

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 30, 2021

- ❖ **Members Present:** George Tuthill, Robert Piehler, and Chet Caron
- ❖ The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ The minutes from the November 16, 2021 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
 - Contract with Sanders Searches, LLC
 - Land Use Change Tax: Starmer Map 411 Lot 24 (873 Washburn Road)
 - Cardboard Recycling Agreement with the Town of Bristol
- ❖ **Items Held for Further Review/Discussion**
 - JP Pest Services Fall Invader Treatment for 45 Washburn Road
 - JP Pest Services Commercial Pest Management Agreement for 45 Washburn Road
- ❖ **Appointment**
 - William Corbeil
 - Mr. Corbeil was present to discuss concerns he had on whether recycling was mandatory. He referenced an incident that occurred in July 2020 when there was an incident at the transfer station between Mr. Corbeil and Keith Bruning concerning disposing of cardboard in the compactor. Mr. Corbeil stated that, at two separate times in November 2021, he witnessed people putting cardboard into the compactor without being told to place the cardboard in a different location. Mr. Corbeil asked for confirmation that recycling was voluntary and not mandatory. There was discussion on the difference between saying that an item cannot be put in a container versus an item should be put in a different location if they want to recycle the item.
 - Mr. Corbeil expressed concern about the discussions in previous Selectmen's meetings regarding people disposing of trash in compactor bags and the potential for the bags to be cut open or be required to use clear bags to verify the contents are being disposed of in the appropriate containers. The Selectmen stated that there were no plans to begin a policy of cutting open bags or requiring clear bags.
 - There was a brief discussion on the frequent changes in the recycling market and how recyclable materials are handled.
 - Chief David Suckling
 - Chief Suckling was present to express his concern with the budget committee. Chief Suckling informed the Selectmen that he felt the budget committee was inappropriate in asking about specific details concerning staffing hours and the work that the Police Department does. Chief Suckling read NH RSA 32:22 that discusses one of the functions of the budget committee. The Selectmen discussed informing the Budget Committee members that if they have concerns about different department activities that they should be brought to the Board of Selectmen and that the focus of the budget committee should be on the operating budget and not specific department functions. Chief Suckling reviewed statistics regarding the size of police departments; the national average being 2.3 officers per 1,000 in population.
 - Chief Suckling announced that there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:00 pm in Danbury for the Alexandria and Danbury select boards to continue discussions about the potential for combining police departments. The police chief from Temple/Greenville will be present to answer questions about how the combined department is working for those towns.
- ❖ **Business**
 - Transfer station fees were reviewed with Kenneth Hall. Transfer station staff are not properly certified to remove the valves from the propane tanks. The Town will need to change vendors for disposal and a fee will be incurred for disposal. Mr. Caron suggested looking into having transfer station staff certified to remove the valves. The Selectmen authorized increasing the following disposal fees effective January 1, 2022:
 - Propane tanks over 1# will cost \$2.00 per tank for disposal
 - King and queen mattresses will cost \$20.00 per mattress for disposal
 - Full and twin mattresses will cost \$10.00 per mattress for disposal
 - Sofa bed will cost \$15.00 per sofa bed for disposal
 - Ken Hall informed the Selectmen that Keith Bruning found out that Hannaford recycles plastic bags. The transfer station will now have a container to put the plastic bags in so that they can bring them to Hannaford for recycling.

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- Mr. Tuthill read a request from the conservation commission to support a change in focus for Barrett Park from encouraging it as a public gathering place to preserving it as a turtle sanctuary and limiting public access. This will include erecting signs that include labelling the area as a turtle sanctuary, requesting the public keep the area undisturbed, and not allowing dogs. The Selectmen were in support of the change of focus. Mr. Piehler suggested also including signage prohibiting wheeled vehicles from the area as well.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant
