Selectmen's Meeting
June 21, 2016
4:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 4:00 p.m. Present were Board Members, George Donovan, Tony Palminteri and Glenn Dochtermann. Also present was Joyce Wood, Administrative Assistant and Fred Holt, Treasurer.

After reading the minutes of the June 14th Selectmen's meeting it was moved by Glenn Dochtermann to approve them as written. Tony Palminteri seconded and all voted in favor.

The Board reviewed copies of the documents with cover letter to Time Warner concerning the agreements with Time Warner.

A letter to Arlene Carroll accepting her resignation as Treasure Chest Attendant and thanking her for her service to the Town of Alfred was approved and signed by the Board.

(Note: The next item on the agenda was typed in duplicate.)

An e-mail from Fred Frodyma, Conservation Commission Member regarding the cutting of the trees at the Public Safety Building was read and discussed.

A draft response to Mr. Frodyma's e-mail was read by the Board. It was moved by Glenn Dochtermann and seconded by Tony Palminteri to approve and sign the letter as written. All voted in favor and the letter of response was signed. Copy of the letter that was approved and signed:

June 21, 2016

Dear Fred,
We discussed your e-mail of June 19th, to Joyce, concerning the line of pine trees between the Public Safety building and the neighboring property and questioning why the Board did not consult with the Conservation Commission.
In 2011, when this was brought to our attention, we did decide to not authorize the taking down of these trees and did consult with the Conservation Commission.
The Selectmen had another request from the Fire and Rescue Chiefs on May 31, 2016. They shared concerns of the Public Safety building parking and entrance/exit areas that are affected by these trees especially in the winter months. Because the area is shaded the buildup of ice and snow creates unsafe conditions causing more funds to be spent on plowing/sanding/salting to keep the areas as bare as possible for emergency vehicles. They also said that there will be no cost because they had lined up all volunteers to do the work. They added that the pine trees also create a "mess" in the summer and drop pitch on the parked vehicles. We asked them for a letter from the neighbors which they did supply.
We then discussed the lot conditions with the Road Commissioner, Jon Lord, who does the plowing at the station. He concurred that the conditions as described by the Chiefs have caused him to visit the site often during the winter and to spend extra funds to keep it clear.
This was reason enough, in the Boards opinion, to grant the request to remove the trees. We did discuss the fact that the Conservation Commission did weigh in on the last time this request was made. We feel that it is in the best interest of the emergency services and therefore the Town of Alfred to remove the trees. We feel that the end result will be a safe pleasing visual effect for all.
If you have any further questions or would like to speak with the Board on this please contact our office at 324-5872 ext 202 and set up an appointment for a Tuesday night.
Sincerely,

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Glenn A Dochtermann

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George Donovan

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Tony Palminteri
Selectmen, Town of Alfred

A permit by rule as sent from the Department of Environmental Protection to the Town of Alfred for the erosion project at the Brothers Beach was reviewed.

The Board approved and signed a thank you letter to both the Alfred and Waterboro Fire Department members who assisted in repairing the flag set up box on the Green.

A letter of agreement for services for horse pulled wagon rides was approved and signed by the Board.

The notice of the recipient of the 2016 Alfred Veteran's Memorial Scholarship fund was read. The recipient for this year is Miss Ashley Russell of Alfred.

An update on the Town's Facebook page was given and discussed.

A State of Maine application for a one day event from the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations Division was read and discussed. Per MRSA Title 28A Section 1076 Subsection 7D it was moved by Tony Palminteri and seconded by Glenn Dochtermann to approve and sign the application as submitted. All voted in favor and the application for permit was signed.

An e-mail from Amy Titcomb officially resigning as a member of the Conservation Commission but with request to remain as an associate member was read. The Board accepted her resignation and request.

After review of the warrants it was moved by Glenn Dochtermann to approve and sign them as submitted. Tony Palminteri seconded and all voted in favor. The warrants were signed.

Income to the Historical Committee account and to the Solid Waste account was approved and appropriated as submitted.

Morgan Stearns, Supervisor at the Transfer Station, met with the Selectmen at their request to discuss a personnel matter with him. They asked him if he wanted this meeting to go into executive session or to remain in open session. Mr. Morgan said executive session with Mr. Holt and Mrs. Wood present. Tony Palminteri made a motion which was seconded by Glenn Dochtermann to call the meeting into executive session. All voted in favor and the Chair, George Donovan did so in accordance with M.R.S.A Title 1 subsection 405 6.A.(1) at 4:35 p.m. At 4:50 p.m. the meeting was called out of executive session after motion and second and approval by all.

Notification from Gov.Office, the host of the Town's web-site was discussed. All agreed to speak with Dave Lowe the IT employee for the Town about this.

Mr. Allaire, CEO, reviewed fees for building permits, etc. All agreed that he draft changes and make recommendations to the amount of the fees.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.