

Alexander Selectmen Meeting

Alexander Grange Hall

May 5, 2021

7:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Selectmen

Kevin Dean Chair

David Davis Vice-Chair

John Knowles

Foster Carlow Jr.

James Gibson Jr.

Town Clerk

Kristy Crawford

Dana Porter Deputy

Others in Attendance

John and Marie Dudley

Larry and Emma Hill

Joe and Jane Manza

Skip Colson

Eddie Moreside

Meeting Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

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

Election/Appointment of Officers

- Selectmen Chair: Kevin Dean, 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by David Davis All in Favor
- Selectmen Vice-Chair: David Davis 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. All in Favor
- Addressing Officer James Gibson Jr.: 1st by David Davis 2nd by John Knowles All in Favor
- Asst. Addressing Officer Skip Colson: 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. All in Favor
- Animal Control Officer David Townsend: 1st by Foster Carlow Jr. 2nd by James Gibson Jr. All in Favor
- Assessment Board of Appeals: Patrick Cormier, Weillbly Dean, Ron Gardnier, 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by John Knowles All in Favor
- Code Enforcement Officer: Andy Snowman 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. All in Favor
- Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector/ Treasurer: Dana Porter 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor

- Emergency Management Director: Edward Burgess 1st by David Davis 2nd by John Knowles All in Favor
- Fire Warden: Edward Burgess 1st by David Davis 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
 - Deputy Fire Warden: David Sullivan 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Foster Carlow All in Favor
 - Deputy Fire Warden: Kristy Crawford 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- General Assistance: John Knowles and Foster Carlow Jr. 1st by James Gibson Jr 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- Health Officer: Janice Sullivan 1st by David Davis 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- Planning Board of Appeals: David Davis, Joshua Kinney, Ted Carter, Stephen Seavey, Jeffrey Spatcher 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- Fiber Optic Broadband Liaison: Ted Carter 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr All in Favor
- Fiber Optic Broadband Coordinator: James Gibson Jr. 1st by Foster Carlow Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- Plumbing Inspector: Allan Sutherland 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- Public Access Officer: Kristy Crawford 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. All in Favor
- Road Supervisor: Foster Carlow offered to do the job. Motion made to appoint Larry Hill as Road Supervisor by David Davis 2nd by Kevin Dean 4 for/1 against (Foster Carlow, No comment).
- Selectmen's Secretary; Rhonda Oakes 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- Solid Waste Representative: John Knowles 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- WCCG Representative: David Davis 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- WCCG Resident Rep: Edward Burgess 1st by David Davis 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. All in Favor
- DEEMS: Foster Carlow Jr. 1st by Kevin Dean 2nd by David Davis All in Favor
- DEEMS Alternate: David Sullivan 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor
- Asst. Cemetery Caretakers: Jane Manza and Rhonda Oakes 1st by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean All in Favor

Skip Colson brought up should a selectman be appointed to be a working liaison with the Road Supervisor. Remarks were made that both Selectmen David Davis and Kevin Dean had done a ride around with Larry to help prioritize the list of work needed.

Broadband/James Gibson Jr.

Pole Survey is done and has been submitted. Crash (Ed Burgess), David Davis, Ted Carter and James had met and worked on the COLO building placement. Next week the placement will be

staked out and the date of delivery will be determined after that. A lease will happen after the building is in place. The Grant had been kicked back as incomplete, is being completed and will be sent tomorrow.

John Dudley

- See Attached, Talking Points on Australian Ballot, Financial Accounting, Administrative Assistant, Comprehensive Plan.
- Burned papers were found, there is a voters list that John would like to put in a Time Capsule File, the others are of no significant importance what would the selectmen like to do. By Consensus the selectmen will allow John to archive the voter's list, and destroy the rest.

The Selectmen asked Rhonda Oakes to look into the Australian Balloting.

Jane Manza

Solar Energy

- It has come to her attention through Andrew Tickle at EMEC that the school and the municipality are two different entities and cannot be combined. Sundog says it is not feasible to continue. Jane attended a School Board Meeting to share her findings. School Board Member Marty Richard knows the CEO at the Electric Company, Mr. Hallowell and will see if there is a way to combine the two entities. The Solar Energy Project is shelved for the moment.

