

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Select Board**  
**Minutes for Meeting of January 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602**

**SELECT BOARD PRESENT:** Alan Dustin, Chairman; Rock Wilson; Mary Ann Wolf

**STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool Committee Member

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Glenn Elsesser; Gordon Kemp; Joe Levesque; Marge Noonan; Barbara Viegner; Judith Willis

**GUESTS:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Alan Dustin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At 6:00 p.m. Alan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Signed payroll and bill manifest. Read mail.

**DISCUSSION:** Reviewed warrant articles. Some discussion took place on Article 3 regarding paving and whether to wait or proceed. The vote was 2-1 to proceed with this article for 207,000. 103,500 to come from fund balance and the and the additional 103,500 to be raised by taxation.

Article 4: some discussion took place on whether to keep at the 35,000. After some discussion it was agreed to increase to 40,000. To raise and appropriate 40,000 to the fire department capital reserve fund to be raised by taxation.

Article 5: after some discussion all agreed to raise and appropriate 65,000 to the highway capital reserve fund to be raised by taxation.

Article 6: all agreed with this article to raise and appropriate 35,000 to the bridge capital reserve fund funding from fund balance

Article 7: all agreed with this article to raise and appropriate 5,000 to the transfer station capital reserve fund to be raised by taxation.

Article 8: all agreed to add 5,000 to the library capital reserve fund to be raised by taxation.

Article 9: was to add 3,250 to the Alstead Conservation Fund. After some discussion, on a motion by Rock, seconded by Alan ***the Board voted to remove this article. The vote passed with Mary Ann not agreeing.***

Article 10: all agreed to with this article to raise and appropriate 6,375 for installing a new fence for Pine Grove Cemetery to be raised by taxation.

Article 11: after some discussion on the purchase of a new Ford F-350 truck, on a motion by Alan, seconded by Rock, ***the Board voted to remove this article. The vote passed unanimously.***

Article 12: all agreed with this article to raise and appropriate 72,600 for town hall renovations to come from fund balance.

Article 13: after some discussion on the lease-to-own of an OHRV firefighting rescue vehicle, on a motion by Alan, seconded by Mary Ann, ***the Board voted to keep the article on but it was not supported by any of them.***

Article 14: all agreed with this article to establish a capital reserve fund for Vilas Pool Park for the purpose of repair and maintenance to the park.

Article 15: all agreed with this article to appropriate the sum of 40,000 for the purchase of a defibrillator and to authorized the withdrawal of 40,000 from the ambulance department capital reserve fund.

Article 16: all agreed with this article to form a committee to conduct a study on merging Langdon and Alstead Police departments.

Article 17: petition warrant article, there was no discussion

Discussion took place on the shoveling of the walkways and library steps. Prescott said that they do the best they can with 3 people they have and that clearing the roads are the number one priority and the part time person that he has to shovel isn't always available. Joe Levesque will speak to the library trustees and will propose to put a heater under the steps to eliminate ice buildup and put the depository box down at the bottom of the steps. He will also mention that the library close during inclement weather.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of January 7, 2020: On a motion by Rock Wilson seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Joe mentioned that the school board is mailing out the warrant articles and asked if it is something we can consider doing or put them on the website.

**INFORMATIONAL:** Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget at the Town Hall on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Rock Wilson; seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

**The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> after the public hearing on the proposed 2020 budget.**