

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

In Attendance

Selectmen

David Davis
John Knowles
Foster Carlow Jr.
James Gibson Jr.
Kevin Dean via phone

Town Clerk

Kristy Crawford

Others

See Attached

Meeting Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes approved with corrections, motion made by James Gibson Jr. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. All in Favor.

Alexander Volunteer Fire Department/First Responders/David Sullivan

- David came to request that some of the ARPA Funds be used to aid the Department in replacing the 1st Responder Unit. The body is rusting and it soon won't be able to pass inspection. The Department is looking at buying a 2nd hand unit and looking at 25,000.00 - 35,000.00.
- They recently had an expensive repair to one of the fire trucks and their emergency funds are low.
- Discussion in the audience included the Fire Dept. has not asked for more funds from the town in years and are very good stewards of the money they do receive.
- The ARPA Fund balance was shared (see attached).

A motion was made by John Knowles to give \$18,000.00 from the ARPA Fund to the Fire Department to be used for a 1st Responder Unit. 2nd by Foster Carlow Jr. 4 yes votes, John Knowles, Foster Carlow Jr. James

Gibson Jr. and Kevin Dean. David Davis abstained from the vote as he is a member of the Fire Department. Motion passed.

Meddybemps Shores Street Light Request/Ralph Feck

- See attached email from Alan Farrington.
- David Davis stated that one light on a private road will lead to a dozen more lights on private roads. The state plows, and maintains the first 200 yards of the road if a light is needed they should take care of it.
- Foster Carlow brought up that the state did a survey when the road was built and found no need for a light.
- The selectmen stood by their previous vote not to pay the cost for a street light there, but did suggest that maybe Marianne Moore, State Senator, may be of some assistance for them at the state level to have the light paid for by the state.

Green Hill Road/Town of Cooper Selectboard/Dan Ackley

- The Town of Cooper would like to change the way the road is maintained and plowed. In the past Cooper plowed and Alexander has done the summer maintenance. They would like to swap that. According to MMA, dirt roads with residents must be plowed. No one lives on the Cooper end of the road, only the Alexander section has residents.
- The Alexander Selectmen said they would take it under advisement and let them know what they would like to do.

Planning Board/Skip Colson

- Andy Snowman is not moving and will continue to work with the Town of Alexander.
- Skip has been receiving calls from all over the country asking about Alexander zoning. Including questions about tiny house zoning, plumbing codes.
- The Planning Board has sent out 3 denial letters.

Broadband/James Gibson Jr.

- Work continues
- Encouraged with the amount of cable up and the splicing being done.
- Construction meeting tomorrow.

- Tim McAfee has still not given a completion date
- Lease on building when the project is completed.

Assessor/Jane Manza

- Meeting Next Saturday and will begin touring the town and assessing.

Cemetery/Jane Manza

- Near completion for the year on the Restoration Project due to colder weather coming.
- One more trip from Albert is expected.
- Saturday brush, trees were cut and the old fence was completely removed.
- The poles will be painted black and black chain will be installed.
- Ground work continues.
- Flag pole is down and will be welded.

Financials/Kristy Crawford

- See Attached
- School and Town will be done at the same time.
- Waiting for the school to be ready and then the Audit will take place.
- Later in October

Town Clerk/Kristy Crawford

- Should the Deputy be paid by the Town's Fiscal Year or January-December? By consensus it was agreed by the Town's Fiscal Year.
- Shredder came.

Pokey Lake/Kevin Dean

- No News

Comprehensive Plan/Skip Colson

- Next Meeting, Thursday the 13th.
- Finalizing the Survey, Drawing for those participating, Emma Hill is soliciting. Ticket Stub from returned Survey used for the drawing.
- Some towns have done away with the Comprehensive Plans via Roger Holst and Judy East
- Should we carry on? Comprehensive Plan vs. Ordinances?

- Our Comprehensive Plan is outdated and not effective.
- Ordinances could be smaller committees of people with high interest in areas. Examples include how the Cemetery Ordinance was recently done. Such as Skip is very interested in zoning, Ted Carter may be interested in protecting open spaces.
- Foster Carlow Jr. doesn't see the need for the Comprehensive Plan, thinks Ordinances is the way to go.

James Gibson Jr. made a motion to discontinue updating the Comprehensive Plan. 2nd by David Davis. 4 in Favor, 1 abstention by Foster Carlow Jr. as he was a participating member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Motion passed.

Truck Traffic by the Cemetery/Jane Manza

- While working at the cemetery she has noticed several close calls concerning trucks turning on and off of Rte. 9 to and from the gravel pit road.

Cemetery Roads/Joe Manza

- A monument truck had trouble turning into the Cemetery, hit a tree, roads entrance needs to be wider.

Roads/Larry Hill

- Larry Hill was not available
- Kevin Dean asked if the sand has been put up yet? David Davis said it has not.

Motion and to go into Executive Session for Concealed Weapons by David Davis, 2nd by James Gibson Jr. All in Favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Rhonda Oakes
Selectmen's Secretary