

Alexander Selectmen's Meeting
August 10, 2022
Alexander Municipal Building
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Selectmen

James Gibsons Jr.

John Knowles

Foster Carlow Jr

Town Clerk

Kristy Crawford

Others See Attached

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- July 7th motion made by Foster Carlow Jr. to accept , 2nd by John Knowles, All in Favor
- June 5th, motion made by John Knowles. to accept, 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr., All in Favor

Meddybemps Lake Shore Association.

- Heidi Hicks brought up the street light at the corner of Rte. 9 and the Meddybemps Shore Road. The cost is \$350.00 a year, it is a safety issue and the Association would like the town to cover the cost. The town has other roads that have street lights. James Gibson Jr. made a motion that the town take over the cost of the Street light. No second, motion died.
- Discussion included Cooper, Flat, Davis, South Princeton Road all have lights. Princeton Road is paid by the state.
- Foster Carlow reported that the Meddybemps Shore Road is not a town road nor maintained by the town. The Association said the hot topped section is not a private road and that the state maintains that section and it is a bus stop. The selectmen then questioned is this a state responsibility?
- Motion made by John Knowles to table until the next meeting and more information is available, and that Kevin Dean will research the issue. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr., All in Favor
- The Association asked when the next meeting would be. Answer, 1st Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Comprehensive Plan- Skip Colson

- Shoreland Ordinance (see attached) has a typo (which is highlighted) It should read "Planning Board.

- On August 2nd, the Code Enforcement Officer recommended that the Selectmen approve the correction.
- A motion was made by John Knowles, 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. to make the correction as recommended and to have Town Clerk, Kristy Crawford, amend the Comprehensive Plan and submit it to the Website. All in Favor.

Planning Board - Skip Colson

- Skip reports that the Comprehensive Plan could use some Clerical Help, and that there is \$3,336.00 in their account and would like to hire an aide. By Consensus the Selectboard approved the request.
- Skip let the Selectboard know that the Town had no Plumbing Inspector and that they need to appoint one asap as there is one permit waiting and several projects upcoming. After some discussion, a motion was made by Foster Carlow Jr. that he and Skip Colson would meet with Dana Alvater to see if he was interested in being the Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Alexander. And to give Foster and Skip the approval to appoint Dana or another qualified individual. 2nd by John Knowles All in Favor.
- Skip and Foster will meet at the Town Office at 2:00 on 8/11.

Broadband - James Gibson Jr.

- Feed Cable has been run to the town line.
- Work has continued regularly for the last two weeks, cable is now on the Flat Road.
- They are now having monthly construction meetings which James Gibson Jr. now attends.
- Larry Hill brought up that the overrun pipe from the well, does not seem to be draining. Was it crushed during construction? Please have this checked. James Gibson Jr. will contact Benny Clark
- The lease won't be signed until the project is completed, including ground work at the town office.

Assessors - Jane Manza/John Knowles

- Jane and John report that all the tax bills have been sent, approximately 685. The Mil Rate went down from 17.7 to 17.2 thanks to claiming several sources of income and designating it to certain items (ie Roads, Administration) at the Town Meeting.
- The MVR fell short at 87% value, thus the Homestead, Veteran, Blind, Tree Growth and EME Co-Op exemptions all dropped in value. The Assessors would like to continue with Amy Dunn for long term maintenance of the Trio Program, and other things like the Long Form Adjustment Rate and the saving the Homestead Exemption.
- Jane explained the new LD29 bill that will stabilize property taxes for residents 65 and older that have lived in Maine for ten years. The state will reimburse the towns 100%.

Cemetery - Jane Manza/Rhonda Oakes

- Jane asked the Selectmen to look into using some of the ARPA funds in the Cemetery on building/rebuilding roads to help with the damage that is being done in lots as people do not know where to drive. As a result of this issue the Bonner/Prout/Niles lot needs to be rebuilt and one lot not yet assigned is unusable. After a rough estimate the four roads would cost approximately \$12,000.00

Town Clerk/Treasurer - Kristy Crawford

- Continuing to work through the audit.
- Amy Atherton, town appointed auditor has quit and the town is awaiting a new appointment.
- Finances, see attached.
- Security Cameras are up and running.

Pokey Lake

- Kristy Crawford reported that Kevin Dean has requested that the lawyer send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Owens.

ARPA Funds

- Tabled by consensus.

Road - Larry Hill

- Larry requested that the selectmen put together a list of the needs for the Road Acct. including missing damaged signs(McArthur Road/Pokey Road), the need for barriers, vests, tractor working signs and other items.
- Kristy asked that Larry return Dale Earle's lock and put a new lock on the sand shed. David Lee will need a key to do the salt/sand.
- John asked Larry if he was pursuing hot top for the cut out areas of the tar on the Crawford Road, especially with the plowing season coming, Larry responded he hadn't.

DEEM - Foster Carlow Jr.

- Reports everything is good.

WCCG - Foster Carlow Jr.

- It looks as if it will start again.

Motion made by John Knowles to Adjourn at 7:30 p.m. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. All in Favor.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Oakes
Selectmen's Secretary