

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2022

- ❖ **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 February 15, 2022 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
 - Cemetery Deed: Riverside Lot 214-D
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 - Snow Plow Ordinance
 - *Update to the snow plow ordinance as requested by Paul Sirard, Road Agent, to include prohibiting of cleaning snow off cards into the roadway.*
 - Purchase Order 1173: Ossipee Mountain Electronics
 - *This is for the purchase of radios for the fire department. Two thousand dollars of the cost will be reimbursed through a grant.*
- ❖ **Departments/Commissions**
 - The Selectmen announced that Voting Day is March 8, 2022 and polls open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.
 - Ballot counters are always appreciated after voting ends at 7 pm.
 - There will be a bake sale held during voting hours to support the Town Hall Preservation Committee.
 - Broadband Committee
 - Mr. Tuthill provided an update on the status of broadband expansion in the area. He attended a Zoom meeting that the Grafton County Broadband Committee put on discussing the status of expanding broadband in Grafton County. The Committee is obtaining estimates for designs. Mr. Tuthill stated that the video from the meeting is available on the Grafton County Broadband Committee's website.
 - Transfer Station Siting Committee
 - *The next Transfer Station Siting Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 after the Selectmen's meeting.*
 - Spring Road Bans.
 - NH DOT will post the state portion of the following roads in Alexandria with restricted weight limits effective March 7, 2022 until April 11, 2022:
 - West Shore Road, Fowler River Road, North Road, Washburn Road, Cass Mill Road, and Smith River Road
 - Paul Sirard, Road Agent, stated that Alexandria will be posting the roads on the same schedule. If anyone needs to drive anything over the posted limits during this time, please contact the highway department at 603-744-6516 to request waiver.
 - Chief George Clayman, Fire Department, discussed the fire department's interest in purchasing a search and rescue drone. Mr. Clayman stated that they were discussed long term plans and equipment that would be beneficial to own that is not readily available from neighboring towns through mutual aid. They are hoping to purchase the item through fund raising and are exploring grant opportunities. The Fire Department will hold an informational session on March 30, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the fire department to explain how the purchase of a search and rescue drone will benefit the community. In response to several questions about the proposed purchase, Mr. Clayman responded with the following information:
 - NH Fish and Game does not have a search and rescue drone.
 - A member of the fire department with knowledge and experience using this type of equipment will be providing information and answering questions at the informational session.
 - There is potential for cooperating with other towns on the purchase; this option has not yet been explored.
 - The search and rescue drone has the capability to carry items such as personal flotation devices and automated external defibrillators, can fly in snow, rain and high winds, has infrared capabilities, and can be flown at night.
 - The cost of the drone is between twenty and forty thousand dollars along with training costs for those that will operating the drone.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

Also in attendance: Heidi Downing, Steve LaCasse, Paul Sirard, Michael Provost, Kenneth Hall, George Clayman
