

Alexander Selectmen's Meeting

February 2, 2023

Alexander Municipal Building

6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Selectmen

David Davis Chair

John Knowles Vice Chair

James Gibson Jr.

Foster Carlow Jr.

Town Clerk

Kristy Crawford

Others

Skip Colson

Ted Carter

Meeting Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Motion to approve with correction, 1st James Gibson Jr. 2nd John Knowles
All in Favor.

School/Ted Carter

- Ted Carter has been appointed as School Board to be the Liaison to the Board of Selectmen for preparation of School Budget for the 2022/2023 School Year and June Town Meeting.
- Budget in Progress. A financial update for the school is attached and things are looking good financially, with an estimate of \$249,000 to be available to offset next year's budget. Recommended to keep 10% of their budget approximately \$130,000 in reserve.
- The Alexanders portion of the Superintendent's Office is expected to go down.
- AES only has 36 students (less than expected last spring).
- State plans to do 55% State Subsidy and an ME Revenue Sharing of 5%.
- Building is in great shape, were able to renovate the garage due to Covid money

- Alexander School Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at AES beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, the board will continue to work on the budget.

AES Warming Shelter/Kristy Crawford

- The Town Office received an email (see attached) in regards to the school being used as a shelter as they received a grant for a generator
- Selectmen in agreement that this needs to happen. Ted Carter agreed and suggested that Principal Trevor Flood be contacted and the School Superintendent. The hope is that people will call the town office (phone calls will be forwarded to Kristy) and Kristy will contact those supervising the school opening.
- Who will supervise the building? Both Ted Carter and Skip Colson offered to take shifts.
- Kristy Crawford will contact Principal Flood and see what arrangements need to be made.

Planning Board and Board of Appeals/Ted Carter & Skip Colson

- Ted has contacted Andy Snowman.
- Selectmen cannot be on the Planning Board of Appeals.
- The Planning Board of Appeals needs a new member, and needs to be appointed by the Selectmen.
- Members should have staggering years.
- Hoping to have an Organizational Meeting next Thursday (2/9).
- Training meeting also in the plans.
- Computer has been set up for the Planning Board to have access for their use, minutes, forms, letter writing, etc.

Broadband/James Gibson Jr.

- 16 households have been hooked up.
- Splicer is supposed to be in the Chase Brook and Meddybemps Shore area next week.
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Assessors/John Knowles

- Due to extreme cold the Assessors will cancel their meeting for Saturday (2/4).

- Rhonda will post on fb and a sign will be in the door of the Town Office.

Town Clerk/Kristy Crawford

- Financials (See Attached)
- Radar Speed Trailers are available from April-November, at no cost to the town. See Attached.
- There will be a workshop on the care and repair of gravel roads, open to selectmen, contractors, road supervisors. For more information contact Kristy.
- Audit is close to being done.
- Many Bills are in front of the Maine Legislature, several may be of importance to Alexander. Information on all bills being presented are available on line.
 - General Assistance, 1 time event for 9 months, and funding changes.
 - Homestead, redefining qualifications and possible removal.
 - Property Stabilization Law Changes and possible removal.
 - Tax Acquired Property, changes in monitoring and excess funds.
 - Photo ID for voting.
 - Absentee Ballots postage.
 - Highway Funding.

Pokey Lake/David Davis/Kristy Crawford

- The call to the Lawyer has been made. Waiting to hear back
- Large Snowbank at landing, request to have it removed for driving onto the lake. Will not be moved, by consensus.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:10 p.m. by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by David Davis.
All in Favor.

Respectfully

Rhonda Oakes
Selectmen's Secretary