

Minutes Alford Select Board – Approved

February 12, 2024

Present: Select Board – Charles Ketchen, Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson, Peter Puciloski

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes of January 22, 2024 approved as written

BOH Report: No Report

Highway Report: Mr. Horrigan asked the Board when he should discontinue the Holiday Lights. The Board unanimously decided on February 14th.

ADA Walkway- Mr. Horrigan reported he and Mr. Hall have designated 3 locations for light posts for the ADA walkway. One at the lower parking area, one near the roadside of the “School House” and one at the upper handicap parking area. Mr. Hall suggested the town give EDM Studios examples of styles the Town likes and they would be able to work that into the plan and give feedback if 3 light posts would be sufficient. Mr. Horrigan provided figures for finishes for construction materials. Broom brushed concrete =/- \$19,000 or stained and stamped concrete would be almost double the broom brushed concrete. He stated he thought the stained and stamped concrete would be more appealing. Options for the Non ADA steps to the building would be granite, concrete or marble. He would recommend granite for longevity. Mr. Horrigan reported the Town does not own a portion of the property where the proposed walkway is to be installed. He submitted a map to the Board for review. Mr. Puciloski asked Mr. Horrigan to send the Title Research him and to Town Counsel. Mr. Puciloski asked Mr. Horrigan to recommendations from Town Counsel how the Town should go about acquiring the land. Mr. Ketchen suggested contacting the Church about acquiring the land. Mr. Horrigan report there will be a Pre-Construction meeting in Lenox on February 15th for the West Road Bridge. Mr. Horrigan and Steve Berkel, Fire Chief, plan to attend in person.

Mr. Horrigan informed the Select Board he would be on vacation from February 20th-23rd to attend to a family matter.

250th Celebration of Incorporation: No one from the committee was in attendance. Tricia Bevan from the AHDC did attend to take notes for the committee and answer question as best she could. The Town Clerk reminded Ms. Bevan only 2 members of the committed had been sworn in so they should not all be meeting as a committee until everyone is sworn in. The Select Board looked at the submitted designs. The only recommendation was to remove the “250+” and use “1773” instead. The Select Board would like the 250th Celebration committee to attend the next meeting for the sign approval.

Executive Session request by Town Counsel: Mr. Costa has requested an Executive Session with the Select Board regarding 130 Green River Road. The Executive session will be held on March 11th at 5pm.

Town Clerk: Ms. Henden-Wilson reported the Security Assessment for Elections was completed and she is waiting for the official report. The biggest concern was the Town currently has not plan in place for a police presence at elections. Ms. Henden-Wilson reported she is working on options to secure a police presence for the March 5th Primary. The suggestion was made to ask Great Barrington Police Department if they had any detail officers they could send to Alford. Ms. Henden-Wilson will be posting the offices up for election and how to obtain nomination papers next week. Ms. Henden-Wilson met with Carolyn Yetto from Ko-file and she will be sending the Town a proposal.

Adjourned at 7:08 pm

Respectfully submitted
Roxanne Germain