Minutes: Alford Finance Committee Meeting: 12/3/18

Meeting Called to order: 9AM at Town Offices

Members Present: Joan Rogers, Mort Josel, Carl Stewart, Peter Schoeffer
Members dialing in: John Littlechild

Agenda: Discussion about keeping the South Egremont School Open

Overview of SBRSD status and outlook from Carl Stewart

Discussion followed - members concerned that enrollment is declining but school budget keeps increasing; not enough discipline to shutter satellite schools that have small enrollment; no clarity on direction district is taking with respect to consolidation

Actions by the Committee:

1. Unanimously approved a motion to recommend to the Alford Select Board that the South Egremont School be closed

2. Unanimously approved a motion to recommend to the Alford Select Board that there not be any changes made to the current Assessment formula for member towns in the SBRSD

3. Unanimously approved a motion to recommend to the Alford Select Board that Alford voters be asked to vote on a warrant item at May 2019 Town Meeting to close the South Egremont school

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am