

# Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

## January 4, 2022

- ❖ **Members Present:** George Tuthill and Robert Piehler
- ❖ The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ The minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
  - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: C&C Realty Trust Map 418 Lot 151
  - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: C&C Realty Trust Map 418 Lot 144
  - Preferred Vendors List 2022
- ❖ **Business**
  - Mr. Tuthill stated that he will contact the individual interested in serving on the Broadband Committee to look at expanding broadband service in Alexandria. There was discussion regarding grant funds that the Town has received from ARPA that can be used towards that purpose. Mr. Tuthill said that he will need to discuss broadband expansion with Mr. Coates, Bristol Town Administrator, to see the status of potential joint grant applications for funding expansion.
  - Mr. Tuthill and Mr. Piehler reviewed draft warrant articles for the 2022 Town Warrant as follow:
    - Warrant article to put \$10,000 into the Fire Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.
    - Warrant article to put \$10,000 into the Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund.
    - Warrant article to put \$10,000 into the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund.
    - Warrant article for \$189,800 for paving. Mr. Sirard stated that the plan is to pave Walker Road and Fowler River Road.
    - Warrant article for \$168,712 to replace Shem Valley Road bridge. Mr. Sirard explained that this price is for a bridge from Hanson that has done several bridges for the Town. Mr. Sirard had one other estimated that was over \$300,000 and would prefer to use Hanson as usual.
    - Warrant article to spend \$30,000 for the first least payment on a new grader for the highway department. Mr. Sirard explained that the grader that was priced out has controls that are similar to the one that we currently own. The estimate includes the trade in of the current grader of \$60,000 and five years ago that trade in value was \$67,000 when the former road agent had priced out getting a new grader. The current grader needs repairs and has had repeated issues with antifreeze and copper from wear in the oil.
    - Warrant article for \$6,500 to replace windows at the fire department.
    - Warrant article to adopt an 8.8 acre parcel the Town owns on Bog Road as a town forest. There was discussion on whether the parcel would be something that could be logged for timber.
    - Warrant article that would increase the amount of the elderly exemption.
    - A warrant article to include a solar energy system exemption was discussed. Mr. Tuthill recused himself; a decision on whether to include the article on the warrant will be put off until the next Selectmen's meeting when Mr. Caron can be in attendance.
    - There was discussion on the status of being able to include a warrant article about building a new transfer station. It was explained that we do not yet have an estimate for the cost of building a new transfer station and the uncertainty of being able to include a warrant article for 2022. Concerns were expressed regarding not having the information yet for moving forward with the new transfer station.
  - Mr. Tuthill made announcements for the following dates:
    - Newfound Area School District Deliberate Session will be held on February 5, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Newfound Regional High School.
    - Town of Alexandria Deliberative Session will be held on February 12, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Alexandria Town Hall, 45 Washburn Road.
    - The Board of the Supervisors of Checklist will be in session on January 18, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm for any additions or corrections to the checklist.
  - The next Selectmen's meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant