

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

July 7, 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 30, 2020 were approved
- ❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
 - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: Map 402 Lot 1 John Morse
- ❖ **Appointments**
 - Senator Bob Guida
 - Discussed progress of the NH State Senate and the impacts COVID19 had on the last session.
 - Senator Guida discussed his involvement in the Governor's Economic Re-Opening Task Force and explained the need to balance health and the economy and the work the task force is doing with DHHS and members of local industries to establish re-opening guidelines.
 - Senator Guida said that state revenues are down. Gas tax revenues were 50% lower than expected and this may impact highway block grants to municipalities, but the state is still unsure of the exact impact. He does expect an impact to the distribution of the meals and rooms tax to municipalities.
 - There was discussion regarding House Bill 1111 that pertains to broadband expansion within communities. It allows for communities to create a "communications district" to increase high speed internet accesses within communities. Grand funding for this program must be spent by December 31, 2020.
 - Senator Guida announced that the self-employed loan fund has opened up and encouraged sole proprietors to look into the program.
 - George Tuthill asked Senator Guida if he had heard of any interest in the Indeck biomass plant or the opening of biomass plants. Senator Guida does not feel that biomass will be back and has not heard any information on the opening or repurposing of the Indeck biomass plant. Senator Guida mentioned the option of towns pooling together to form a microgrid using the plant. Mr. Piehler talked about a previous proposal from Paul Bemis that involved using the heat produced from the plant to run commercial, hydroponic greenhouses.
 - Rosie Homer
 - Rosie Homer presented her proposal to start a Discover Alexandria program that would be similar to the format AMC uses for their AMC Four Thousand Footer Club. The program's purpose would be to encourage residents and taxpayers to learn more about the community in the hope that they will become more involved with local government and committees. Ms. Homer is applying for a grant from Franklin Savings Bank and asked the Selectmen if they would consider being the fiscal agents for disbursement of grant funds. The Selectmen will review Ms. Homer's request.
 - Jennifer Tuthill
 - Jennifer Tuthill informed the Selectmen that she heard that the property owned by Maxam (Tax Map 401 Lot 1) will be sold and is being marketed for development. She said that she thought there was a ½ mile buffer zone around the munitions storage facilities for development, but she heard that Maxam is now saying that the buffer zone is 1,500 feet. Mrs. Tuthill inquired as to whether Maxam has applied for a subdivision; Maxam has not submitted any subdivision paperwork to the Town.
- ❖ **Business**
 - Transfer Station Noncompliance Form: July 1 incident involving William Corbeil
 - The Selectmen reviewed the form provided by Keith Bruning that Mr. Corbeil was upset about not being able to put cardboard into the compactor. Mr. Tuthill stated that a letter should be drafted to send out in situations such as this to explain disposal procedures at the transfer station.
 - Complaint: Transfer Station complaint from Lance Masi
 - The Selectmen expressed that since Mr. Masi was not specific regarding his complaint there was no action to take.
 - Town website: CivicPlus proposal for new website design and hosting
 - The Selectmen expressed concerns with the high cost of the project and will need more time to review the information.

Public meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant
