

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 31, 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 from the August 17, 2021 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
 - Release of Liability/Driveway on Class VI Rd: Narel 770 Perkins Hill Road
 - Notice of Intent to Cut: Map 406 Lot 26 Fowler River Road
 - Timber Tax: Map 414 Lot 15.3 Clermont
 - Timber Tax: Map 414 Lot 15.1 Fowler
 - Guardrail purchase order CWS Fence
- ❖ **Business**
 - Mr. Tuthill read the request from the Conservation Commission to include a warrant article in 2022 that would designate an 8.8 acre lot the town owns on Bog Road as a Town Forest. Jennifer Tuthill stated that the NH Municipal Association suggested that this would be the best way to protect the property for conservation. The Selectmen expressed their interest in proceeding with a warrant article for 2022.
 - The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Deborah Aylward regarding the meeting on August 3rd with the Danbury Board of Selectmen regarding exploring the potential for combining police departments. Mr. Tuthill expressed that Ms. Aylward expressed concern that it was being rushed into without doing due diligence; Mr. Tuthill explained that was far from the truth and moving forward will require doing more research. It was explained that any decision to combine departments would be put before the voters.
 - Mr. Tuthill announced that we have a new full-time police officer. Officer LeBlanc was sworn in August 25, 2021.
 - The Selectmen reviewed a request for support from Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid that expressed concerns over the potential sale of the old state school property in Laconia where LRMFA is based. The Selectmen would like to discuss this situation with Chief Clayman and look for input in drafting a letter.
 - The Selectmen reviewed a complaint from Jeff Farmer regarding transfer station staff. The Selectmen will reach out to the complainant to schedule a meeting and to also schedule a meeting with transfer station staff to review the complaint.
- ❖ **Appointments/Departments**
 - Keith Bruning, Transfer Station Attendant: to discuss transfer station concerns.
 - Mr. Bruning suggested updating pricing for disposal of items at transfer station. Ken Hall and Jennifer Tuthill expressed concerns that increase pricing may result in increased dumping on Bog Road and questioned how we can correct that from occurring. Mr. Bruning suggested increasing to \$10 for twin, full, or queen mattress, \$20 for a king mattress, \$20 for couch, \$10 for easy chair and love seat, and \$5 for a dishwasher. Ms. Kelleher suggested allowing a limited number of furniture/mattress disposal per resident per year. No final decision was made; the Selectmen would like to further review.
 - Mr. Bruning expressed concern about the pay scale at the transfer station. Mr. Tuthill stated that it can be addressed during the budget.
 - Doug Benton, Budget Committee Member would like to review the agreement in place with SAU4. He would like to request copies from the school district to review as well as copies of the bus contract. The Selectmen expressed interest in pursuing information on the details of the agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

The Selectmen met with the Transfer Station Siting Committee after this meeting.