

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 19, 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 May 5, 2020 were approved
- ❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
 - Building Notification: Map 419 Lot 22.1 Industrial Communications, LLC
 - There was a discussion on whether to contact the company constructing the telecommunications tower to see if there would be room for a repeater for the town radios on the tower.
 - Building Notification: Map 202 Lot 25.3 James & Dawn Marshall
 - Building Notification: Map 405 Lot 2 Ann & George Mayer
 - Notice, Agreement, and Release of Municipal Liability and Responsibility per NH RSA 674:41: Map 405 Lot 2 Ann & George Mayer
 - Hay field contract: Town of Alexandria & Platts Brothers
 - Letter to Eversource requesting additional information for assessing purposes
 - Turnaround Agreement: Sye Ali Road/Gray property
 - Jeff Cantara, Road Agent, discussed improvements that were made to Sye Ali Road drainage and the need for safe turnaround areas for town equipment on the road.
- ❖ **Business**
 - The Selectmen reviewed a request from Charles Brown, Jr. for the Town to adopt a policy to allow OHRV vehicles to be operated on Class VI roads in Alexandria; Mr. Tuthill stated that he did not think the Selectmen were in favor of the proposal at this time. Concerns were expressed by those present about opening up Class VI roads to that type of traffic due to having a lot of residents that live on Class VI roads and potential damage that may be caused to the roads.
 - The Selectmen discussed First Responder COVID-19 Stipend Program that is available for Town's to participate in. The program is effective for May 4, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Alexandria has 2 full-time police officers, 14 firefighters/on call no EMS and 6 firefighters on-call with EMS. Total amount that the Town would receive to disperse to first responders is approximately \$18,216. Payroll expenses that the Town will be required to pay that should be reimbursable \$1,393.52 through the state. The Selectmen voted to approve participating in the First Responder COVID-19 Stipend Program; all aye.
 - The Selectmen discussed a plan to reopen the town hall to the public with the following restrictions in place:
 - No more than 3 people in the entry way at a time
 - Appointments required
 - Face masks will be request to be worn in the building
 - Clear markings on floor for people to stand 6 feet apart
 - Front door entrance only with side door past Police Department as the exit door in order to keep people distanced
 - Jeff Cantara, Road Agent
 - Mr. Cantara provided an update on spring grading and concerns with the dry conditions.
 - Bailey Road bridge work will be done the end of June. The specific date will be made known as soon as there is a definite schedule.
 - Shem Valley Road bridge has been put on the state's red list this year and will need to be addressed for next year. Mr. Cantara suggested trying to put a box culvert in that location.
 - Work has been done of Bog Road as a result of funding for repairs from FEMA from October 2017 storm damage; work will continue to be done from this funding on several other roads in town.
 - Mr. Cantara expressed concerns that Bog Road was torn up right after the repairs were completed that require additional work. There was discussion on installing cameras to put in trouble spots throughout town where damage to gravel roads occurs more frequently.
 - Transfer Station
 - There was discussion regarding people not paying attention to signs and rude behavior at the transfer station. The Selectmen requested that Tony be asked to move forward with having a camera system installed. There was also discussion regarding whether or not there should be fees for disposals of items, fines for putting items in the wrong containers intentionally, and installing electronic gates with chips in the transfer station stickers; no decisions were made on those items. There was discussion on a system for reporting people that refuse to pay fines or put items in the wrong containers

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intentionally; those should be reported to the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Cantara suggested sending a notice out to all taxpayers with the transfer station rules.

- Concerns were expressed from Transfer Station staff about having the transfer station open in the evening when it is dark outside. There were discussions regarding safety issues; no decision was made.
- There was discussion on when and how to move to the transfer station, whether we should set up a temporary location on new property, and whether it should be done all at once or in phases; no decision was made.

❖ **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Accepting GOFERR (Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery) coronavirus relief grant funds not to exceed \$38,954
 - Mr. Tuthill opened the public hearing and reviewed the GOFERR Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant. The Selectmen voted to approve the grant and signed the grant agreement appointing Jennifer Dostie as the designated signing authority; all aye.

Public hearing and meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant