

Town of Alna
Select Board Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6PM
Alna Town Office & ZOOM WEBINAR
(Zoom Webinar ID: 889 6967 0493)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88969670493>

Select Board Members Present: Ed Pentaleri, Steve Graham, Coreysha Stone

Call to Order: Pentaleri called the meeting to order at 6PM

Review and Approve Minutes: Graham moved to approve minutes dated February 8, February 22, and February 29, 2024. Pentaleri seconded the motion. 3-0 Vote.

Public Comment:

- Jeff Verney announced Crooker Construction called him stating they would not sell the Town of Alna material.
- Jon Luoma responded stating Crooker Construction is bullying the town.
- Cathy Johnson stated she contacted the town's legal counsel, who spoke with Crooker's legal counsel who denied they are withholding aggregate from the town and will contact their client.
- Kate Nordstrum would like to see the Mining Ordinance on the town warrant.
- Jeff Spinney asked if Crooker Construction has requested a permit from the Town of Alna
- Ralph Hilton stated he doesn't believe the Mining Ordinance should go on the town warrant.
- Jeff Averill asked if Crooker Construction has applied for a permit.
- Cathy Johnson stated Crooker Construction applied for a permit in January. She has been in regular communication with them since. She stated the Planning Board has been working on things facing the Planning Board in order as they have come in. They have been working on the Building Code Ordinance, Mining Ordinance, and Solar Ordinance. They have 3 permits applications that came in before Crooker's to look at. Cathy estimates that the Planning Board will look at Crooker Construction's application in either the April or May Planning Board meeting.
- Jeff Averill asked if the Crooker Blasing Permit Application is usually granted in January.
- Cathy Johnson stated Crooker's permit was granted in late March last year.
- Chris Cooper stated he has followed the development of the Mining Ordinance. He stated Crooker's Gravel Pit is the best run pit of any pit in his opinion and voiced his dismay of the Planning Board putting off Crooker's permit application.

- Jeff Spinney stated the Planning Board cannot withhold permit applications to write ordinances. He thinks the Select Board should Inform the Planning Board of such.
- Jon Luoma stated he is shocked that a room full of people is relaying that we can't afford to offend a multimillion-dollar company such as Crooker.

Agenda Items:

1. Review and finalize the [2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant](#).

Pentaleri stated the Select Board's objective is to review each article on the warrant to ensure that it is properly formulated so that each article has the intended meaning and that the outcome of the vote on each article will be legally binding. We are not here to debate the merits of the articles. Discussion of the merits of the articles will be held at the Annual Town Meeting.

Pentaleri read each article one at a time, and asked Graham, Stone, and others in attendance if they had comments.

Graham acknowledged the commitment the Planning Board has made in developing the Mineral Extraction Ordinance spoken of in Article 47 of the Warrant. He stated the current moratorium does not expire until July 23, 2024, and thinks the Select Board and the Planning Board should use that time to receive more input from people who are affected by this proposed ordinance. Graham would like to remove Article 47 from the Warrant.

Pentaleri made a motion to accept the Warrant as drafted. Stone seconded the motion.

3-0 Vote to accept the Warrant as drafted except for Article 47. Pentaleri and Stone voted to accept all warrant articles as drafted, Graham did not vote in favor of accepting Article 47 as drafted.

Adjournment: Pentaleri moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43PM. Stone seconded the motion. 3-0 Vote.