# Town of Alexander Selectmen's Meeting

2 October 2025

Attendance:
David Davis
Carl Oakes
Beth Johnson
David Sanford

Kristy Crawford
Foster Carlow Jr.
Ted Carter
Joe Manza
Jane Manza

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Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM.
U.S. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**Approve the Minutes of the Last Meetings**

Jane clarified that 2 months ago, when she had presented a tax abatement for Matt Austin, she had accidentally written Matt Perry.

There are minutes from the regular meeting of September 4 and also the emergency meeting of September 11.

Motion to accept the minutes of the selectmen's meetings of September 4 and September 11, 2025 by Beth and 2nd by Carl
Voting: 4 for

**Downeast Broadband Utility**
Ted said that Alexander has 166 subscribers to DBU broadband. The DBU has a total of about 1200 subscribers. It is meeting its financial obligations. It is in the process of doing the paperwork for the final loan.
David D. pointed out that Fidium is coming through and putting up fiber optic line in Alexander now [to compete with the DBU providers].
Ted said "that's a whole different bailiwick." If people switch, they will have to have their old line taken down, and the new one put in. The employees who are installing are out-of-state licensers from different nationalities.

**School**
Ted said that the school board is discussing next year's budget. The school board found out that they had a student that they did not know about, until they got the bill from the end of the last school year. This student requires a one-on-one. The school board managed to work their way through it.

**Tax Assessing**
Jane Manza said that 516 property tax bills were mailed out yesterday. The mill rate is 14.4, which went up .9 over last year.
David D. thanked Jane for all the work she has done on this and to pass on his thanks to the other assessors.
Jane said that they are a really good team and all worked to get the revaluation done.
The taxes will be committed a month sooner each year, until they are committed in August, making is so that people have 120 days to pay, but are still paying before the end of the calendar year.

**Cemetery**
Joe said he will take care of a few "little things" in the cemetery before the end of the year.
Carl mowed for the last time this season.
Jane said she has gotten complements on the sign andthe cemetery.
Carl: Guy looked at 6 trees that are leaning out and he gave a bid to take them down.
Joe: Put some black chain on the front of one lot.

**Roads**
David D. said that preliminary gravel work was done on the Davis Road; raising it about 1 foot. The intersection with the Crawford Road was narrowed.
Jane said there is a pothole at the intersection of the Cooper Road and Arm Road. One time, there was a cone in it someone still hit the cone!
People also cut the corner at the Davis and Arm Roads.

**Clerk's Report**
2024 tax liens will be printed, notarized and sent out next week.

Dale Earle dropped off his proof of general insurance liability, but not proof of automobile insurance nor worker's compensation. The general insurance will run out in February.

Kristy and Lesliann were well prepared and organized for the audit. Board members will get a copy of the audit report, when it is ready. They worked with Chad Allen (AOS 77 business manager). Both the town government and school audits seemed to go smoothly.

Next Wednesday and Thursday will be the MMA convention. Kristy and Beth will be going. Other Board members may still go; tell Kristy if any of them want to go.

Dog license reminder postcards will be sent out for all dogs that the town has vaccine information about.
The State has new online licensing. Kristy can bring that up and see about dogs in the town. She will try to get all the dogs in town registered.

Kristy received a county tax payment reminder letter. Interest is more than the town makes from leaving it in the bank, so she will definitly pay that. She is holding it as long as possible. In November, interest would start.

Merle Knowles wants his annual assessor pay on the next warrant, directly after commitment of the taxes. Are the selectmen OK with that if all the boards are paid on the next warrrant?
[Yes.]

The Washington County Commissioners will be at the Alexander School gym, on October 15, at 6 PM, for an information session about the County budget, and the need for the bond.

There will be a referendum on November 4. Normally it's a small election. The County government's $11 million bond question will be on the ballot. There won't be as many election workers as on other years.

Here is the list of election workers that need to be appointed:
Ellie Sanford
Chanise Provencher
Jane Manza
Josie James
Emma Hill
Spencer McCormick
Marty Colson
Skip Colson
Lesliann Barnard

Motion to appoint the above individuals as election workers for the town of Alexander by Carl and 2nd by Beth
Voting: 4 for.

The Galen Cole Family Foundation gives a grant for purchasing American flags to put up in towns. [See "A"] The grant can be read about at their website. It's a matching program with the number of flags. Since David D. has been the liason for putting up flags on telephone poles, he could look into this. If you decide to do this, I have the application. and a flyer

David D. asked if it is minimum of 24? Kristy did not know but she said the Galen Cole Foundation will buy 24 if the town buys 24. Johnson's Hardware could give a receipt for the number of kits that have been purchased so far. Then we would just need to get enough to total 24 flags and send that in to get some free flags from this grant.

Kristy also included the the Income and Expense report.
$264,574.91 has come in.
The expenses are $451,131.03, most of which has been spent on the school: $58,922.37.
(The town will not usually be "in the good" until just before taxes are paid.)

**Unfinished Business**
Foster asked how things are going with the dogs that people have complained about. Has David Townsend taken care of that?
Kristy said that it has been a while since she's heard anything. David T. did get a list of those dogs and he said he would look into it. She does know that the dogs have not yet been licensed.

Foster said that from the Down East Ambulance meeting on Monday night, stipends will have to go up a lot. It will be $32.50 per person per town, an increase of 5 dollars.
David D. asked if they bought new units. Foster said that they got 2 newer ones last year.
2020 census.
The 2020 census said that the town had 525 people in it.
David D. said that DEEMS has gotten a lot of calls (such as to car accidents), but that did not end up requiring transport.

Motion to adjourn by Carl and 2nd by Beth at 6:30 PM.

"A"

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September 24, 2025

Dear Municipality Leader:

Nearly twenty years ago, the Galen Cole Family Foundation sponsored a program to assist municipalities across Maine with the purchase of American flags. We are proud to offer this initiative again, designed to promote patriotism and community spirit, with flags to be displayed in 2026 in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

To support this effort, the Cole Foundation has partnered with World of Flags USA, located in Bangor, Maine, to provide a complete flag kit. Each kit includes:

- One sewn 3' x 5' nylon American flag with embroidered stars
- A six-foot spinning flagpole
- A durable mounting bracket

As part of this program, the Cole Foundation will match the purchase of up to twenty-four (24) kits for municipalities willing to purchase an equal number. To participate, municipalities must complete the attached application providing a signed commitment to display the flags, at a minimum, in their community from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

In addition to this program, the Cole Foundation is proud to welcome more than 20,000 visitors annually to our location and to sponsor initiatives that support children's aspirations, improve literacy, and honor our veterans. We invite your community to join us in this special effort to celebrate our nation and display the red, white, and blue with pride.

Thank you for your commitment to patriotism and community spirit. We look forward to receiving your application.

Yours truly,

Scott A. Oxley
President

*Committed to improving the aspirations of youth, promoting freedom, and preserving Maine's land transportation history.*

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## Application and Agreement for American Flag Program

Name of Organization / Municipality: _____

Authorized Person: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of Flag Kits Requested (up to 48): _____
Expected Cost (excluding shipping) of Total Order at $60.00 per Kit: _____
50% Financial Obligation of the Organization/Municipality: _____

In consideration of the Galen Cole Family Foundation providing American Flag kits to the organization above, we agree to the following terms and conditions:

1) To provide 50% of the cost of the flag kits.
2) To properly display the American Flags, from at least Memorial Day through Labor Day, on the main streets in our community for a minimum period of two years or until flags are unserviceable.
3) That all flag kits will be a nylon sewed 3' x 5' American flag with embroidered stars, a six-foot spinning flagpole and a mounting bracket.
4) To pick up the flag kits at the World of Flags USA in Bangor, Maine or arrangements can be made for direct shipment at an additional cost payable to World of Flags USA.
5) Agree to hold the Galen Cole Family Foundation, and its officers and its employees, harmless from, and to indemnify it against any suits or claims of any kind by any person or organization, including attorney's fees, arising out of the Galen Cole Family Foundation's furnishing said items.

By (authorized signature): _____ Date: _____

Please submit completed application by email to:
Morgan Knox Email: mknox@colemuseum.org

**For Office Use Only)**

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| Date Application Received: _____ | Date Approved: _____ | Recipient Notified: _____ |
| Ordered World of Flags _____ | SO# : _____ | Picked Up: _____ |