

# Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

## May 4, 2021

- ❖ **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 April 20, 2021 were approved
- ❖ **Items Reviewed & Signed**
  - Abatement Response: Map 418 Lot 224 Morrison, Boake (1031 Ragged Mtn. Hwy.)
  - Abatement Response: Map 407 Lot 25-1 Laberge, Margaret (316 Knowles Hill Road)
  - PA-29: Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemption: Map 418 Lot 149
  - PA-29: Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemption: Map 407 Lot 40
  - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: Map 402 Lot 1 Morse (Off Orange Road)
  - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: Map 414 Lot 15-1 Fowler
  - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: Map 414 Lot 15-3 Clermont
  - 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Issue Property Tax Levy (Tax Collector's Warrant)
  - Timber Tax Levy: Map 418 Lot 144 Williams
- ❖ **Business**
  - A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 to review the Atlantic Broadband Franchise Renewal. This franchise agreement with Atlantic Broadband covers cable television only and does not involve other service Atlantic Broadband may provide. The Selectmen requested that town counsel be contacted for an outline for the hearing.
  - The Selectmen discussed an incident of illegal dumping of trash outside of the gate at the transfer station. Chief Suckling located the individual responsible and that individual had already removed the trash. The Selectmen made the decision not to press charges.
  - Mr. Tuthill explained conversations he has been having with Bristol's Town Administrator, Nicholas Coates regarding broadband expansion efforts in the area. The Selectmen agreed to explore participating in the broadband expansion efforts; Mr. Tuthill will gather more information on what would be involved. There was discussion that town has unanticipated funds it received from a settlement with Atlantic Broadband that could be put towards this project; the project is partially funded by grants.
  - Paul Sirard, Road Agent, mentioned that he looked at the condition on the Welton Falls Road bridge; Mr. Sirard has not yet heard from the property owners that are interested in making repairs to the bridge.
  - Mr. Piehler stated that the Alexandria Historical Society will hold their first meeting of the year in June and they will discuss funds for repairs to the town hall at that meeting.
  - Mr. Tuthill requested Doug Benton, Trustee of Trust Funds, be invited to a Selectmen's meeting to discuss the various trust funds they oversee.
  - Mr. Sirard mentioned a concern from Mrs. Tuthill regarding signage on Hutchins Hill Road and the town forest. There was discussion on putting signs restricting ATV's from entering the town forest. Concerns were expressed regarding vehicles damaging the Class VI portion of Hutchins Hill Road. There was discussion on placing an unlocked gate on a section of the road; no decision was made regarding a gate. Mr. Piehler expressed concerns on whether the town, through funding of the conservation commission, would be legally able to expend funds to repair any road damage on the Class VI section of road.
  - Nancy Whitman provided an update on the status of repairs to the town hall. She received a quote from a contractor for assessing the damage to the porch for \$200; the Selectmen authorized moving forward with having the damage assessed. After doing the assessment, the contractor will provide an estimate for repairs. Dead River has been out to review the area for moving the propane tanks. They are currently experiencing a shortage of 1,000 gallon tanks but could bury two 500 gallon tanks. Quotes for the work will be sent to the Town. Having Dig Safe come mark the site will not be needed until we have a date the work can be started. John Thompson provided an updated quote for painting that included some of the painting to be done by volunteers.

Public meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

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