

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday August 4, 2015 at the Municipal offices. The meeting was called to order at 6:00. Joel McCarty , Chris Rietmann, and Rock Wilson were present along with nine Alstead residents.

The minutes from meeting 7/28/15 were accepted and approved.

Joel introduced resident, Mike Gordon and explained Mr. Gordon will be taping the meeting tonight. Chris Rietmann reported that under RSA 91-A that any citizen has the right to record meetings. Mr Gordon then explained he is planning on attending and recording selectmen's meeting as often as possible. He hopes to help those that are unable to attend to know what is happening. He plans to do a live feed or upload to YouTube. He has created a link to YouTube and is willing to provide this information to any citizen interested in watching.

Marge Noonan asked if a resident did not want to be recorded what laws protected their privacy. Joel answered he would need to check if this and report back to the group.

Both Joel and Chris discussed how the town was not requesting selectmen's meeting to be recorded. Such a protocol would require a town policy and data retention in place and at this time there is none.

Bud Ross has contacted Joel and provided dates and times for three meeting to discuss the future of the Food Shelf. MaryLou or a board member will be present. Joel will give Linda the times and dates of these meetings.

Bobbie Wilson reported that Comcast will be connecting the internet on August 10, 2015 at Vilas Pool. The men's showers will have hot water and there will be two women's showers. The playground is expected to be delivered on September 1, 2015. Sitework still needs to be completed. Steve Blake and Lolly Sherburne will work out the particular details in moving the equipment over the bridge.

Bobbie also questioned how to remove geese from Vilas Pool that are creating daily waste on the grounds. They have tried various solutions but have been unsuccessful. Chris asked if this is an animal control issue. Rock offered to remove the geese as of September 1, 2015 if there is still a problem. Goose season starts September 1st and Rock will see if he can safely remove them under the current hunting rules and regulations.

Chris Rietmann reported about starting a neighbor watch to help with vandalism, and the drug activity. He feels three kits would be needed at a price of \$49.95 each. The kits would be held at the office until the law portion was implemented. Joel asked if this was controversial. Chris said no and shared the national Travon case with the group.

Resident, Karn McShane voiced her concerns about the growing drug activity in town and how is the police department dealing or not dealing with it. She asked if the town can send letters to the landlords asking for tenants name dealing drug and ask them to leave. Joel stated we are not here to give legal advice without communicating with appropriate departments and legal counsel. Chris said he would talk to Roger about the drug problem.

Roger joined the meeting on another matter but addressed the resident's concerns. Roger stated he is working with other drug tasks agencies. He did state that a valid complaint from a resident must be "rock solid" information and provide specific details. They must sign a statement and testify in court if needed. A resident asked about an ongoing robbery case and Roger stated the delays are with the state. A resident suggested the town purchase CCTV signs for surveillance.

Fish and Game Officer, Jonathan and Roger attended the meeting about class 6 roads. Jonathan currently has been handling any and all calls. He had 6 last week and 2 accidents. He asked if Alstead allows ATV and dirt bikes on class 6 roads. Joel answered yes and it was discussed several months ago and agreed class 6 roads can be used. Jonathan stated Fish and Game laws say NO ATV or dirt bikes are allowed on class 6 roads. If the town allows the use of class 6 roads then Fish and Game will no longer handle calls, accidents or incidents. It will be the town's responsibility with responding to the calls.

Roger clarified to the group that if the Fish and Game and state police will no longer respond, it will be the town responsibility. Joel recommended it can be re-evaluated if this creates more accidents and incidents. A resident asked if the town has insurance if accidents happen on a class 6 road? Linda will look in this.

EMSG report was given by Chris Rietmann. He has completed all the required FEMA courses.

AABC's next meeting is 8/12/2015. Glen Elsesser reported that the CIP plan is done. He has also asked that any 2016 capital purchase quotes are done earlier than November.

Chris reported that letters have gone out to all police applicants. Rock suggested we take Walpole up on the offer to help patrol. Further discussion but no decision was finalized.

Jeff Marsden and Randy Rhoades joined the meeting to advise the selectmen the best options to move forward with Mt. Vilas. The main focus is what is in it and how much there is. Randy would like to coordinate with David about extracting samples. Randy and Jeff will report back to the board with their findings. Joel stated there is no urgency and it was agreed they are willing to spend some money to see if there is something valuable and usable for the town.

Glen reported that they are still waiting for the quote to fix the compactor. It's been quite some time. Joel will discuss with transfer staff about getting a new quote.

Joel reported there will be a meeting at the library on August 29, 2015 from 9-11. Snacks will be served. The discussion will be about internet access.

Joel spoke with Sean Sweeney about the flood gate. Bobbie asked if the work could wait until after several weddings scheduled at Vilas Pool. The last wedding will be held on 10/10/2015. Joel stated he could ask but couldn't guarantee.

Meeting was opened to any other discussion for the residents. Nothing was brought up.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Wright

