

# Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

## June 16, 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 June 2, 2020 were approved
- ❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
  - Purchase Order: Atlantic Recycling for transfer station container
  - PA-29 Application for Credit/Exemption: Map 414 Lot 22-1
  - Audit representation letter
- ❖ **Departments/Committees**
  - Nancy Whitman, Town Hall Preservation
    - Per recommendations from the condition report for the old town hall, Mrs. Whitman is recommending that we have the drip lines fixed. She has reached out the NLRA Youth Conservation Corps and they will be willing to complete this project as long as the Town supplies materials. Chet will donate crushed stone and a fifty yard roll of underlayment will need to be purchased for around \$20. NLRA Youth Conservation Corps provides the labor at no cost to the Town. Mrs. Whitman suggested the trench be dug and piping put down for the new propane tanks before the drip line is fixed; she will be reaching out to Jeff Cantara to discuss. The work may potentially be done early August.
    - Mrs. Whitman is still attempting to obtain estimates for clapboard and porch roof repairs to the old town hall.
    - Mrs. Whitman is coordinating efforts to paint the old town hall. There is a Benjamin Moore representative that will be willing to supply paint, but she was unsure of the amount. Some people are interested in volunteering their time to paint the hall as well.
- ❖ **Business**
  - Letter from Keith Bruning regarding transfer station recommendations (letter attached for reference)
    - General fund: Mr. Bruning is suggesting that disposal fees collected by the transfer station not be put into the general fund and that the transfer station be accounted for separately as its own entity. There was brief discussion on how those funds are used to offset the cost of the transfer station.
    - New Site: Mr. Bruning suggested Ken Hall head up the committee for the new transfer station. Mr. Tuthill suggested that once the committee was established, the committee will choose their chair.
    - New Site: Mr. Bruning expressed urgency in moving forward with the transfer station. Mr. Tuthill said it was a point well taken.
    - Fees: There was discussion that the fees for disposal have been updated recently and that nonresidents were dumping.
    - Stickers: Mr. Bruning's letter states that because of the efforts of transfer station staff, they are almost out of transfer station stickers. Kenneth Hall had requested that stickers for 2021 be purchased soon to be distributed this year and to purchase a larger quantity.
    - Volunteers: There was a brief discussion on whether volunteers could be used to work at the transfer station. After discussion, the Selectmen were unsure that they would be covered under insurance and had concerns regarding the required training transfer station workers require.
    - Hazardous duty pay: The Selectmen will be looking into offering hazardous duty pay to employees that worked during the pandemic but did not qualify for the First Responders Stipend.
    - Transponders: The Selectmen determined that this would be best discussed during the budget process for next year.
  - Noncompliance Forms from Transfer Station
    - Someone stopped into the transfer station with a load of construction debris and refused to pay the \$10 disposal fee. He left the transfer station without disposing of the construction debris. Mr. Bruning stated he completed the noncompliance form as reference in case the materials ended up being dumped on Bog Road.
    - There was discussion regarding dumping of household trash into the plastic and glass recycling containers. Some items with identifying information was removed from the trash. There was discussion regarding advise from legal counsel that there is an assumption of privacy for trash disposed of in bags at a transfer station. Mr. Bruning expressed concerns that the person dumping was not a resident of Alexandria; it was explained that she is not a resident but she does own property in Alexandria.
  - Complaint Form: Sye Ali Road building on property too close to road
    - This item will be discussed with Jeff Cantara, Road Agent, prior to making any decision.

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- Transfer Station Site Committee:
  - Mr. Tuthill read a draft of the charge for the Transfer Station Siting Committee (attached). Suggestions received from Steve Whitman were reviewed (attached). Sue Hunt will also be added as a member to the committee. The first meeting is scheduled to be held immediately following the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 6:00 pm. It was mentioned that Ken Hall and Keith Bruning have already visited the transfer stations in Ashland and New Hampton to review their layout.

Public meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant