Alford Historic District  Commission  
Board Meeting 1\textsuperscript{st}, April 2019

Present: Robin Ban, Tricia Bevan, Alice Halsted, Ruth Littlechild by phone, Shirley Mueller, Margareta Thaute,  

I: Call to Order: 2.05 p.m.

II: Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

III: AlfordLink Celebration  
Alford Assist invite has gone out with about 45 respondents so far. Plans are in place to accept offers of food for the event – list of food donors will be finalized after second notice has been sent mid-April. Committee will provide liquid refreshments. A History of the effort to bring high-speed internet to Alford has been prepared by members of the Alford Link board and will be put into brochure form. Name tags will be provided for attendees. Flowers will decorate the tables and photographs will be taken of the event. Set up will be 12 noon on the day of the event. We will have a plaque made to honor the MLP board and Alice will act as moderator for the evening.

IV: Annual Event  
Arrangements have been completed for the two tents and the musicians. The Alford Fire Dept will handle the heavy lifting, parking, set-up and clean-up etc. Further negotiations are needed to see that the Town of Alford reaps some small benefit from the Food Truck purchases. We are exploring another form of entertainment while Lavaggi is on his break. Berkshire Bateria was suggested. We continue to gather items for the Raffle. A detailed work sheet for all committee responsibilities was updated and distributed. There will be a committee lunch on the day of the event when set-up is complete.

IV: Parsonage Update  
The AD-Hoc Committee has met twice and continues to gather information concerning the needs of the various Alford Town entities. There are over 20 groups who have been asked to identify their needs re storage space, meeting space, computer access etc. This information should identify whether there is a need for additional space for use by the Town. There are other issues to be investigated as to the site itself, the potential interior space available, the potential cost of any renovations or additions.

V: New Business  
There is a serious mold condition on both paper goods and wooden furnishings in the Town Hall attic. This has been reported to the Select Board. A suggestion was made that perhaps the ledgers and other vintage items of interest should be placed in the care of an environment similar to a library, so that they would not deteriorate further. The items would need proper cleaning prior to any future storage. We will make contact with the Great Barrington Historical Society and the Mason Library concerning this problem.

It was suggested that a small plaque be attached to the Walker painting in the Town Hall.

VI: Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 3:35

Next meeting will be May 28\textsuperscript{th} at 10:a.m.