

Town of Alna
Select Board Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2024, 6PM
Alna Town Office & ZOOM WEBINAR
(Zoom Webinar ID: 843 8004 8344)
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Select Board Members Present: Nick Johnston, Steve Graham, Coreysha Stone

Call to Order: Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

Review and Approve Minutes Johnston moved to approve the April 25, 2024 minutes. Graham seconded. 3-0 Vote.

Public Comment:

Johnston started the meeting by addressing the chaos that happened at the last meeting, people talking over each other, speaking without being called upon, comments made by Jeff Spinney, and Jeff Philbrick's letter being read unfairly. Moving forward, only people who have been called upon may speak, personal attacks will not be tolerated.

Stone referred to comments made during the previous select board meeting when a resident called a select board member "stupid". Stone identified this behavior as harmful and encouraged participants to keep comments constructive rather than resorting to name calling. Stone encouraged the board to establish a clear protocol for this behavior for the Mining Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee to help avoid these situations with community members.

Charlie Culberston relayed that Jeff Spinney's comment in the last select board meeting was unacceptable and asked Jeff Spinney to offer a public apology.

Beth Whitney offered undated information regarding future OSHA regulations to fire departments. Beth also mentioned a town wide yard sale on June 29 & 30th.

Tom Aldrich reminded the audience of a sign in the meeting room reading THINK. Is it **true**, is it **helpful**, is it **inspiring**, is it **necessary**, is it **kind**.

Jon Luoma thanked Johnston for his opening remarks.

Cathy Johnson also thank Johnston for his opening remarks.

Agenda Items:

1. Approve to release funds for the painting contract for the Meeting House. Stone made a motion to approve the scope of work for the meeting house that Ed Pentaleri described as historic work and restoration, and release \$38,466 with the understanding that anything over that amount would need to be approved. Johnston seconded the motion. 3-0 Vote. Sarah will get the scope of work from Pentaleri to attach to the minutes.

2. Select a Moderator for the Mining Committee and name the two Planning Board members, selected by the Planning Board, to serve on the Mining Committee. Graham made a motion to appoint Chris Cooper as the moderator of the Ad Hoc Mining Committee for the purpose of creating a mining and blasting ordinance

and Chris be compensated as outlined in the document he submitted (attached). In addition, the moderator be charged with helping the committee arrive at a new mining ordinance and if deemed appropriate by the committee a blasting ordinance for the purpose of managing mining operations in the Town of Alna. New pits shall not be permitted in the town after the first publication of the new proposed ordinances, but existing pits shall be permitted to continue operations subject to local ordinances. The new ordinance shall balance the Interest of all residents of the town Including pit owners, abutters, and all other residents. The document(s) will provide clarity with respect to the conditions of which a pit owner can operate a pit in the town. Motion failed.

Johnston moved to appoint Chris Cooper as moderator/facilitator of the Ad Hoc Mining Committee. Graham seconded the motion. 3-0 Vote.

3. Issue with Code Enforcement Officer position. We had an emergency Inspection needed on a new septic system brought to our attention by the State Plumbing Inspector. The Board agreed to appoint CEO Greg Lumbert for this emergency Inspection.

Adjourn: Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. Graham seconded. 3-0 vote.

Working Session.