

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 2, 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 19, 2020 and May 26, 2020 were approved
- ❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
 - Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Collection Program 2020 Letter of Commitment
 - Offer letter to Kenneth Hall for Transfer Station Supervisor position
 - Notice of Intent to Cut: Towle Map 418 Lot 67 and Map 414 Lot 29
 - Notice of Intent to Cut: Dorsett Map 414 Lot 100
 - Notice of Intent to Cut: Lebsack Map 403 Lot 1 & 3
 - Purchase Order: All State for Magnesium Chloride
- ❖ **Business**
 - The Selectmen discussed a request for center lines to be painted in the road at intersection of Plumer Hill and Bristol Hill Road. Jeff Cantara, Road Agent, said that the area will be chip sealed this year and they will be painting the lines after the chip sealing has been completed.
 - There was discussion regarding part of a tree has fallen down in behind the Tucker House onto the property next to it. The owner has requested that the tree be removed. Mr. Cantara will take a look at the tree and determine if a tree service needs to be called in for removal.
 - The Selectmen reviewed the request to rent the gazebo for a gathering of less than 10 people; the Selectmen gave approval for the gazebo to be used for a small gathering.
 - The Selectmen discussed with Mr. Cantara a request from Lakes Region Conservation Trust to review Jacob Goodrum's property on Washburn Road regarding concerns about ditch dug on property by Mr. Goodrum. The Selectmen authorized Mr. Cantara to contact LRCT to discuss the situation.
 - The Selectmen reviewed Chief Sullivan's proposal for change to part-time; they have scheduled a work session for Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 4:00 to review the request.
 - The Selectmen discussed creating a group to plan the development of the land for a new transfer station. Mr. Tuthill suggested inviting the following to be members: Selectmen, Jeff Cantara, Kenneth Hall, Steve Whitman, and Sue Hunt. Mr. Cantara also suggested that a member of the budget committee be invited to the committee as well. The Selectmen will further discuss this at their next work session.
- ❖ **Departments/Committees**
 - Jeff Cantara, Road Agent
 - Mr. Cantara discussed the status of work in the highway department.
 - Magnesium chloride will be purchased for dust control on the dry roads.
 - Work on spreading gravel from FEMA funds related to the October 2017 storm is just about finished. Mount Cardigan Road and Thomas Road culverts should be done later this year and an overlay of pavement on Mount Cardigan Road should be done as well.
 - Spring graded has almost been completed.
 - The Bailey Road bridge work is still moving forward with work projected to begin the end of June
 - Mr. Cantara requested that permitting begin this year for work to be done on Shem Valley Road bridge. There was discussion regarding changes to DES permitting that has made the process more involved and lengthy.
 - Keith Bruning, Transfer Station Attendant
 - Mr. Bruning suggested having a police officer at the transfer station gate one a week not allowing people without stickers to enter the transfer station; no decision was made on the request.
 - Mr. Bruning stated the need to hire more workers for the transfer station as soon as possible and suggested that the wording on the advertisement be changed to include that the town is willing to train; the Selectmen agreed to include wording on the help wanted ad to include that certification is not required and must be willing to train.
 - Mr. Bruning asked the Selectmen why the employees at the transfer station were paid so low and requested pay increases. There was discussion regarding the budget process and raise requests.

Public hearing and meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant