

Selectmen's Meeting
September 20, 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.

At 4:00 p.m. motion was made by Tony Palminteri to open the Public Hearing on the General Assistance Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Glenn Dochtermann and the Chairman, George Donovan, opened the Public Hearing in accordance with State Statute 22 MRSA, Section 4305(1) at 4:00 p.m. Donna Pirone, Welfare Director for the Town of Alfred reported on the changes made by the Department of Human Services on GA maximums including a monthly income increase for eligibility for assistance, the housing maximums and electricity maximum benefit that can be given if eligibility is found by the Town. Public comment was requested and George Dugovic, Resident, asked several clarifying questions which were answered and discussed. After motion and second the meeting was closed by the Mr. Donovan at 4:12 p.m. It was then moved by Tony Palminteri to approve the changes to the General Assistance Ordinance for the Town of Alfred as presented. Glenn Dochtermann seconded, all voted in favor and the documents were signed.

After reading the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Selectmen's meeting, motion was made by Mr. Palminteri to approve them as written. Mr. Dochtermann seconded and all voted in favor.

The Tax Collector, Darcy Hobgood, met with the Board to present and report on her end of month report for August. Questions were asked and discussed. Comparison to previous years and the number of vehicle registrations and amount of income were discussed. She reported that the property taxes were coming in a little better than at the same time last year. She also reported that she recently has learned that Central Maine Power, Alfred site, will begin registering their vehicles in the Town of Alfred instead of through the State next year, probably in February.

Jim Allaire, Code Officer, spoke with the Selectmen about several issues.

1) Contract Zoning – He reported that he has received a response from Kathy Connor from Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission that the Town should amend the Comprehensive Plan to include verbiage on contract zoning before they move forward with any proposed ordinance due to the potential for any legal challenges. He also shared a draft change/amendment to the plan written by Ms. Connor for consideration. The Board agreed that this needs to be discussed with the Comprehensive Plan as they are the group who would present any agreed upon amendments and that this will be discussed at next week's meeting with the Co-Chairs along with other topics. It was suggested to invite the Planning Board Chairman, Alfred Carlson as well.

2) Town-owned property off of Whichers Mills Road - Mr. Allaire reported that he has received an e-mail from a representative for Keywood Manor in which he expressed interest in purchasing this property. Mr. Palminteri reported that he has spoken with the forester who was asked to look at the property and give a report on potential income to the Town on the timber and that he is still waiting to receive that report. After discussion, all agreed that Mr. Palminteri would contact Mr. Burnett, Keywood Representative on behalf of the Selectmen to discuss the potential for this property.

3) Mr. Allaire reported that an ice shack is still on the Town beach property and needs to be removed. No owner has been found and the State Police have looked at it and found no name or identification. After discussion, all agreed that Mr. Dochtermann will make sure that the shack is removed from the property.

4) Mr. Allaire reported on the York County Shelter septic project stating that it was started by a contractor before a permit was given. This has been rectified and the project has started. A notice to the town Clerk that he proceed with the holding of a referendum Vote to vote on the proposed Comprehensive Plan was approved. Motion was made by Glenn Dochtermann with second by Tony Palminteri to sign the document and present it with the copy of the Plan as presented to the Selectmen by the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Pictures of the work done on the Russell's Mills Bridge on Fort Ridge Road as sent to the Assistant by the Road Commissioner, Jon Lord, were reviewed.

After review of the Mowing Contract with the Town of Alfred and Lavertu Brothers Property Management it was moved and seconded to approve and sign the contract. All voted in favor and the document was signed in duplicate.

It was reported that the Dean Currier, Park and Rec Member, has reported that he spoke with a representative from the Alfred Lyman Little League and was told that they do intend to complete the batting cage project for the 2017 spring season and that they will bring up the subject of the sharing of the cost for infield mix on the ball field at their next meeting.

After explanation of a tax abatement, motion was made by Mr. Dochtermann and seconded by Mr. Palminteri to approve and sign the abatement as submitted. All voted in favor and the form was signed.

The Board read the Planning Board agenda for September 21st.

The Treasurer, Fred Holt, reported that the Legal Fees account is getting low. This was discussed.

Several articles for the December 3, 2016 Town Meeting on the six month budget were reviewed, discussed and voted on by the Board. Included in the articles and the amounts approved were the following requests:

Town Government Operations	\$16,260
Town Hall Maintenance & Utilities	\$6,625
Town Insurance	\$14,110
Audit	\$10,000
Legal Fees	\$6,000
Code of the Town of Alfred	\$1,300
Computer Support	\$12,450
Annual Assessing	\$5,280
Veteran's Committee	\$550
Alfred Historical Committee	\$965
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$360
Alfred Planning Board	\$540
Conservation Commission	\$400
Animal Control Dept.	\$3,290
Alfred Water District	\$65,235
Street Lights	\$6,400
Alfred Fire Dept.	\$23,980
Public Safety Building	\$11,650
Dispatch Services	\$12,542
Immunizations & Physicals	\$450
Alfred Rescue Dept.	\$22,514

Town-Wide Contingency	\$15,000
Emergency Management Agency	\$300
Solid Waste Management	\$60,100

Jon Lord, Road Commissioner, spoke with the Board and reported on the work done on the Fort Ridge Road bridge. He also reported that he will be doing the bush cutting at the transfer station this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.