

Alexander Selectmen's Meeting
 May 4, 2023
 Alexander Municipal Building
 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Selectmen

- David Davis Chair
- John Knowles Vice Chair
- James Gibson Jr.
- Foster Carlow Jr.
- Kenneth Colson (Skip Colson)

Town Clerk

Kristy Crawford

Others

See Attached

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Screen Sand Bids

Name	Amount
David Lee Construction	1,200 Yards @ \$ 16.50 per yard Total \$19,800.00

Motion made by Foster Carlow Jr. 2nd by James Gibson Jr. to accept David Lee Construction's bid. All in Favor.

Town Roads, Plowing and Sanding Bids (3 Year Contract)

Name	Amount
James Davis	1st Year \$7,207.21 a mile, total \$120,000.00 2nd Year \$7,567.57 a mile, total \$126,000.00 <u>3rd Year \$8,048.00 a mile, total \$134,000.00</u> Total 3 Year Contract \$380,000.00

Tate Doane	1st Year \$6,306.31 a mile, total \$105.000.00 2nd Year \$6,306.31 a mile, total \$105.000.00 <u>3rd Year \$6,306.31 a mile, total \$105.000.00</u> Total 3 Year Contract \$315.000.00
D&E Plowing	1st Year \$6,370.00 a mile, total \$106.060.50 2nd Year \$6,100.00 a mile, total \$101.565.00 <u>3rd Year \$6,000.00 a mile, total \$ 99,900.00</u> Total 3 Year Contract \$307.525.50

Motion made by Skip Colson to accept the D&E Plowing's bid with the stipulations that the required insurance be raised from \$400,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. 4 (David Davis, James Gibson Jr, Skip Colson and Foster Carlow Jr.) 1 no, (John Knowles, didn't feel it was the town's responsibility to demand a \$\$ amount on insurance).

School/Ted Carter & Stephen Seavey

- The first draft of the school budget is available, see attached.
- The total budget is higher than last year, approximately \$52,000.00. But due to an increase in School Subsidy the same amount as in previous years would be the town's portion.
- This is cutting into the school surplus and bringing it down to only 9% of the budget, possibly not enough.
- The School Board can move up to 5% of their monies around in their budget.
- Ted (speaking for himself/not a school board member) Is concerned about cutting the surplus to 0 much and would like to ask the town for between \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Ted asked if the Town Budget could be cut and the feeling of the school asking for more money.
 - It was brought up that the Selectmen have no power over the School Budget; it was just an inquiry, knowing the town at town meeting will have the final say.
- Ted also informed the Selectmen that Mr. Johnson has resigned and will no longer be the Superintendent of Schools and the AOS is beginning a search for a new Superintendent.
- Next School Board Meeting Tuesday, May 9th at AES, 6:30 p.m.

Broadband/James Gibson Jr.

- Everywhere there is cable run it has been tested and ready for hookups.
- At last count 35 residences had been put on line.
- Lease for the CoLo Building will be done when the construction is done.

Assessors/Jane Manza

- The Assessors have several places in town to assess.
- Due to sales it seems as if the Town Evaluation will be going up again.
- Assessors need a new computer, Dan Sullivan came up with an option for \$1,000.00.

Motion made by Skip Colson to purchase a computer of the assessors, 2nd by James Gibson Jr. All in Favor.

Cemetery/Jane Manza, Rhonda Oakes

- Rhonda received a call from Maxine Dinkins praising the work and improvements to the cemetery.
- Roads will be staked soon for rebuilding to begin.
- Flags will be put out on Veterans graves prior to Memorial Day.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer Kristy Crawford

- 2020 Liens all collected and discharged.
- 2021 Liens, 24 outstanding.
- 2022 Liens, 58 outstanding.
- Kristy wanted to thank Assessor Jane Manza for the accurate changes and the address changes, making it much easier for the Tax Collector.
- Could one of the Selectmen please call Wadman and check in on the audit. The last contact that Kristy had was Jan. 6th.
- Bicentennial/John Dudley plans, what action and activities would you like to see happen if any. See attached.

- Is it possible since for the last several years that only Mr. Lee has put in a bid on the salt sand, that we save the money of advertising by just awarding the job to him?
- The Town's June Budget Meeting (June 26th) is 53 days away. What are the plans?

By consensus there will be a Budget Meeting held on Monday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Pokey Lake/Skip Colson

- Dock is in the water, selectmen agree that it is not to be returned to the landing.
- Skip will now get in contact with Cody Brown, David Lee, Dale Earl and Randy Wallace and see about having the rocks removed.

Generator at AES/Skip Colson

- AES is supposed to be a shelter and during the recent Power Outage it was not available. For those in need of a way to run oxygen or other health related items, need of water, heat or merely charging their phones.
- There needs to be a plan put in place so that it can quickly be accessed for the community.
- A committee will be set up to work on this issue, hopefully representatives from the school, selectmen, emergency response and community members.

Roads/Larry Hill

- A road sign and supply list has been started, Larry will check that he has all safety gear for those working, vests, hard hats.
- Danny Wood has been trapping nuisance beavers on the Flat Road. At least one trap is gone, Larry will be checking with him.
- Larry has talked to Gene Davis from NE Paving about repairing the corner of the Berry/Flat Road when hot topping is done in town.
- Larry has also begun talking to Certified Paving on prices.
- The cost of hot top is expected to go up.
- The price will depend on grade and thickness.

- Should we sweep the roads, by consensus the Selectmen agreed that Larry should check where it is needed, definitely the corner of the Spearing Road for safety reasons and get a price.
- Probably will need to do some ditching on the Davis Road this year.

Community/Rhonda Oakes

- Len Hanson and Dolly Sullivan are heading up a Breakfast at the Grange, May 20th to raise money for wreaths for veterans graves.

DEEMS/Foster Carlow Jr.

- Everything is good.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. by James Gibson Jr, 2nd by John Knowles. All in Favor.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Oakes
Selectmen's Secretary