

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

- ❖ **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 April 18, 2023 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **The following items were discussed and signed**
 - Notice allowing the Tax Collector to accept electronic payments (RSA 80:52-c)
 - Timber Tax: Caron Map 420-7-2 and 420-7-3
 - Timber Tax: Burnes Map 410 Lots 35, 41, 42, and 44
 - Building Notification: Markis Map 410 Lot 24.1
 - Appointments to Lakes Region Planning Commission
 - Gary Tomlinson appointed as commissioner to LRPC
 - George Tuthill appointed as alternate commission to LRPC
- ❖ **Business**
 - Health Insurance Plans for Employees
 - The Selectmen discussed plan options for employee health insurance coverage. Concerns were expressed regarding modifications to benefits to town employees. Paul Sirard, Road Agent, expressed concerns that changes may impact some employees' decisions to remain with the town because the benefits offered are a reason some remain with the town. Cindy Williams provided information to the Selectmen regarding health insurance plans and costs that surrounding towns offer to employees and stated that the town also pays towards employees' NH Retirement System benefits and social security. There was discussion on the option of the town contributing funds to health savings accounts if the town switched to the option of a higher deductible health insurance plan for employees. The Selectmen will research and compare total compensation and benefit packages from surrounding communities before making a decision on any changes.
 - Transfer Station Planning
 - The application for a grant and loan through USDA was submitted and the town is waiting for a response. The town has received one bid for a construction loan. The town will need to hire a general contractor and put the project out for bid.
 - Gravel Pit
 - The gravel pit is ready to use; there are two piles of gravel and stone. The contractor has pulled their equipment out.
- ❖ **Appointments/Departments/Committees**
 - Haynes Library Trustees
 - Danielle Reed, Haynes Library Trustee, was present to see if the Selectmen would be supportive of having the town take over ownership of the library. The Selectmen expressed support and that it would need to be included on the warrant for voting next year. The library trustees will create a plan for moving forward. There was discussion on whether funds were available for the library trustees to be able to pay for insurance on the building. Doug Benton, Trustee of Trust Funds, said that there is some interest on trusts that would be available to the library trustees.
 - Resident with drainage/flooding concerns on Cass Mill Road near Lakeview Heights
 - A property owner expressed concern with drainage from development in Lakeview Heights flooding her property and dropping debris in her yard and the yard across the street. Lakeview Heights is a private road in a subdivision. There was discussion on consulting with town counsel and contacting DES with concerns.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant