

# Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

## November 7, 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 October 31, 2023 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **The following items were discussed and signed**
  - Purchase Order 68: Marquis Roofing for town hall roof repairs
  - Purchase Order 69: Newfound School district for November 2023 payment
  - Purchase Order 64: Grafton County for county tax assessment
  - Purchase Order 65: Bryant Paving for paving ends of Fowler River Road bridge
  - Purchase Order 67: Brown Engineering for Transfer Station Engineering and Alteration of Terrain Permit
  - Brown Engineering Work Order Estimate
  - Letter of Commitment to Lakes Region Planning Commission for participation in the 2024 Household Hazardous Product Collection Program
- ❖ **Business**
  - Transfer Station Project Update
    - The Town received bids for the engineering and alteration of terrain permit for the new transfer station site; the Selectmen selected Brown Engineering for the project.
  - Lakes Region Planning Commission
    - The need to appoint a commissioner to represent the town at the Lakes Region Planning Commission was discussed. Mr. Caron will bring it up at the next planning board meeting to see if a member of the planning board is interested in the position.
  - AMC Lodge/Shem Valley Road
    - Paul Sirard, Road Agent, said that he has been trying to contact the manager at the AMC lodge to reschedule a meeting to discuss the concerns with parking along the side of Shem Valley Road. No parking signs have been put up on the road. Mr. Sirard expressed that AMC and the state were disagreeing on who should pay for additional parking for people at the lodge. There was discussion on reaching out to our state representative or councilor about the issue.
- ❖ **Departments/Committees**
  - Budget Committee
    - The Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen discussed 2024 budget proposals.
      - Proposed raises were discussed. The Selectmen said they were looking at between 3 and 5% for most employees. Mr. Sirard stated that he included a 3% raise for transfer station employees and 5% raise for highway department employees.
      - There was discussion on the health insurance plan offered to employees and the portion that employees pay towards that plan.
      - There was a brief discussion on nonprofits that have requested funding.
      - There was discussion on looking at areas of the budget that may be able to be cut based on line items that have not been expended in prior years.
      - There was a discussion on whether there was grant funding available for the generator requested by the fire department.
      - There was discussion on the cost of a highway employee obtaining his CDL and whether there was a cost for the new police department hire to attend the police academy. The CDL class is estimated to be around \$10,000. The new PD hire is paid for his time to attend the police academy; the police academy is free.
      - There was a discussion on potential warrant articles for 2024. Mr. Sirard stated that he has requested warrant articles for paving Mount Cardigan Road and replacing two trucks with new leased trucks.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

Also in attendance: Don Paiva, Cindy Williams, Paul Sirard, Nancy Whitman, Fred Platts, Nancy McComas-Sharp, Ed Skrobak, Mike Provost, Doug Benton, Sue Cheney