

Town of Alna
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 6PM
Alna Town Office & ZOOM WEBINAR

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Present Board Members: Ed Pentaleri, Linda Kristan, Charlie Culbertson. Minutes transcribed by Sarah Perkins, Town Clerk.

Call to Order Pentaleri Called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Review and Approval of Minutes Pentaleri moved to approve the 2-8-2023 minutes as amended. Kristan seconded. 3-0 vote.

Public Comments:

- Coreysha Stone announced there will be a meet-and-greet of candidates running for municipal office on Saturday March 11, 2023, 9:30AM - 11:30AM.

- Pentaleri made a corrected statement to an article in one of the local newspapers. The agenda item of Alna's Volunteer Fire Department proposed budget, from the select board meeting dated 2-8-2023, was for informational purposes only. The select board did not vote on this proposed budget as the article stated, rather the residents of Alna will vote on the proposed Fire Department budget at the annual town meeting. Pentaleri also stated this article misquoted him saying "the annual cost of running the town office is \$6,000 - \$9,000". What he actually said was "the cost of administering the town's ordinances is \$6,000 to \$9,000".

Agenda Items:

1. **Fund to Support Historic Alna. Announcement of the creation of a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to help support the preservation, maintenance, and restoration of historic sites located in the Town of Alna.** A group of Alna citizens organized a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization called "Fund to Support Historic Alna". It's mission is to help fund the maintenance, preservation, and restoration of Alna's historic buildings by augmenting tax payer funding through tax exempt donations as well as qualifying for, and being more competitive in pursuit of grant funding. The Board of Directors are Albert Monaco, Christine Anderson, Michael Chaney, Alice Smith Duncan, and

Ed Pentaleri. Doreen Conboy will serve as an advisor. A website, www.historicalna.org, was created where the public can learn more about Alna's municipally managed historical buildings, and their needs. Pentaleri emphasized that although the Head Tide Church is managed by a separate 501(c)(3), "The Friends of Head Tide Church", these two organizations look forward to being mutually supportive of each other.

2. **Volunteer Needed – Meetinghouse “Event Coordinator”:** The town is seeking one or more volunteers to coordinate events at Alna's historical buildings, particularly the Meeting House. Requests are received by individuals and organizations to use the buildings for events like weddings, musical performances, or historical tours. To ensure these events are successful, and buildings are well cared for in the process, the town is seeking volunteers to coordinate these requests. People who are interested in filling the role as “Event Coordinator” may email the Town Clerk at alnaclerk@gmail.com

3. **Schedule Hearing for Ordinance(s) to be Placed on the March Warrant:** There will be at least one (and up to three) ordinances in the 2023 warrant articles at the annual town meeting; the Amended Building Code Ordinance, a Moratorium Ordinance for Commercial Solar Farms, and a Moratorium Ordinance for Mineral Extraction Facilities and Operations. Pentaleri moved to schedule a hearing for discussion of the proposed ordinances in the Fire Department meeting room on March 9, 2023 at 6PM. Culbertson seconded. 3-0 Vote.

4. **Egypt Road Bridge Funding Update:** After the Town of Alna was awarded \$570,000 of federal funding for the Egypt Road bridge project. The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) verified with Pentaleri the town is authorized to move forward with what they consider “soft costs” of the project, this includes project administration, engineering, and design work (including hiring a consultant to provide input to a necessary environmental assessment completed by HUD on behalf of the town). These costs are fully reimbursable under the grant. Given the positive and successful relationship the town has had with Midcoast Conservancy in the past, the board discussed bringing them on board for project planning, administration, and coordination, for the Egypt Road bridge project. Midcoast Conservancy submitted a proposed contract that reflects a level of effort up to 420 hours at \$28.50 per hour, totaling up to \$12,000. The scope of work of this proposal is obtainable at the town office. Pentaleri moved to accept the proposed contract between Midcoast Conservancy and The Town of Alna for project administration, management, and coordination services related to the Egypt Road bridge replacement project. Kristan seconded. 3-0 Vote.

5. **Announcement of Alewife RFP:** David Sutter's contract for harvesting Alewives expired at the end of June 2022, a new alewife harvest plan has to be submitted to the Department of Marine Resources by April 20, 2023. Under the direction of article 14 in the

town's 2022 Warrant, the select board drafted an RFP for a 5 year contract beginning April 2023 through the end of June 2027 totaling 5 alewife harvesting seasons. The RFP will be posted on the town's website, and proposals due at the town office by 12:00PM (noon) on March 8, 2023. Submitted proposals will be opened at the 6PM select board meeting that same day.

6. **Review and Finalize Annual Town Meeting Warrant:** Final review of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles, verifying articles have been written correctly. The merits of each article will be discussed at the town meeting. Pentaleri read each warrant article aloud for public review. Articles 1 & 2 will be voted on March 24, 2023 by secret ballot, articles 3 through 45 will be voted on March 25, 2023 (article 3 by paper ballot and article 4 through 45 by show of hands). Pentaleri moved to accept amended 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Culbertson seconded. 3-0 Vote.

Adjournment: Pentaleri moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04PM.
Kristan seconded. 3-0 Vote.