

Alexander Selectmen's Meeting  
May 5, 2022  
Alexander Municipal Building  
6:00 p.m.

**In Attendance**

Kevin Dean Chair  
David Davis Vice Chair  
James Gibson Jr.  
Foster Carlow Jr

**Town Clerk**

Kristy Crawford

**Others**

See attached sheet

**Minutes Approved with Corrections, 1st James Gibson Jr., 2nd David Davis, All in Favor.**

**Airport/Brad Richard**

- Brad came to the board to discuss the Princeton Airport, which is a General Aviation Airport and its needs. Background included that the airport is the #1 fixed plane landing airport for the local communities needs, #2 being Eastport, the Machias Airport is too short. Funding from the Airport comes from the Airport Authority, Princeton, Baileyville, Calais and recently Grand Lake. To become part of the Board a town would have to donate \$3,000.00 per year which would also allow one member on the board. Life Flight is the biggest user of the airport with between 25/30 landings in the winter, which affects all of those in our area/community.
- Brad came with a specific request. The airport is in need of a snowplow. Normally this would be part of a Grant from the FFA, but with new restrictions by accepting the grant they have to buy from a US manufacturer and none of the manufacturers will sign off from where their parts come from. A new plow would cost approximately \$40,000.00, would fit the front end loader they have and it would have 12' wings. The Town of Princeton has guaranteed the loan, interest free. Brad is asking if local towns would be willing to participate by joining the Board or make a gift towards the purchase of the plow.
- After discussion, the consensus of the board was to see if they could make a donation to such a worthy cause for all the local communities. Discussion included using some of the ARPA money received, Town Clerk Kristy Crawford will look into this.

### **John Dudley**

- John was not in attendance but Kirsty passed along a message that John would like to see an Alexander BiCentennial Poster Program in the School/Town.

### **AES/Ted Carter**

- Ted relayed from AES that the 2nd Draft of the School Budget was up a little bit more than previously expected, but the School Board is still aiming for no increase to the Town's portion.
- The final draft will be presented to the School Board on Tuesday night (5/10), at 6:30 p.m. at the AES. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Ted also added in connection with John Dudley's poster idea that he had been thinking that the town should have a motto, he suggested, "Alexander, Proud of Our Past, Enjoying Our Present, and Preparing for the Future".

### **Broadband/James Gibson Jr.**

- All licensing has been approved.
- Fiber has been pulled into the CoLo Building.
- Still on pace for signing folks up for service at the end of June.
- DBU Celebration for the Conclusion of the Project for Calais and Baileyville are being held. May 17th, 5:30 p.m. at the Spednic Club in Baileyville and May 18th, 6:00 p.m. at the Motor Inn in Calais.
- Lease agreement for the CoLo Building is still on hold.

### **Assessors/Jane Manza**

- Map Lot 56-3 Vincent/Patrick Dineen is in Tree Growth, but has been being taxed at the regular rate since 2017.
- The selectmen are needed to rectify this issue with a vote, the abatement would be \$ 1,406.97. See attached.
- Motion made by James Gibson Jr., 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. to grant the abatement, All in Favor.

### **Executive Session**

- A motion was made to go into executive session for a legal matter at 6:45 p.m. by James Gibson Jr., 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. All in Favor.
- Came out of Ex. Session at 7:00 p.m. No Action Taken.

### **Cemetery/Jane Manza, Rhonda Oakes, Skip Colson**

- Spring work has begun with the picking up of the trash, brush cutting and spot mowing
- The flag pole is in need of repair, and options are being looked at including welding and the possibility of a new pole donated from David Davis, Skip Colson will look into this.

- Also, when is the work on the upcoming Town Meeting Warrant going to begin?  
No action taken.

#### **Roads/Larry Hill**

- Cost of everything is going up. Salt was \$69.50 a ton and is now \$89.00, Hot top was \$91.50 a ton and is now \$ 122.00. Possibly no Co-Op pricing this year.
- Larry suggested holding off on hot top and perhaps only doing prep work this year.
- Discussion included pot holes on the Arm Rd. need to be fixed.
- John Knowles added if no work gets done this only lead to more will be needed later.
- Priorities and Possibilities were discussed, no action taken.

#### **DEEMS/Foster Carlow Jr.**

- Foster reported there will be a Thank You Dinner on May 18th at 5:00 p.m. for First Responder/FireFighters in Meddybemps.

#### **Kevin Dean**

- Kevin asked that Rhonda Oakes contact MMA about possible actions that can be taken on the Bromely Property.

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by John Knowles to enter Executive Session for CWP. No Public Action Taken

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Oakes  
Selectmen Secretary