Cemetery

- Mowing discussion of putting out a bid for the next fiscal year as requested at the summer Town Meeting last summer.
- Does Foster Carlow wish to mow the cemetery for the end of this fiscal year, Foster said, No.
- An update on the activities was given. Very successful, lots helpers from age 5 to 80. Much trash was taken on both days, brush was cut and areas were raked. The group will have another work day on May 8th.
- Rhonda reported that she felt a budget should be presented in a line item list format. She would like to know if the account is a roll over account or if it goes to 0 at the first of every fiscal year. David Davis commented he thought it should be a rollover account so that funds could be built up for major repairs. No Action Taken

Abatements

- The Assessors asked for an abatement on Val Rousell and David Davis's Properties. Val has been incorrectly taxed on a well that he does not own, he shares a spring with David. Both property cards will be corrected. Val will be abated for the well and share the value of the spring.
 - Val Rousell \$147.94
 - David Davis \$40.35
 - Motion made to abate by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. 3 for 2 Abstain John Knowles as an Assessor, David Davis as a landowner involved.

- Chad Arndt Property, and abatement of \$1,335.13 for not having his land taxed as tree growth. (never charged as tree growth) Chad would like to take a portion of this land out of tree growth to place a building on it. The fine for that would be \$5,900.00, which would not be cost effective for him. Since it was never charged tree growth there should be no fine, or abatement.
 - Motion made for no abatement by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Kevin Dean, 4 for 1 abstain, (John Knowles as Assessor)

Town Clerk/Kristy Crawford

- Road Funds and Profit/Loss See attached. Motion made to accept Monthly Finances by James Gibson Jr 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr All in Favor
- There has been a combative abusive customer in the office, refusing to wear a mask. Swearing, throwing a mask and papers at the clerk. Deputy Clerk Dana Porter was on the phone and heard the entire confrontation. Kristy reported that Foster did go talk to the person. Foster told her she should not bring this up in the meeting as it could make things worse. Which made Kristy feel that this scared her more.
 - Dana Porter said it was abusive and scary and uncalled for and made her nervous for Kristy's safety. She then reported it to James Gibson Jr.
 - David Davis said we can't tolerate this.
 - Rhonda asked where are our security cameras, this is a time that it would be good to have them and to have posted the office is under surveillance to curtail these kinds of activities
 - Kevin Dean asked if Kristy and Dana feel comfortable talking with the police. He will contact the police and have them come on Tuesday.

Pokey Lake/Kevin Dean

Still no letter received from the Owen's on the Pokey Lake Landing. What is the next step? The town has a complete survey from Andy Pottle. What is the next step? Get the survey certified? Contact the Attorney?

Motion made by Kevin Dean 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. To contact the lawyer to see what the town's next step should be. Kevin will contact the lawyer.

Security Camera/James Gibson Jr.

It is time separate from the possibility of doing something with the school and to move ahead with a stand-alone on site system camera for the office. JR feels something can be done for about \$500.00. The selectmen agreed by consensus.

Municipal Mowing

Foster Carlow was asked if he wished to continue to mow the municipal building, he replied no. By consensus the selectmen gave permission to the Town Clerk Kristy Crawford to advertise for someone to mow the municipal building.

School Board

The School Board has asked that the Selectmen attend their next meeting on Tuesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Alexander School Gym. Kevin encouraged all the Selectmen to attend. They will broach the subject of Town Meeting while there.

Roads/Larry Hill

Larry reported that the town is responsible for ALL town road signs even those on State Roads. Larry also reported that he has estimates for the upcoming fiscal year

- Spearin Road (hot top) \$ 70,455.00
- Arm Road (hot top) \$ 83,631.00
- Ditching All Roads \$ 10,000.00
- Salt/Sand (some left over) \$ 20,000.00
- Plowing \$ 110,000.00
- Municipal Plowing \$ 8,000.00

Recommendation: Don't hot top the Arm Road this year, just prepare for hot top.

Concerns brought up by others, culvert issues on the Spearin Road/Crawford Road, continuing to bring up the Crawford end of the Arm Road to eventually/possibly hot top.

No Action Taken

Rhonda Oakes

The cleaning, arranging and sorting paperwork that began in February has come to a standstill due to the old electronics/equipment piled in the archive/backroom. Rhonda stated they have been waiting to have the items removed since February and offered to have her husband take the things to the dump on May 15th. By consensus permission was given.

DEEMS/Foster Carlow Jr.

Reports everything is Good.

Motion made to go into Executive Session for Concealed Weapons Permit

Adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Oakes