

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

December 21, 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 December 7, 2021 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
 - Yield Tax Warrant: Map 406 Lot 61 Sheridan
 - Letter of Support for the Lakes Region Planning Commission's Lakes Region USDA Solid Waste Project
 - PA-29: Veterans' Tax Credit for Map 411 Lot 192
- ❖ **Business**
 - The Selectmen reviewed a warrant article petition that would modify the funding model for the Newfound Area School District. Mr. Tuthill read the article as follows:
 To: School Board of the Newfound Area School District ("**the District**"), serving the Towns of Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, and New Hampton, New Hampshire ("**the Towns**") The undersigned registered voters in the Towns petition the School Board of the District to place the following warrant article on the Warrant for the March, 2022 District Annual Meeting for the purpose of reapportioning capital outlay costs and operational costs for the District as provided for in this petition:
 Are you in favor of the adoption of Article number ____ as proposed by this petition to reapportion capital outlay costs and operational costs for the Newfound Area School District as follows:
Article ____ To see if the Voters of the Newfound Area School District ("**the District**") will vote to adopt the following formula to reapportion the capital outlay costs and operational costs ("**Costs**") for the District pursuant to NH RSA 195:8 so that the new apportionment formula shall be: one-half of all Costs shall be apportioned on the basis of the ratio that the equalized valuation of each preexisting District Member Town bears to that of the District as a whole for the preceding calendar year; and the other half of all Costs shall be apportioned on the basis of the ratio of the average daily attendance of each District Member Town bears to that of the District as a whole for the preceding school year pursuant to NH RSA 195:7 I.(b).
 - Concerns were expressed that modifying the funding model may result in some communities choosing to leave the school district. Mr. Tuthill explained that there is no way to predict the full impact changing the funding model will have on the school district.
 - The petitioned warrant article will be circulated for signature of registered voters within the school district.
 - The Selectmen reviewed the elderly exemption amounts and income limits that are currently in place in Alexandria. After discussing the exemption amounts, the Selectmen decided to include an article in the 2022 warrant to increase the amount of the exemptions as follows:
 - Ages 65 to 74 increase exemption from \$27,500 to \$35,000
 - Ages 75 to 89 increase exemption from \$42,000 to \$50,000
 - Ages 80+ increase exemption from \$61,000 to \$70,000
 After reviewing the current set income and asset limits (\$20,500 for single and \$30,000 for married both with \$64,000 asset limit), the Selectmen were not inclined to change the asset and income limits.
 - The Selectmen reviewed and approved the updated solid waste fee schedule as follows:

Tires: Standard tire up to 19" off the rim \$3.00 Standard tire up to 19" on the rim \$4.00 Commercial tire 20" and up off the rim \$15.00 Commercial tire 20" and up on the rim \$16.00 Other tires including construction and farm equipment tires..... See Attendant for Price	Appliances Refrigerators, freezers..... no charge <i>Remove doors on refrigerators & freezers</i> Air conditioners, dehumidifiers no charge Stoves, washers, dryers no charge Dishwashers, water heaters no charge Water tanks, furnaces no charge
Electronics Computer Monitor..... \$10.00 Portable/Compact TV 15" or under..... \$10.00 Console TV over 15"..... \$20.00 CPU/Computer Hard Drive no charge Keyboards, computer mouse..... no charge	Construction/Bulky Waste Compact pickup\$25/load Vehicles with 6' bed.....\$40/load Vehicles with 8' bed.....\$50/load Partial load \$12/cubic yard
Mattresses/ Twin and full \$10.00 Queen and King \$20.00 Chair \$5.00 Couch \$10.00 Couch with pull-out bed..... \$15.00 Sectional Couch \$20.00	Propane Tanks Under 1 # no charge Over 1# \$2.00

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- Paul Sirard, Road Agent
 - Mr. Sirard requested that the Selectmen place a warrant article on the town warrant that would use monies from the unassigned fund balance to pay for the cost of extracting gravel from the town owned property on Cass Mill Road. A decision is pending further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant
