

# Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

## December 17, 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 December 3, 2024 were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
  - Authorization for Tax Collector to collect prepayments
  - Building notification form: Map 418 Lot 212-1/Berry Road
- ❖ **Business**
  - 2024 Tax Rate
    - The Selectmen reviewed the preliminary tax rate set by the NH Department of Revenue. The Selectmen authorized using \$100,000 from the unassigned fund balance to offset the tax rate making the preliminary tax rate \$19.03/thousand. The Selectmen agreed to sign the 2024 property tax warrant as soon as NHDRA finalizes the tax rate.
  - Haynes Library
    - The court has granted the Town's petition for deviation and the Haynes Library can now be converted to a public library and will be managed by the Town. The Selectmen will appoint three trustees of the Haynes Library with staggered three-year terms at their next meeting on January 7, 2025.
    - Deb Glidden reviewed information she received from Andrew Cushing, NH Preservation Alliance, regarding improvements to the library building. While a wheel chair ramp would made the building accessible, signage can be put up to allow assistance with accessibility. There was discussion on grant funding available for improvements to the building and replacing the bookcases in order to open up more space for meetings or classes.
  - ARPA Funds
    - The Selectmen discussed that the funds have been obligated to NH Electric Cooperative for expanding their fiber network in Alexandria. The funds will allow for approximately three additional miles in Alexandria.

**Meeting adjourned 6:22 pm**

**Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant**

Also present at meeting: Richard Nialetz, Deb Glidden, James Grant, Ken Hall, Michael Provost, Nancy Whitman

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