing the land, Steve Whitman mentioned that the Town will eventually recover monies through additional recycling.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant