

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

December 29, 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 December 15, 2020 were approved
- ❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
 - NH Interlocal Trust: NHIT Return of Funds to Members
 - The Selectmen chose to take a check for return of funds rather than having those funds be applied to future invoices.
 - Timber Tax: Map 417 Lot 27 Steven Herring
 - Timber Tax: Map 417 Lot 19 Steven Herring
 - Abatement: Map 406 Lot 83 Donna & Vaughn Stites
 - Environmental Site Assessment: Owner Questionnaire (Map 419 Lot 29)
 - Environmental Site Assessment : User Questionnaire (Map 419 Lot 29)
 - Purchase Order 1097 : Bergeron Protective Clothing (Fire Department Supplies)
- ❖ **Departments/Committees**
 - Chief David Suckling, Alexandria Police Department
 - Chief Suckling stated that he is ready to make an offer to hire the police officer for the current open position and asked whether the Board of Selectmen would like him to hold off on hiring. Michael Provost, Alexandria Budget Committee, said that the Budget Committee was split down the middle on whether to include funding in the operating budget for the position or whether to remove the cost of the position from the operating budget and suggest the Selectmen put the position in a warrant article. Mr. Tuthill expressed that the town fought hard for the second position and would like to see money included in the operating budget for the position. Mr. Provost stated that the Budget Committee will be meeting at 5 pm on January 12, 2021 and encouraged Chief Suckling to attend.
 - There was discussion on whether there was a possibility of Alexandria and Danbury pooling together for a joint police department. Chief Suckling said that pursuing that option would be beneficial for both towns. There was also discussion on current mutual aid policies.
- ❖ **Business**
 - NH RSA 76:13 Interest
 - By request of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, the Selectmen voted to provide the Tax Collector with authorization to forgive interest and penalties for \$10.00 or less
 - Building Permit Ordinance:
 - There is a petition being circulated for the adoption of a building permit ordinance. Petitioned warrant articles are due by January 12th and a hearing should be scheduled on the ordinance as soon as possible following the receipt of the petitioned warrant article. A hearing on the ordinance will be scheduled for Tuesday, January 19th following the Selectmen's Meeting at 6 pm in anticipation of receiving the petitioned warrant article.
 - The Selectmen reviewed a request that the Selectmen require all members of the Select Board and their audience to wear masks during meetings; Mr. Tuthill said that feels it is a good idea to have masks but is not ready to force mask wearing.
 - The Selectmen discussed accepting \$19,813 for unpaid franchise fees from Atlantic Broadband. The BOS approved accepting the \$19,813 for unpaid franchise fees and confirmed that the fees will not be passed on to subscribers.
 - The Selectmen discussed their intent to change Wadhams Road and Poor Farm Road to roads that only receive summer maintenance. After receiving a concern about changing the status of Poor Farm Road, the Selectmen will not pursue changing the status of Poor Farm Road but will continue with Wadhams Road.

Public meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

The Selectmen participated in the Transfer Station Siting Committee that began after the Selectmen's Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant