Selectmen's Meeting
August 30, 2016
Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 5:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen George Donovan, Tony Palminteri and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present was Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant and Fred Holt, Treasurer. Present from the Public were Dianne Gerry and Lori Terreault from the York County Shelter and Tim Guinard, Resident.

Mr. Donovan asked for public comment and there was none.

The minutes of the August 22nd and August 23rd Selectmen's meeting were read. Motion was made by Mr. Dochtermann and seconded by Mr. Palminteri to approve both as written. All voted in favor.

Mark Patterson, PATCO, met with the Board to discuss two issues:

1. Permit fees – Mr. Patterson stated that he had two buildings under fixed contracts when he came in for a permit for these two homes, he discovered that the Selectmen had increased the permit fees. He made a request that the Selectmen waive the new fees for these two permits and keep the fees at the old amounts. This was discussed by all including the Code Officer, Jim Allaire. Points made included:

- No notification was given to contractors of any increases in fees to which the Board responded that Alfred has never done this and a survey was done of other local towns and this is not a practice that is done.
- Mr. Patterson felt that the fees are high. The CEO stated, in response, that before he presented recommended amounts to the Board he queried several towns in York County and Alfred's fee amounts are medium in comparison, not too high and not too low.

This was discussed further by all.

2. Road Naming – Mr. Patterson explained that the road name of "Burns Way" which is a right-of-way on land that is owned by him should be re-named "Colin's Way". He said that he understood, originally, that this would take place and now there are two roads with a stop sign at the sub-division before entering on to Burns Lane. He would like the name Colin's Way to continue all the way to Kennebunk Road. Mr. Allaire, the CEO/911 Officer, said that the stop sign was added when houses started being built to better control traffic and he added that the name of a road could be changed if all were in agreement which all residents are not. Mr. Tim Guinard, Resident on Burns Lane, stated many things have happened that were not in the original design of the subdivision concerning the road and that he would not sign off on renaming the road. This was discussed further by all and Mr. Allaire agreed that he would research the continued placement of the stop sign and get back to Mr. Patterson.

It was moved by Tony Palminteri and seconded by Glenn Dochtermann to keep the permit fees as changed by the Board for all permits. All voted in favor.

After discussion of a quote to install panic buttons in the offices at Town Hall, Mrs. Wood was instructed to check on further information to include where the alarm will be sent to, if activated.

A letter from the Department of Human Services reporting on a recent audit of the Town's General Assistance program was read. The letter notified the Board that the Alfred GA office is in full compliance with the State ordinances.

The Board and Fred Holt discussed the format of the upcoming meeting at the Conant Chapel with boards, committees and employees on the six month budget and individual requests. All agreed that the Board will speak to the fiscal year change and that the meeting will then be turned over to the Treasurer, Fred Holt as he has done the preliminary budget figures.

The meeting with the Alfred Water District Trustees attended by George Donavan and Fred Holt was discussed. Mr. Holt reported that the Trustees have proposed that the Town of Alfred take over the plowing/shoveling of the hydrants and they offered a flat payment to the Town to do so. The cost to do this work was discussed as well as the potential increase in fees back to the Town for hydrant costs. All were in agreement to invite the Trustees in to speak further about this.

After discussion of the upcoming Maine Municipal Conference in October, both George Donovan and Glenn Dochtermann said that they would like to attend. The Treasurer, Fred Holt, will take care of the registrations.

A request from the Chairpersons of the Comprehensive Plan to hold a referendum vote on the proposed Comprehensive Plan was read and discussed. Motion was made by Tony Palminteri followed with second by Glenn Dochtermann to approve the request. A referendum will be held on November 8, 2016. All voted in favor. The next step is to notify the Town Clerk.

The Alfred Fire and Rescue year to date report through August was reviewed.

A hiring form for Lauren Mullett as Firefighter/EMT was discussed. Motion was made by Glenn Dochtermann to approve and sign the hiring form. Tony Palminteri seconded and all voted in favor.

An e-mail request from a resident that the Board send a letter along supporting his letter to DHHS Director Mary Mayhew was read. Mr. Dugovic wrote that, after reading an article in the Sunday paper, he felt that a recommendation be sent to Ms. Mayhew and asked that the Board write their own letter and send along with his. Mr. Dugovic's letter was read and discussed. The two representatives from the York County Shelter commented on the subject of the article. The Board was in agreement to not write a letter of recommendation as they believe that Ms. Mayhew has a very knowledgeable staff who know best how to spend the funds spoken about in the article.

After review of the warrants, it was moved and seconded to approve and sign them as presented. All voted in favor and they were signed.

Income to the Festival Committee was accepted and appropriated as submitted.

The meeting was then moved to the Conant Chapel to meet with committees, boards and employees to discuss the budget and the change of the fiscal year.

The meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.