

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

January 7, 2025

- ❖ **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 17, 2024 were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP 4516DRNHP00000085) Grant Agreement Amendment
 - Abatement Reply: Map 418 Lot 11 (Overpayment of property taxes)
 - Abatement Reply: Map 414 Lot 14-2 (Overpayment of property taxes)
 - Current Use Application: Carlson Map 411 Lot 28
 - Purchase Order: Primex 2025 Workers Comp
 - Purchase Order: Huntoon Excavation (winter sand)
 - Notice of Intent to Excavate: Map 414 Lot 33 Morrison
 - Excavation Tax Warrant: Map 414 Lot 33 Morrison
 - Contract with Sanders Searches for 2025 deed research
 - Letter to property owner regarding junk yard violations (Map 404 Lot 1-2)
 - Letter addresses concerns of an unlicensed junk yard and request for voluntary compliance within sixty days. Concerns have also been expressed regarding generator usage on property
- ❖ **Business**
 - Alexandria Volunteer Firefighters Association
 - The Selectmen reviewed a letter confirming that the 1957 FWD Fire Truck is current owned by the Town of Alexandria and not the Alexandria Volunteer Firefighters Association. The Selectmen discussed selling the truck.
 - Haynes Library
 - Mr. Piehler made a motion to appoint the following as Haynes Library Trustees; voted all aye:
 - Deb Glidden (1 year term)
 - Richard Nialetz (2 year term)
 - Brian Lewis (3 year term).
 - The Selectmen appointed Merry Ruggirello as alternate.
 - There was discussion on applying for grants for repairs to the library. Deb Glidden said that she has been working with Andrew Cushing from the NH Preservation Alliance.
 - 2025 Town Warrant
 - Put \$10,000 into the Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund
 - Put \$10,000 into the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund
 - Put \$10,000 into the Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund for repairs to the town hall
 - The following lease payments warrant articles were discussed. There was also discussion about putting the lease payments into the operating budget.
 - \$21,462 for the last payment on the 2020 Highway Department Truck
 - \$31,628 for the fourth of ten yearly payments on the 2022 Highway Department Grader
 - \$27,456 for the third of five yearly payments on the 2023 Transfer Station Backhoe
 - \$41,764 for the second of seven yearly payments on the 2024 Highway Department Truck
 - \$15,250 to install an emergency generator at the Fire Department. The Fire Department is also pursuing grant opportunities for this project.
 - \$26,000 for the restoration of street light fixtures using LED bulbs. There was discussion on whether the restoration was needed or just switch to LED bulbs. Mr. Piehler stated that it would take around 10 years for project payback with the savings for switching to LED bulbs.
 - \$170,000 for the repair of a culvert on Shem Valley Road. Mr. Sirard explained that the culvert is on the state's red listed bridge list and the location on Shem Valley Road leading towards the AMC lodge. There was a suggestion that the road be made Class VI; concerns were expressed about the legal expense. There were concerns about the road needing to be completely closed while culvert is being replaced. There was also a discussion about people that are visiting the AMC lodge parking along the side of the road making it difficult for town maintenance vehicles to work on the roadway. There was discussion on whether the town could make AMC log their property; Mr. Piehler expressed that he thought there was an RSA that dealt with this but was unsure. There was discussion on posting a weight limit on the road to decrease further damage and to postpone replacing the culvert.
 - There was discussion on the cost to replace or repair other bridges that are on the state's red list and they included \$185,000 for a bridge on Mount Cardigan Road, \$50,000 for a bridge on Washburn Road, and around \$200,000 for a bridge on Cole Hill Road.
 - \$27,000 for the first payment of a lease for a new backhoe for the Highway Department. Mr. Sirard expressed that there have been increasing maintenance costs to the current backhoe.

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- Mr. Sirard suggested that the cost to dispose of tires at the Transfer Station be increased as the amount we get charge to have the taken is higher than what we charge. The Selectmen asked Mr. Sirard to provide them with suggested increases.
- There was discussion regarding concerns that had been brought to the Planning Board's attention regarding tiny homes set up on a property on North Road. The Selectmen explained that they are reviewing the situation with Town Counsel.
- Tony Neumeister stated that he has volunteers willing to repair the gazebo if the town provides the materials. There was also discussion on whether the field would be okay to use in 2025; the Selectmen stated that they believe the contract to hay the field ends in 2025.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

Also present at meeting: Paul Sirard, Peter Todd, Leon Sharp, Dilys Sharp, Ken Hall, Brian Lewis, Jim Grant, Deb Glidden, Richard Nialetz, Will Hanna, David Lheureux, Brian Richardson, Tony Neumeister, and several other members of the public.