

# Alexandria Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

## December 16, 2025

- ❖ **Members Present:** George Tuthill, Chet Caron and Robert Piehler
- ❖ The meeting came to order at 6:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- ❖ The minutes from November 18, 2025 were approved.
- ❖ **Items Reviewed and Signed**
  - Building Notification: Prendergast Map 418 Lot 212-1
  - Town of Alexandria Welfare Guidelines
  - Preferred Vendors 2026
  - Contract with Sanders Searches LLC (Deed/Lien research)
  - Cemetery Deed: Riverside Plot 137-D
  - Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber: Map 411 lot 74 on Mount Cardigan Road
  - Property Tax Warrant 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Issue Taxes
- ❖ **New Business**
  - Set dates for the following:
    - Public Hearing on Annual Budget
      - Set for January 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm
    - First Session of Town Meeting
      - Proposed Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 10 am
      - Newfound School District set for Saturday, January 31, 2026
    - Voting Day is to be held on March 10, 2026
  - Review/draft 2026 Warrant
    - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$564,745 for the repair of a bridge on Welton Falls Road. The amount will need to be adjusted after receiving a second estimate for the bridge repair.
    - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,628 for the fifth of ten yearly payments for the lease of the 2022 Grader for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2022 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3-0-0.
    - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,456 for the fourth of five yearly payments for the lease of the 2023 Backhoe for the Transfer Station. This lease agreement was approved at the 2023 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3-0-0.
    - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,764 for the third of seven yearly payments for the lease of the 2024 Truck for the Highway Department. This lease agreement was approved at the 2024 Town Meeting and contains an escape clause. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3-0-0.
    - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the repair and maintenance of paved roads. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3-0-0.
    - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be put into the Town Hall Expendable Trust Fund. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3-0-0.
    - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be put into the Fire Department Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. Select Board wants to check on wording of the trust fund. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3-0-0.
    - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be put into the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3-0-0.
    - To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a seven-year lease agreement in the amount of \$280,000 for the purpose of leasing a new backhoe for the highway department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,500 for the first year's payment for that purpose with \$34,970 coming from the Highway Equipment Fund and the balance of \$17,350 to come from general taxation. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Select Board discussed a warrant article for a new backhoe for the highway department, this article was removed after Road Agent stated that he would like a warrant article for a new truck. Once the wording is switched to reflect the new truck, the Selectboard voted to recommend the warrant article 3-0-0.
    - To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a three-year lease agreement in the amount of \$80,000 for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 for the first year's payment for that purpose. Total cost of the cruiser \$80,000 with a

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trade-in of the old cruiser for \$10,000. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. There was discussion on the age and mileage of the cruiser being traded in. Michael Provost from the Budget Committee stated that the Budget Committee removed this from the operating budget and recommended this be a warrant article. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 2-1-0.

- To see if the town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit of \$1,670 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property. There was discussion on changes in the law that no longer allows Veterans to receive both the war service credit and service-connected total disability credit; the current war service credit is \$270 and the service connected-total disability credit is \$1400. This will allow the service connected-total disability credit to remain a total of \$1,670. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3-0-0.
- To see if the town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Alexandria, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$57,500; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$82,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$123,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$30,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$64,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. The Select Board reviewed the warrant article and mentioned that the values are being updated in anticipation of the full revaluation of property assessments next year. Selectmen voted to recommend this warrant article 3-0-0.
- To see if the town will vote to adopt the Building Permit Guidelines as proposed by the Select Board and posted in the annual report and in the Select Board office. There is still discussion on the guidelines and they are not finalized and will review again once those are finalized.
- There was discussion on any petitioned warrant articles; the Town has not received any petitions yet.

### ➤ AMC Lodge

- Paul Sirard said that progress is being made at the AMC lodge with some trees removed and parking lot being expanded to allow for better access for highway equipment and safety equipment. There was question on Shem Valley Road culvert that needs to be replaced; there was discussion on possibly pursuing a cost share with the state and AMC for repairing the culvert.

### ❖ Old Business

#### ➤ 367 Welton Falls Road

- Michael Provost, Health Officer, said that the final order from the court said that matter isn't yet at the enforcement case and further court involvement will not be required unless the property owner doesn't make progress. If no progress is made, then the property owner will be issued a cease and desist order. The property owner has not shown for a few meetings that were scheduled with Mr. Provost. A neighbor expressed concerns that the property owner should still be made to remove the items despite snow conditions.

#### ➤ Eastman Hill Road Map 414 Lot 145

- Michael Provost, Health Officer, said that Paul Sirard went up to the property to review. The owner is hauling up a lot of broken up cement, tile and rock and it looks pretty clean.

Meeting adjourned 6:37 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Dostie, Administrative Assistant