

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2024

- ❖ **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 19, 2023 meeting were approved.
- ❖ **The following items were discussed and signed**
 - Letters to property owners on Robie Road regarding the need to obtain permission from Selectmen prior to performing maintenance on the road
 - Current Use Application: Map 404 Lot 23 Wolff
 - Preferred Vendors list 2024
 - Excavation Tax Warrant: Morrison Map 414 Lot 33
 - Intent to Excavate: Morrison Map 414 Lot 33
 - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: Rocap Map 405 Lot 7
 - Purchase Order: Avitar 2024 assessing per contract
 - Purchase Order: Avitar 2024 Software agreements
 - Purchase Order: Newfound School District January 2024 payment
 - IT Equipment Maintenance Agreement with Certified Computer Solutions
- ❖ **Appointments**
 - Kimberly Bliss, SAU4 School Board member
 - Ms. Bliss provided an update on the ransomware attack that occurred at the school district.
 - The School District budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024.
 - HB349
 - Attorneys are discussing letters of intent for the children to be able to have the option to stay in their current schools if Bridgewater, Hebron, and Groton vote to form their own school district.
 - The Wellness Committee will be reviewing policy after input the school board received from parents and residents.
 - The superintendent search is still underway.
 - Nancy Whitman
 - The Selectmen accepted a \$1,500 from Nancy Whitman to the Town Hall Preservation Fund.
 - The Town Hall roof has been completed. Some lightning rods were damaged and one is missing after the roof work; the roofing company is working with Ms. Whitman to repair or replace the lightning rods.
 - Jennifer Tuthill, Alexandria Conservation Commission
 - The conservation commission is looking for new members.
 - The conservation commission purchased a DR brush mower to maintain the turtle preserve. The Selectmen authorized using the funds donated in Steve Whitman's name towards the purchase of the mower.
 - Deb Burke, CARE(Citizens of Alexandria Rights Effort) Group
 - The CARE Group is being dissolved and would like to donate the funds they to the town for backing the Rights Based Ordinances passed by the town. There was discussion on donating the funds to the conservation commission earmarked for a specific purpose. The Selectmen will review with town counsel.
- ❖ **Business**
 - The Selectmen reviewed a resident's concern with water drainage on their property at 388 Smith River Road. The Selectmen and Road Agent will review the area on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.
 - The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024.
 - The Selectmen send a letter of appreciation to Nikki Wooster-Goodwin for organizing the Christmas event.
- ❖ **Public Input**
 - Merry Ruggirello announced that former Police Chief Paul Smith has passed away.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

Also in attendance: Paul Sirard, Nancy Whitman, Ken Hall, Doug Benton, Kim Bliss, Mike Provost, Brian Lewis, Merry Ruggirello, Jennifer Tuthill, Deb Burke