

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 18, 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 August 18, 2020 were approved
- ❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
 - Building Notification: Map 413 Lot 13 at 316 King Road
 - Building Notification: Map 414 Lot 100 at 673 Cass Mill Road
 - Updated Purchase Order to Include Plow option for Sterling
 - Letter to NHDES regarding work to Gale Road/Fowler River from October 2017 storm
 - MS-535 Financial Report of the Budget for the period ending December 31, 2019
- ❖ **Business**
 - The Selectmen reviewed a request from the owner of property at Map 407 Lot 92 for gate to be installed on their driveway. After reviewing the request with Jeff Cantara, the Selectmen did not feel the town was required to install a gate at that location.
 - Mr. Tuthill announced that there will be a retirement celebration for Donald Sullivan: Sunday, August 23, 2020 from 2 pm to 4 pm outside the old town hall near the gazebo. The Selectmen approved gifting Donald Sullivan with his service pistol as a thank you for his years of service to the town.
- ❖ **Appointments**
 - Omer C. Ahern, Jr, Grafton County Commissioner Candidate, introduced himself and discussed his position on topics as a candidate for Grafton County Commissioner.
- ❖ **Department Heads/Commissions**
 - Chief Suckling, Police Department
 - Chief Suckling informed the Selectmen that the help wanted ad has been running and he has received several applications for the open police officer position.
 - Jeff Cantara, Road Agent
 - Mr. Cantara provided the following updates on highway department projects:
 - Karl Gordon Road drainage work has been completed. There is still paving to be done to prepare roadway for safe winter plowing.
 - Mount Cardigan Road culvert repair has been completed.
 - Thomas Road culvert repair work will begin this week.
 - The repairs to the 2009 Sterling are underway.
 - Bailey Road bridge work will begin on September 9, 2020 and the road will be closed while the bridge is being repaired.
 - Mr. Cantara expressed that they are away that some roads may be rough. Dry conditions are not good for road grading and we do not currently have enough staff to run all equipment to include the water truck for safe grading.
 - Ken Hall, Transfer Station Supervisor
 - Mr. Hall would like the Selectmen to consider cleaning the bank at the back of the transfer station. Suggestions were presented to contact the Youth Conservation Commission or the Alexandria Conservation Commission to assist with clean up. There was also discussion about contacting Grafton County Department of Corrections to inquire about having an inmate crew assist with clean up.
 - Mr. Hall requested that the Selectmen consider instituting a policy that would charge for oversized loads of household trash that goes in the compactor. Mr. Hall stated that when people come with an oversized load of household trash, it fills up the compactor fast and on a busy day causes problems if the compactor becomes full. Phillip Davis suggested requiring contractors delivering larger loads of trash to have a different colored sticker that they pay for; there were concerns expressed that contractors are not currently applying for the correct permit for the transfer station.
 - Michael Provost, Budget Committee
 - Mr. Provost informed the Selectmen of the following:
 - The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
 - Department budget requests for 2021 will be due to the Selectmen's Office by September 24, 2020.
 - The Budget Committee would like to have joint meeting with department heads and the Selectmen to review proposed budgets beginning on October 6, 2020.
 - The Budget Committee is looking for people that would like to serve as alternates.

Public meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant