

Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

- ❖ **Members Present:** George Tuthill, Chet Caron, and Robert Piehler
- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ The minutes from January 21, 2025 were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
 - Notice of Intent to Cut: Map 418 Lot 138 Williams on Pattee Hill Road
 - Plodzik & Sanderson Agreement
 - Purchase Orders:
 - Foley Oil for 2025 Diesel
 - Waste Management for 2025 disposal fees
 - Newfound Area School District for February 2025 payment
 - Building Notification: Map 420 Lot 7-2 Flanders
 - Building Notification: Map 413 Lot 88-2 Brown
 - Petition & Pole License-Public Service Company for one pole on Ragged Mountain Hwy
- ❖ **Business**
 - NH Electric Cooperative Fiber build-out
 - The Selectmen discussed the NHEC expansion of fiber in town; ARPA funds are being used to extend the project at least an additional 3.7 miles. The Selectmen will be arranging a meeting with NHEC to discuss the area of expansion and details about utilizing Eversource poles for the expansion.
 - Nancy Whitman – Town Hall Preservation
 - Mrs. Whitman contacted a company that deals with metal wall and ceiling tiles and they provided input on products to use for cleaning. She is going to test clean an area and looking for people to clean.
 - Mrs. Whitman is reaching out vendors to repair the wooden doors at the town hall.
 - Jake Goodrum stated that he ran into additional areas with knob and tube wiring in the town hall and it will require additional work in order to replace the additional knob and tube. The Selectmen approved moving forward with the electrical repairs.
 - The Selectmen provided permission to apply for the following grants and provided authorization to Jennifer Dostie to sign grant paperwork. It was expressed that these grants are competitive and there is no guarantee of actual funding.
 - Division of forests and Lands Volunteer fire Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$2000.00 to offset the cost (\$17,000- \$19,000) of 5 new Motorola Portable Radios for the Fire Department.
 - Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Funds (BRIC Grant) to replace the culvert on Thissell Road with a large box cover culvert to improve stormwater runoff and flood damage caused by heavy rainstorms. The Total proposed amount requested is \$225,000 with a 75% federal share of \$168,750 and a local Match of \$56,250. To be raised with a proposed 2026 warrant article. This grant is due 2/15/2025
 - Hazard Mitigation grant to install a backup generator at the Alexandria Fire Department. An emergency backup generator is needed to ensure critical systems such as lighting, communication equipment, life-saving medical devices, and fire pumps remain operational during a power outage. This will allow us to continue responding to emergencies even when the main power is down; this is especially important for maintaining safety and coordinating rescue efforts during disasters. The proposed amount of the grant is 13,000 with a 5% cost share in the amount of \$650 out of the 2025 Fire Department Budget.
 - There was discussion on the site work progress moving forward at the new transfer station site.
 - There was discussion regarding the parking concerns at the AMC Lodge. Mr. Sirard has been having issues with people parking in the area that town equipment uses to turn around. The Selectmen have sent a letter to Executive Council with their concerns about the problem. There was discussion about changing the classification of the section of road from Class V to Class VI.
 - The Selectmen announced that the Town's Deliberative Session is Saturday, February 8th at 10:00 am.
 - Nancy McComas-Sharp expressed concern about the school budget committee's position on the school's warrant articles regarding tax caps.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant

Others present: Paul Sirard, Nancy Whitman, Brian Lewis, Michael Provost, Jake Goodrum, Nancy McComas-Sharp, Larry Sharp