

Alexander Selectmen's Meeting

February 4, 2021

Alexander Grange Hall

6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Selectmen

Kevin Dean Chair

David Davis Vice Chair

John Knowles

James Gibson Jr.

Foster Carlow Jr.

Town Clerk

Kristy Crawford

Others in Attendance; Larry Hill, Emma Hill and Skip Colson

Meeting Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Additions and Deletions

Add Email to New Business

Minutes

- November 2020 Minutes Approved as Read 1st James Gibson Jr. 2nd by David Davis All in Favor
- January 2021 Minutes Approved as corrected, 1st by David Davis 2nd by James Gibson Jr. All in Favor

DBU/James Gibson Jr.

- David Davis, James Gibson Jr. and Tim McAfee met and placement for the COLO Building was agreed upon. It will be right outside the training room at the Municipal Building.
- Electricity will be paid by the DBU for the COLO Building
- Lease Agreement is waiting for some of the logistics to be finalized
- A News Brief/Update on the Broadband progress is going out. See attached sheet.

Town Clerk/Kristy Crawford

- The new computer system has been ordered and parts have begun arriving. The system is coming in under budget due municipality pricing. \$2,446.84
- Website is almost finished. Waiting for the Comprehensive Plan, Meeting Minutes and the Historical Society Information.

- There are only 172 Tax Bills left unpaid for the last tax cycle. Considering to do a reminder mailing to hopefully not have to put liens on so many properties.
- Financial Updates and overview were given. Kristy was thanked for doing a good job.
- Things are moving along with the Auditor still requesting information including the 2019 Town Assessments, Abatement Forms, Warrants and Deposits. It has been a struggle to get through this.

A motion was made by Foster Carlow Jr. to close the Town Office to the Public for the Week of February 22nd to be able to Reconcile the Audit. 2nd by James Gibson Jr. All in Favor

Pokey Landing/Kevin Dean

- Kevin Dean said that the Town should be expecting a letter either from the Owens Lawyer or Surveyor.
- John Knowles said should we try to meet to work out the issue with them.
- David Davis brought up that there may be a dispute as to where the benchmark is.
- Discussion included should the town send their own letter to the Owens Family to clarify the town's stance.
- No Action Taken

Solar Power/via James Gibson Jr.

Joe Manza continues to look into the possibility of Solar Power for the Town. Net Metering is allowed for municipalities to sell power back to the electric company.

Cemetery/via Rhonda Oakes

Jane Manza is in the final stages of grant writing for the repairing of stones

Camera/James Gibson Jr.

Investigation continues. James is now looking into off site monitoring.

Foreclosures

What to do with the three properties discussed at the last meeting was tabled by consensus until next month

New Business

March Town Meeting/Kevin Dean

The School Board has relayed that the Alexander Elementary School would be available for the (March) Annual Town Meeting on April 19th. James Gibson Jr. will begin work on a draft of the Warrant.

Email/James Gibson Jr.

Due to the Freedom of Access laws, MMA highly recommends that officers of the town not use personal email accounts for Town Business. A google account is recommended for officials to use. There is a cost for it and would come out of the Administration Budget.

A motion was made by James Gibson Jr. to get the recommended Google Acct for those Town Officials who wish to discontinue using the personal accounts. 2nd by David Davis. Vote was 3 (Kevin Dean, David Davis, James Gibson Jr.) for, 2 opposed (John Knowles and Foster Carlow Jr.). Motion Carried.

When asked if they would like on the record why they opposed. John Knowles felt it was not worth the extra cost. Foster Carlow Jr. was in Agreement with John.

Lawyer/Kevin Dean

Kevin asked if the town had a Lawyer. Foster Carlos Jr. said Amanda Meader in the Waterville/Augusta area was the Town Lawyer. Kevin asked if she was on retainer. Kristy had not seen a bill come into the office for a retainer. Foster informed the board that Amanda had said she would come anytime they needed her. The selectmen asked Town Clerk Kristy Crawford if she would contact Amanda Meader and see if she was the Town's Lawyer and if she was on retainer and to bring that information back to the selectmen.

Roads Report

- The road account has a balance of \$232,000.00
- Larry Hill brought up that during the last storm the road was slippery and there was a wreck and a road sign was damaged and would have a temporary fix.
- Foster Carlow Jr. said that a State Trooper contacted him and he has papers to file if the town would like to be reimbursed for the sign
- James Gibson Jr. brought up that the plow truck's left side wing is a hazard. He has been contacted by several residents.
- Is the town liable for an accident? Dale does have proof of insurance on file at the Town Office
- The selectmen asked Larry Hill if he would talk to Dale about the wing. Larry Hill agreed.

Planning Board/Skip Colson

Skip asked if the Training Room in the Town Office would be available for a Planning Board Meeting, The Limit for that room is 5, David Davis will check to see if it could be used. The Alexander Grange Executive

Committee has made the Grange Hall available for all Municipal Committees.

Other

- Information provided by Rhonda Oakes was given to the Select Board on the criteria for the Executive Sessions.
- Rhonda Oakes also brought up as a point of interest that State Senator Marianne Moore has proposed "An act to allow non-residents who own property to vote on local issues."

Thank You

- Alexander Grange for the use of their building
- James Gibson Jr. for volunteer to plow for this meeting
- David Davis for shoveling the step
- Foster Carlow Jr. and the Church of the Open Bible for offering their spaces to the Municipality for meetings

A motion was made to enter Executive Session for CWP (Concealed Weapon Permits) and to discuss lien issues) Foster Carlow Jr. 2nd by James Gibson Jr. All in Favor.

No Action Taken

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rhonda Oakes
Selectmen's Secretary