MINUTES: Alford Finance Committee Meeting: 11/13/18

Meeting Called to order at: 3:00 pm

Present: Joan Rogers, Mort Josel, Peter Schoeffer, Carl Stewart, John Littlechild, Peter Puciliski,
Remote dial in: Jay Weintraub

Charlie Ketchen, Roxanne Germain

Update on Alford Link Finances from Jay Weintraub

Overall project cost approximately $1.9 million

Timing of Grant Receipts
- $480,000 from Mass - received
- $126,000 from Mass (?) supplemental - received
- $14,700 / year for 10-yrs Fed’l Grant for operating expense - pending

Jay’s view: Projected FY 2020 Operating Expenses: expected to adhere closely to the budget approved at Town Meeting - assuming subscribers of 260-270

Cash Flow projections FY 2019 difficult as revenues have not yet reached stabilized levels due to delays in installations. May take until spring 2019 to realize income from 256 subscribers

Total households approx 340 vs approx 260 subscribers - are other 80 households not subscribing due to cost? No conclusive evidence this is driving factor

Review of Financing Options - discussed with advisers from Unibank
- State House Notes - 1 year rollovers
- State House Notes - Fixed term
- Long Term Bond Issue - Fixed rate

Outlook for Alford Preliminary Debt Service Budget FY 20 - Charlie Ketchen
- Enterprise Fund FY19 debt service not in current tax rate
- Tax rate may have to rise to cover this debt service
- Fire Truck debt service $50,000 principal is in Town budget

Outstanding $1.6 million of State House Notes mature March 15, 2019. A decision on whether to refinance the entire amount, and the length of borrowing to be discussed in February

Finance Committee will look to meet again for an update on Alford Link Cash Flow in January or early February when it is anticipated that most subscribers will have been fully installed and will have begun making monthly payments.

Plan to meet with Select board in late March / early April to review FY 20 Town Budget

Meeting adjourned at: 4:20 pm