

Selectmen's Meeting  
September 13, 2016  
Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

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

After discussion, it was moved and seconded to do away with the recording of the Selectmen's meetings. All voted in favor and no recording was done and will not be done in the future.

The minutes of the September 7, 2016 Selectmen's meeting were read. Motion was made by Tony Palminteri and seconded by Glenn Dochtermann to approve them as written. All voted in favor.

Chris Caswell and Dean Lepage from the Alfred Park and Recreation Committee met with the Selectmen to discuss several topics:

1. The new concession/storage building: The Board questioned the two about the completion of this building as it has been in process for some time.
2. Batting Cage: The Board asked about the completion of this project and the response given was that this is the responsibility of the Alfred/Lyman Little League with a possible amount to purchase the net at \$500 to \$600. A suggestion was made to contact the new Chairman of the A.L.L.L. All agreed that Mrs. Wood will contact them.
3. 2017 – Six Month Budget. It was reported that the proposed amount given by the Treasurer for the proposed budget has been changed to add an additional \$1,000.00. Mr. Caswell explained that the additional funds were needed to treat the softball field as there is an infestation of wasps. The mix he would like to have put down, because of its moisture content will eliminate the problem and also give the field a much better playing surface. The cost is \$2,000 part of which is being paid for by the New England Legacy Softball Club. When asked if the Alfred Lyman Little League used this field Mr. Caswell responded that "yes, they do". A suggestion was made that he contact them to ask that they also support this project. The two Members agreed to contact them.
4. Mr. Caswell asked about the mowing for next year and questioned about getting a quote for the company hired to seed the fields. The Board agreed to look into this.

Mr. Paul Hollis, Developer, met with the Selectmen at the request of the Alfred Planning Board. Also present were Jim Boldebook, Resident and Jim Allaire, Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Hollis gave a brief explanation of the Planning Boards request to meet with the Selectmen. He presented a potential plan to them for a development that he described as a ten home condominium styled development on a property in Alfred. Because the property is zoned in the Critical Rural District and waivers are not possible, the topic of "Contract Zoning" was brought up by an Attorney present at the Planning Board meeting. After this was discussed by the Planning Board they agreed that this should go before the Selectmen to learn about Contract Zoning and to think about whether or not this makes sense for the Town of Alfred. Mr. Hollis went on to explain that this zoning would be, if approved by the Selectmen, the Planning Board and then by the voters, an option for the town to use, not to change zoning but to enhance the Town by allowing a use that "fits" in any zone without compromising the ordinances. A copy of another Towns ordinance on contract zoning was shared. Mr. Hollis said that he told the Planning Board that if there was interest in looking at this that he would be glad to pay costs to have an ordinance drafted. Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission was given as a suggested source. This was discussed. After further discussion motion was made by Mr. Palminteri that the Code Officer, Jim Allaire, contact Kathy Connor of SMPDC about contract zoning. Mr. Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Allaire then reported on a response from Attorney Rachin on a potential moratorium on the sale of recreational marijuana. He shared an e-mail with the Board that stated that nothing can be done about medical marijuana and the status of caregiver but that if the vote to legalize recreational marijuana passes the Town could vote to put a moratorium on the location for sale of this. Motion was made to ask Attorney Rachin to draft the moratoria to be ready if this passes in November and to see if there is enough time to hold proper hearings, etc. to bring a question to the Alfred voted for a moratorium on the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Meeting warrant. The motion was seconded and all voted in favor.

The Code Officer's end of month report was read and briefly discussed.

The Board signed a letter to Donna Pirone commending her for her work as Welfare Director for Alfred's General Assistance program and the recent compliance status given by the Department of Human Services during an audit.

The Agenda for RSU #57 Board of Directors Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> was read.

George Donovan reported that Waterboro Manager, Gary Lamb, had shown interest in holding the meetings with the RSU #57 Supertendant and Staff and the six town Select Boards in the RSU #57 school district and suggested that those meetings should start soon. All agreed that he contact Mr. Lamb.

Mr. Palminteri reported on his appointed task of continuing the process for Alfred and Lyman on the issue of Massabesic Forest. He reported that he spoke with Mr. Woodall of the US Forest Service this past week. He added that he is drafting letters to Senator King, Senator Collins and Congresswoman Pingree as the next step.

The Board then discussed the continuance of a Comprehensive Plan Committee and all were in agreement to invite the Chairs and co-Chair in to meet with them to discuss this as well as the potential Economic Development committee and the potential Design Review Committee.

An Assessor's 801 form was approved and signed by the Chairman, George Donovan.

A 2016 tax abatement was explained. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri, seconded by Mr. Dochtermann to approve the abatement as presented. All voted in favor and it was signed by the Board.

The Maine Municipal voting delegate credential document for the MMA Annual Meeting was read and discussed. All agreed that George Donovan will be the voting delegate for Alfred and Glenn Dochtermann will be the alternate.

The Treasurer, Fred Holt, presented the sealed monthly bank statements for all Town accounts. Each Selectmen opened several statements. After review and minor questions motion was made by Tony Palminteri with second by Glenn Dochtermann to approve all as presented. All voted in favor.

The warrants were reviewed. Motion was made and seconded to approve them as submitted. All voted in favor and the warrants were signed by the Board.

Income to the Assessing account was approved and appropriated as submitted after motion, second and approval by all.

Alfred Water District Trustees, Gregg Knight and Mike Cusma and the Superintendent, Kerry Smart met with the Selectmen to discuss the plowing/shoveling of the fire hydrants. Mr. Smart reported that in a written request to the Board to consider hiring an employee to do this with costs to be paid by the Water District, he made a mistake in the amount to be paid for this service. Mr. Cusma added that they have discussed the potential option that the Town might consider doing the payroll for the AWD as well. After further discussion, the Selectmen were in agreement that the Town would not take over these responsibilities. Also discussed was the potential for the building of the new County courthouse to be built in Alfred and what the role the Alfred Water District may play if this were to happen. Mr. Smart shared pictures of a hydrant that was hit by a car near the Brackett Hill Road entrance off of Oak Street.

After discussion of a quote from American Security to install panic buttons in each office at Town Hall the Board agreed that Mrs. Wood and Mr. Holt meet with the Company before making final decision of this.

Jon Lord, Road Commissioner, met with the Selectmen. The contract for the 2016/2017 Winter Roads maintenance was discussed. The amount for the contract is the same as last year as was agreed upon by both the Board and Mr. Lord. Motion was made by Mr. Palminteri to approve the contract as written. Mr. Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor. The contract was signed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 to attend the Comprehensive Plan Committee's Public Hearing at the Conant Chapel.