

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

December 19, 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 December 5, 2023 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **The following items were discussed and signed**
 - Contract for services: Sanders Searches LLC
 - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: Map 416 Lot 7 off Orange Road
- ❖ **Appointment(s)**
 - Haynes Library
 - Deb Glidden informed the Selectmen that the library building has been placed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.
 - There was discussion on drafting a warrant article to have the town have ownership of the property. If it passes, the library trustees plan on continuing with fundraising to help pay for library expenses.
 - Jacob Goodrum
 - There was discussion on Mr. Goodrum's concerns about water drainage from Eastman Hill Road onto his property. Mr. Goodrum would like to redirect the water to stay on his property on the Eastman Hill Road side of Washburn Road. The Selectmen and Road Agent will schedule a time to look at the site with Mr. Goodrum.
 - Jeff Cantara
 - Mr. Cantara expressed concerns about the condition of Verrill Road and that he believes the culverts on Verrill Road should be a larger size and the road is too narrow. The Selectmen and Road Agent said increasing the pipes will be addressed in the spring. The Road Agent said that he will assess the road December 20, 2023.
 - Nancy Whitman
 - Mrs. Whitman assisted Nikki Wooster-Goodwin in setting up for the tree lighting on December 17th. Mrs. Whitman put one of the stage curtains down for the event. She discussed with Mrs. Wooster-Goodwin the potential of marketing the town hall as a wedding venue.
 - Cameron Oullette
 - Mr. Ouellette provided an update on restoring street lighting fixtures. He discussed the project with Eversource and Eversource may have a rebate available for the project. There was discussion on whether two of the top mounted fixtures could be replaced or should be restored; they will be evaluated to determine if they are original and should be restored.
- ❖ **Public Hearing to Accept Unanticipated Funds**
 - The Town received a one-time bridge payment in the amount of \$33,523.34. This one-time bridge payment can only be used on the maintenance, construction, or reconstruction of municipally owned bridges. The funds are non-lapsing. Per the state, these funds shall not be used to supplant locally budgeted and approved funds for bridge maintenance or construction. The Selectmen voted to accept the funds; all aye.
- ❖ **Business**
 - There was a discussion on concerns about drainage on the state-maintained portion of Cass Mill Road. Mr. Sirard said that the state will be working on the ditches on that section next week. There was also discussion on how the town plows that section of Cass Mill in the winter and the state maintains it in the summer.
 - 2024 Town Warrant discussion
 - The Selectmen discussion warrant articles for the 2024 Town Warrant.
 - Warrant article to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be put into the Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Vote to recommend article; all aye.
 - Warrant article to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be put into the Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund. Vote to recommend article; all aye.
 - Warrant article to put \$50,000 from the unassigned fund balance into the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund. Vote to recommend article; all aye.
 - Warrant article to raise and appropriate \$21,365 for the last of six yearly payments for the lease of the 2019 Loader. Vote to recommend article; all aye.
 - Warrant article to raise and appropriate \$21,462 for the fifth of six yearly payments for the lease of the 2020 Highway Department Truck. Vote to recommend article; all aye.
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- Warrant article to raise and appropriate \$31,628 for the third of ten yearly payments for the lease of the 2022 Grader. Vote to recommend article; all aye.
 - Warrant article to raise and appropriate \$260,000 for paving. Vote to recommend article; all aye.
 - Warrant article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,456 for the second of five yearly payments for the lease of the 2023 Transfer Station Backhoe. Vote to recommend article; all aye.
 - Warrant to enter into a new seven-year lease for a new highway department truck. Vote to recommend article; all aye.
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 - There was discussion on moving lease payments to the operating budget once the town has agreed to enter into a lease. The Selectmen will discuss with the Budget Committee.
- ❖ **Business held for further review**
- Resident's concern with water drainage on their property at 388 Smith River Road.
 - Resident's concern with water drainage on their property at 523 Cass Mill Road.
 - Resident's concern with water from Mount Cardigan Road damaging Cole Hill Road.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

Also in attendance: Paul Sirard, Larry Sharp, Nancy McComas-Sharp, Nancy Whitman, Ken Hall, Deb Glidden, James Grant, Jeff Cantara, Jacob Goodrum, Cameron Ouellette