

Alexander Selectmen  
August 5, 2021  
Alexander Municipal Building  
7:00 p.m.

**Selectmen in Attendance**

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

**Town Clerk**

Kristy Crawford

**Others in Attendance;** See Attached Sheet

Opened Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Addition of Cemetery

**Broadband James Gibson Jr.**

- The Colo Building pad is done, the building should be arriving on Monday (8/9). The lease will be waiting until the building is in place.
- Pole placement Eastern Maine Electric wants to own the poles so they will be installing them, this is a good thing for the DBU and will cost us less. The DBU will do the easements.
- County Commissioners have six-million dollars available, and Danny Sullivan and James Gibson Jr. will be working with them and presenting a plan that investing in Broadband is instrumental in the future of our county and children.

**John Dudley**

- John Presented in writing (see attached) a plan for the Bicentennial of Alexander with the placement of a monument commemorating Alexander's conception and those that signed the petition of incorporation.
- Procurement of the trough could influence placement of the monument. Foster Carlow Jr. offered to talk to Robert Flood to see if he could have the historic trough returned to Alexander.

**Town Clerk/Kristy Crawford**

- The Auditor is happy with the new book set up and Kristy will now move forward with the 2020 books.
- Financial Report, See Attached
- The office needs a new copier and there are several options, Kristy

would like some help deciding which would be best for the town's needs. James Gibson Jr. volunteered.

#### **Security Camera/ James Gibson Jr.**

- Camera has been purchased and shipped. It came in under budget from \$2,104.87 to now \$1,683.98. Will have audio.

#### **ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)/James Gibson Jr.**

- Fund distribution has been postponed again, now saying September.

#### **Comprehensive Plan/Kevin Dean**

- Needs to move forward.
- Has a sign up list been put up? Kristy responded with No, but it has been mentioned to people
- Rhonda Oakes will make a sign up list and have a notice put on Facebook and have Cassie Oakes put it in the Alexander Column in the Advertiser.
- Possible Contact person? Nancy Beal Reporter of No Plan/No Money.

#### **Cemetery/Rhonda Oakes**

- Jane Manza has recorded that 13 stones have been completely repaired, 4 are partially done, 3 bases are ready, 7 are left to do and 3 are seriously leaning. Rhonda noted that this process has gone faster than expected due to all the prep work Joe and Jane Manza have done, allowing Albert Stehle to concentrate on repairs.
- A new flag pole has been donated anonymously and members of the Alexander Grange and volunteers directed by Skip will be erecting it. The Cemetery sign will be taken down during this process and a new one will be erected. Skip Colson has also requested borrowing Men Working Signs to help with the safety issues of working so close to Rte. 9.
- The Restoration Fund continues to receive donations
- Monday (8/9) the "Kids at the Grange" will be volunteering and cleaning stones at the cemetery.

#### **Sand Bids Opened**

- See Attached
- Motion made by Kevin Dean made a motion to accept the bid from David Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Knowles, All in Favor

#### **Roads/Larry Hill Road Supervisor**

- Hot Topping the Spearin Road came in over budget. Quoted as \$70,450.00 was billed \$72,114.37 an increase of \$16,059.37. Due to fuel prices.
- Inlet of Pleasant Lake had 3 beavers removed, by Dan Wood. One was 30-35 lbs. the other was 40-45 lbs.
- Larry spoke to County Concrete, they are charging \$88 a ton for hot

top, possibly more if they came to this area.

- Signs are missing what would the Selectmen/Road Commissioners like him to do. By consensus, replace the signs as soon as possible, this is a safety hazard. Also replace secondary signs. Larry will check with David Davis to get a complete list.
- Crawford Road Repair, it will cost approximately \$13,500.00 for the hot top. Asked if this included prep work, the response was no.
- Selectmen/Road Commissioners instructed Larry Hill Road Supervisor to do the prep work and get hot top as needed on the Crawford Road and the Arm and Davis Roads where the rocks are coming up and spaces the Road Commissioners marked out.
- David Lee to finish the edges of the Spearin Road with Gravel. The Selectmen/Road Commissioners instructed Larry to have the excavator work wait until cooler weather so as to not damage the new hot top.
- Judy Tamarro's has some wash at her driveway, this will be taken care of.

**Foster Carlow Jr.**

- DEEMS all is well
- Carla Manchester contacted him, she had not been able to contact anyone else). She has received no paperwork about the salt sand. We were part of the program last year so he told her to put us down for the same, this is not binding and we do not have to purchase.

**John Knowles/Assessor**

- The Property Taxes have been committed. The formula that was discussed at several meetings was put into place and the mil rate went down. Before the formula it would have been 19.2 with the formula it was 17.2.
- John said this at the beginning, next year with the new way the books are being done should make this better. That and controlling the budget.

Motion made by John Knowles 2<sup>nd</sup> by Foster Carlow Jr. to enter Executive Session to discuss a Legal Issue. All in Favor. No Action Taken

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Oakes