

Selectmen's Meeting
May 31, 2016
4:00 p.m.

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

The minutes of the May 24, 2016 Selectmen's meeting were read. It was moved by Tony Palminteri to approve them as written. George Donovan seconded and all voted in favor.

A request to use the Brother's Beach was discussed. After discussion, It was moved and seconded and voted in approval that a person paying to stay at an Alfred campground has the authority to use the Brothers Beach property.

A quote from J.G. Lord Excavation to repair the damage done to the curbing on the village green was read. After discussion the Board agreed that this should be done but to hold the quote for review in the next budget session.

A revised letter to Time Warner as drafted by the Consultant, Tony Vigue, which keeps the request for PEG equipment at \$41,293.96 along with other agreed upon changes by the Selectmen was discussed. The letter is a response to Time Warner on the franchise renewal agreement. Motion was made by Tony Palminteri to send the letter and appendixes to Attorney Brad Morin and request that he send them to Time Warner on his letterhead. George Donovan seconded and both voted in favor.

A copy of the Zoning Board of Appeals Fact of Finding on the Dog Daycare on Fort Ridge Road application was read.

A letter in response to Fort Ridge Road residents was approved and signed by the Board.

A response from the Lyman Select Board regarding an invitation to meet with the Alfred Board about the Massabesic Forest was discussed. Lyman Selectmen in turn invited the Alfred Board to meet in Lyman as the time offered was not convenient due to work schedules. After discussion, the Board agreed to give an invitation for the Lyman Board to meet in Alfred at a time convenient to their Board Members.

Patti McKenna, Lyman CEO/LPI, spoke with the Alfred Selectmen about taking over the position left vacant after June 30m 2016 by Glenn Charette. This is a part-time position and will be shared with Jim Allaire. Much discussion followed and Ms. McKenna said that she would like to take the position and that she felt it would work well with her Lyman schedule. It was moved by Tony Palminteri to appoint Patti McKenna to the position of part time CEO/LPI to begin on June 1, 2016 and to be paid at the rate of \$24.00 per hour for hours worked. Jim Allaire joined in this conversation.

The Board approved and signed a letter to Glenn Charette accepting his resignation as CEO/LPI and thanking him for his service to the Town of Alfred. The letter also accepted his offer to remain as the Alfred Deputy CEO/LPI.

The completed spreadsheet on Town owned property was reviewed. The Board was in agreement that Joyce Wood contact the York County Soil and Water District to check on the type of soils for two of the properties on the list. Other properties were reviewed and it was agreed that Mr. Palminteri would speak with a Real Estate professional about coming up with a fair value if the Board were to decide to sell any of these properties.

Chief Matt Bors, Chief David Lord and Deputy Chief Mike Fraser met with the Selectmen to discuss the removal of pine trees that were causing “messy conditions” in the parking lot and on the abutting property owners’ property. Pictures were shared on a “before” and after” look as well as documentation of costs which will be minimal as they have volunteers and donations to do the project. They also presented a letter from the abutting property owner stating that they agree with taking the trees down. After much discussion, it was moved by Mr. Palminteri and seconded by Mr. Donovan that the trees be removed as suggested. All voted in favor.

The Planning Board agenda for June 1, 2016 was read.

The annual Alfred Water District Consumer Confidence report was read. This report gives an overview of the financial stability of the District and talks about future plans and water studies and conditions.

Joyce Wood reported on an anonymous phone call from a person who was visiting the Alfred Park and saw a man who was carrying a firearm (concealed weapon) and had asked if the town of Alfred avows this to take place. The Board agreed that this be looked into to see what the State laws say about this and about whether the Town can set ordinances that are more restrictive than the State laws.

A concern expressed to Tony Palminteri from Morgan Stearns, Transfer Station Supervisor, was discussed. The gates at the demolition container are too high for residents to throw over larger items, such as couches, and they can’t be taken off due to the safety concern. There have been times when they were taken off and residents have climbed down into the container to retrieve items inside. The attendants are not always available when there is a need to remove the gates for disposal of the larger items. This was discussed in detail with suggestions on different types of gates, swing, sliding etc. The Board, in conclusion, agreed that the gates will be left on at all times and only removed by attendants who would put them back immediately and that this problem will be looked into for a solution as soon as possible.

The Board discussed the concession stand which is being built at the park. It was reported that the building is being built under the town’s regulations and is being overseen by Jim Allaire, the CEO. He is having them put rebar into the cement walls for stability and a steel header over the window. These items will extend the time for completion.

After discussion of what is the problem of the water fountains at the Alfred Park, it was moved and seconded to contact a plumber to look at them and give a quote to get them working again.

The Warrants were reviewed. After discussion, Tony Palminteri made a motion to approve and sign as submitted. George Donovan seconded, all voted in favor and the warrant was signed.

The Board discussed holding the Selectmen’s meeting every other week during the summer months as had been discussed in the past. Concerns were brought up about creating longer meetings if they were held every other week as well as other thoughts to include the need to be kept informed of weekly business. After further discussion, it was moved and seconded to hold the meetings every Tuesday with the understanding that it may not be possible that all three members will be present. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.