Alexandria Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 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 September 29, 2020 were approved

❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
  ➢ Notice of Intent to Cut: Steven Herring Map 417 Lot 19
  ➢ Morton Salt Bulk Pricing 2020/2021 Agreement

❖ **Business**
  ➢ The Selectmen discussed the need to appoint inspectors of election per NH RSA 658:2; the Selectmen will review the requirements before making any appointments.
  ➢ There was discussion regarding an estimate for an environmental assessment to be done at the property purchased for the new transfer station; the Selectmen approved moving forward with having the assessment completed this year.

❖ **Appointments**
  ➢ Kim Bliss, Chair of Newfound Area School District Budget Committee
    ▪ Ms. Bliss was present to update the Selectmen on projects and spending for the Newfound School District. There was discussion regarding the new ventilation system being installed in the middle school; this is not an upgrade but a new system as the building did not have a ventilation system. The total cost of the project is $2.1 million. This is being funding partially by a bond of $825,000, $500,000 from a maintenance trust fund, $523,000 from the unexpended fund balance, and an amount of unexpended funds from the last school year. There was discuss that some of these funds would normally be used to lower the property tax obligation; Mr. Tuthill said to keep in mind that $200,000 changes the tax rate by around $1.00. The ventilation project is expected to be completed by the first or second week of December.
    ▪ Ms. Bliss was asked if the district had seen an increase in enrollment; she stated that enrollment has increased but she unsure by how much.
    ▪ There was discussion around Ms. Bliss regularly attending Selectmen’s meeting to update them on school district activities; she said that she will be happy to come back and update the Selectmen.
    ▪ There were some questions regarding the transportation contract with buses; Ms. Bliss did not have the details but will look into and provide the Selectmen with the information.

❖ **Departments/Commissions**
  ➢ Nancy Whitman, Town Hall Preservation Committee
    ▪ Mrs. Whitman provided an update on work being done by the Town Hall Preservation Committee. Deb Glidden and Mrs. Whitman have been scraping and painting areas where clapboards were bare on the town hall.
    ▪ The Selectmen and Mrs. Whitman reviewed quotes for painting the town hall, performing work on the east side porch on the town hall, and moving copper piping for the heating system so that the propane tanks can be moved. There was discussion regarding Mr. Thompson, JLT Painting, informed Mrs. Whitman that it appeared that the roof of the town hall would need work and suggested having the roof done prior to painting the building. The Selectmen suggested having Doug Hutchinson provide an estimate for the roof work. There was discussion on whether Mr. Hutchinson would be able to do the porch repair work this year; Mr. Tuthill said that he thought it wouldn’t be able to be scheduled until next year. The Selectmen approved moving forward with the propane lines.
    ▪ There was discussion on applying for a grant through the Moose Plate grant program to fund a portion of the project.

Public meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant