

Alexander Selectmen's Meeting  
April 7, 2022  
Alexander Municipal Building  
6:00 p.m.

**In Attendance**

Kevin Dean Chair (via phone)  
David Davis Vice Chair  
James Gibson Jr.  
John Knowles  
Foster Carlow Jr

**Town Clerk**

Kristy Crawford

**Others**

See attached sheet

David Davis Vice Chair ran the meeting.

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made to James Gibson Jr. to accept minutes as corrected, 2nd by David Davis,  
All in Favor.

**Addition/Deletion**

John Bromley Tax Property Issues

**Airport/Brad Richard**

- Tabled as Brad was not in attendance.

**Broadband/James Gibson Jr.**

- Last pole on Rte. 9 was set today.
- Waiting on final licenses.
- Still waiting to do the lease on the CoLo Building until work is completed.
- DBU is following the federal money that is coming to Maine to see if any will be available to the town. A new authority has been set up, MCA (Maine Connectivity Authority).

**Assessors/Jane Manza**

- Jane brought to the Selectmen's attention that a piece of property bought by Ed Hanson on the Pokey Road in 2017 from the town is recorded on the deed with the wrong map/lot numbers. It is recorded as 7-9 (which does not exist). It should be recorded as 37-9. Jane would like to have permission to correct this issue with a new deed and recording.

- A motion was made by Foster Carlow Jr., to correct the deed and have it recorded with the Registry of Deeds. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor.

#### **Cemetery/ Caretakers Jane Manza & Rhonda Oakes**

- Flag Pole is leaning, Skip Colson will gather some folks to reset the pole deeper as soon as weather permits.
- Work removing bushes in front of the fence will also take place this spring.
- Jane Manza has the State of Maine Flag which blew off this winter. It will go back up when the pole is corrected.
- Dolly and Jim Sullivan have collected all the wreaths from the Veterans graves supplied by Wreaths Across America.
- A Clean Up day has yet to be announced.

#### **School Budget/Ted Carter School Board Liaison**

- Increase in State Funds and careful budgeting expect the School Budget to stay the same for the 2022/2023 school year.
- Changes at school include a full time custodian, all teachers' pay brought up to the state minimum pay, 4 seniors graduating this year and 8 eighth graders entering high school. The School will be using \$105,000 of their carry over to keep the budget in line.

#### **Town Clerk/Kristy Crawford**

- See attached financials.
- Kristy asked the Selectmen to look at the wording of the Snow Removal Bid to see if you would like anything changed before the Ad is published. Discussion included checking on the actual miles the town plows and issues with the Town of Cooper plowing the Green Hill Road. This will be brought up again at the May meeting.

#### **Pokey Landing**

- Will be discussed during the Executive Session.

#### **Comprehensive Plan/Skip Colson**

- Roger Holst has discussed with Judy East the town's options.
  - #1 Do Nothing.
  - #2 Spend \$\$\$\$ on a new plan.
  - #3 Update with changes by committee.
- Roger relayed that Judy East said that Comprehensive Plans are no longer considered as important.
- By Consensus the Selectmen opted to go with Option #3, update changes by committee to be presented to the Selectmen. Skip Colson will schedule a meeting with the committee.

**Property Tax Issue/John Bromely**

John asked if there was any way that the Selectmen could help out with his property tax issues due to severe health conditions. The Selectmen decided that they would discuss this in Executive Session.

**Roads/Road Supervisor/Larry Hill**

- Larry reported things look good.
- Larry is working on a Culvert Report for the Selectme/Road Commissioners.

**DBU (Downeast Broadband Utilities)/James Gibson Jr.**

- The DBU needs the town to appoint a voting delegate to the DBU.
- Motion made by Kevin Dean to appoint James Gibson Jr. as a three year voting delegate to the DBU and alternate as Ted Carter 2nd by David Davis, All in Favor.

**Annual Appointments**

Motion made to accept as presented (see attached) by James Gibson Jr., 2nd by John Knowles, All in Favor.

**DEEMS/Foster Carlo Jr.**

Foster reported that there will be a supper the later part of May for all Firemen and EMS. Alexander Fire Chief Ed Burgess will be getting word out and a head count for the Alexander Fire Department/First Responders.

**June Town Meeting and Warrant**

By Consensus work will begin at the next meeting in May.

**Executive Session**

Motion made by John Knowles to go into Executive Session for the Bromley Tax Situation and Pokey Landing. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. All in Favor. (7:00 p.m.)

7:30 p.m. Selectmen returned to an open meeting..

- No action taken on the Bromley property. The selectmen will be checking with MMA as to what can legally be done.
- By consensus, Kristy Crawford, John Knowles, Kevin Dean and James Gibson Jr. will meet with Willow Owen to measure the survey lines (22') and the low water mark on Saturday, April 9th.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Oakes  
Selectmen's Secretary