

## **Minutes for December 30 2020 Alexandria Commission Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 6:42 by Ernie Lamos

Members Present: Ernest Lamos, Jennifer Tuthill, Merry Ruggirello

Excused: Ron McClean

Absent: Steve Whitman

BOS representative: Bob Piehler

Guests: Audrey West

Special Attendance Note/Discussion: Given the fact that there are now only six members of the ACC, it was decided those present made a quorum. The inability of George W. to attend regularly was discussed in terms of future attendance and regular membership.

- Approved minutes from the August 26, 2020 meeting: *Merry made motion to accept minutes as presented, Jennifer 2nd. Passed unanimously.*
- Financials: 2020 Operating budget: not presented  
~presently \$1,050 outstanding owed to the trust fund from December 17 billings. \$3,800 has been paid to the trust fund in December 2020.

### **Old Business:**

1. Status of Newfound Lake Regional Association summer projects: Audrey West will help us contact NLRA staff for volunteers in the summer season.
2. Status of protecting town properties via warrant article: discussion resulted in concluding that the ACC already has ability to check on properties and report to the Select Board, as information is public and can be accessed. Select Board is not able to be legally bound to opinions of ACC. Board voted to rescind Warrant Article submission. *Ernie made motion, Merry seconded. Passed unanimously.*
3. Status of Website: Two members have accessed the website today and found it working . Updating for change in officers and upcoming ACC activities continues to need editing. Question- who physically does the website changes? why is authorized to input website information?
4. Status of Town Forest road; Road work has been completed. Grading and graveling done. Question raised whether Mike Sharp paid for both gravel and Ken Braley's work applying gravel, or is the ACC owing Ken his labor fee?
5. Status of repairs to bench in Barrett Park: Ron McClean fixed the bench five months ago. It remains intact and functions perfectly.
6. Ron McClean had phone contact with DES during the summer, having been directed to several different contacts within the agency. He was not given the specific information regarding the name of the product being used for weed control.
7. Status of Town Forest Management Plan: No meetings have been held by the two members, Ernie and Merry, with the third member having left the ACC. Ernie and Merry will meet this month to work on a plan. Audrey suggested accessing plans by other towns with TF management plans to develop language and structure for ours. They agreed that this would be part of their plan.
8. Status of TF signs along town roads: Ernie, Jenny, and Keagen Andrews put up two of the four signs. Snow and misalignment requires further adjustments for two signs. Ken Braley suggested placement site for the sign at the bottom of the class 6 road by his house. This was not yet placed.
9. Status of repainting boundary markers at the Town Forest: after discussion, it was decided to have a TF community activity in April specifically to mark the TF boundaries.

### **New Business**

1. Replace member for Management Plan: we need new members for this position. Three people are presently considering joining the ACC. Until new members join, this will remain open.
2. Assign person to be responsible for repainting of boundary markers- Ernie will be in charge of organizing the community activity planned for April 2021.

3. Candidates for Commission membership: there are three individuals considering joining. Audrey West was present at tonight's meeting, and will report back to Jenny on her decision as to whether to join Other candidates are Lesley McGowan, and Keagan Andrews. Neither could attend this meeting but plan to come in January.
4. Conservation Matters Article for February: Bob Piehler and Jenny will write it.
5. Yearly report for Annual Town Report will be written by Ernie and Jenny.
6. After much discussion on the topic brought to the group by Bob, Jenny proposed the ACC meet in the Alexandria Schoolhouse in the future, with plans to use the site for future activities. Bob seconded. It was decided that the next few meetings would be held in the Alexandria Schoolhouse.
7. Potential projects for 2021:
  - re-design of graphics and text for ACC pamphlets; Audrey and Jenny will begin work on this
  - Photo contest re-started with a possible theme of "Covid-19 Photos from Alexandria"
  - Mapping of Town Forest trails, creating a border trail, marking points of interest in TF
  - Monthly Litter Pickup continued when snowbanks have melted
  - Barrett Park weed control- can use two forms of weed control for Japanese Knotweed and have as a demonstration to community; have a community presentation regarding weed control and then onsite visit(s). Extension service can be involved.
  - Holding "Zoom " meetings

The meeting was adjourned by Ernie Lamos at 7:42 pm. Our next meeting will be January 27, 2021, at the Alexandria Schoolhouse.

Respectfully submitted: December 31, 2020.

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*"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be measured by the way in which its animals are treated."* ~ Mahatma Gandhi, 1869-1948