

Alexander Selectmen

July 1, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Municipal Building

Selectmen in Attendance

Kevin Dean Chair

David Davis Vice Chair

Foster Carlow Jr.

John Knowles

James Gibson Jr.

Town Clerk Kristy Crawford

Others in Attendance - See Attached Sheet

Meeting Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes Approved for the following meetings

- June 3rd 1st James Gibson Jr., 2nd Kevin Dean All in Favor
- June 15th 1st by James Gibson Jr., 2nd by Foster Carlow All in Favor

John Dudley spoke on several issues

- Thank you for the Town Website, especially James Gibson Jr. and Kristy Crawford who worked together with the Webmaster.
- Appreciate the action taken on Pokey Landing.
- Glad to see the Pokey Road shoulders have been taken care of.
- Expired Comprehensive plans have hampered other town's planning and grant requests, we need to have our plan updated asap.
- The Salt/Sand Ad in the Calais Advertiser was incorrect. (Kristy said it was her fault, she didn't double check what was sent to the paper and a correction has been put in) John thanked her and said the only ones that don't make mistakes are those that do nothing.
- Discussed the plans of work needing to be done on several roads before hot topping should happen, stumps and rocks are lifting through. Davis Road and Crawford Road.
- Road signs have been stolen again. When put up needs to be put up correctly. The S. Princeton road sign should be parallel to the Airline Rd. Simple to correct.

- Town Meeting didn't attend (had been vaccinated), speaking and breathing through masks difficult.
- Felt that the town should not have cut the cemetery budget back to \$4,000.00. Yes grants and gifts have been received for the restoration (thanks to Grant Writer Jane Manza) but the town shouldn't rely totally on volunteers and needs to take responsibility for more than mowing, including regular maintenance. Was pleased that no one from the Administration made a motion to cut the funds.
- ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act. James Gibson Jr. is familiar with the act and not having a Comprehensive Plan could be a deterrent. Reach out personally to people who may help!
- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer position needs to be looked at. Should it be one position, elected or appointed? See attached.

#### Mike Lombardo

- Concerns brought up about the School Budget. Does it begin with the selectmen? The selectmen listened to Mike's concerns about costs/comparisons and lack of programs that he brought to the board for himself and others. The selectmen directed him to the Alexander School Board, who will meet in August.

#### David Davis

- David brought forth a request from the Town of Crawford. Is there a way that the Alexander Town Office could help out with registrations of cars/atvs/boats while their Clerk has a family emergency? After some discussion with Alexander Town Clerk Kristy Crawford, no action was taken.

#### Bids on foreclosed Property See Attached

- Motion made by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by John Knowles to accept the bid from M. DiCenzo for lot 150 (190 Davis Road) All in Favor
- Motion made by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by John Knowles to accept the bid from S. Morse for lot 715 (0 Spearin Road) 4 (Kevin Dean, David Davis, James Gibson Jr. John Knowles) yes. 1 no (Foster Carlow Jr.) Motion passed. Foster Carlow Jr. declined having a reason given in the minutes.
- Motion made to reject all mowing bids 1st James Gibson Jr. 2nd John Knowles, 3 yes (Kevin Dean, James Gibson Jr. John Knowles)

2 abstain, David Davis and Foster Carlow Jr. Reason given, conflict of interest.

#### Around the Table

- John Dudley will meet once again with Robert Flood to see if an alternate plan can be made to get the historic watering trough back to Alexander.
- Larry Hill spoke about roads, several washouts including ones near the Mercier and LaVallee residents. David Lee will rock culverts and replace a culvert.
- Skip Colson invited everyone in attendance to the Tractor Show taking place Saturday July 3rd, at the Grange Hall. If you have a tractor bring it, no fees involved.
- Foster Carlow Jr. reiterated the issues on the Crawford Road in the area of Blueberry Lane that need to be taken care of before winter. Last winter/spring the plow truck broke through and this section needs attention. By consensus the Selectmen (Road Commissioners) instructed Larry Hill (Road Supervisor) to price the repairs for this section)
- James Gibson Jr. thanked everyone for coming and for their input. Hope more people will come and become involved.
- Kevin Dean brought up the issues of the Arm Road. He has been contacted by several people about the speed people drive on this road. This is a back road with young families with children and school bus stops. The speed limit is 35 and there are children playing signs. Larry Hill was asked to contact the Sheriff's Dept and ask them to monitor the speed on this road.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by John Knowles All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Oakes  
Selectmen's Secretary