

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for the April 13, 2016 meeting

Members in attendance:

Glenn Elsesser
Chris Hansen
Marge Noonan
Carol Reller
Donna Sabin
Priscilla Sawa
Juliana Stevens
Sam Sutcliffe
Mary Ann Wolf

Also present:

Michael Gordon
Chris Rietmann
Barbara Viegener

The meeting minutes of March 23 were approved (9/yes, 0/no, 0/abstentions).

Action items from the last meeting:

- Kelly responded to Priscilla's request to forward revenue reports to AABC, saying she would have to look into what kind of revenue report is available. Chris R. will follow up with Kelly about these reports.
- Carol asked Dr. Moore for recommendations on how to handle the health exam requirement for FD personnel who take training classes. According to Chris R., Kim should take the lead on this issue.

Select Board meeting report:

The Selectmen will review the department budget and activities with each of the four department heads once a month. DPW is the first week of the month and FD is the second.

The Selectmen intend to enforce the transfer station policy of requiring people who dump C&D – commercial contractors in particular – to arrange for payment with an attendant before doing so. Starting May 1, the transfer station will take payment by check or credit card. Cash will not be accepted.

The Selectmen have not heard back from Mike Jasmine about a proposal for Friendly Meals to use some portion of the Bragg Lane property. The Selectmen do not want to

hold onto the property unless there is a plan to use it. We agree that a committee needs to look into the possible uses of the property before moving ahead with a Friendly Meals proposal. The Planning Board may be discussing this topic, but the opinion of other groups – the AABC, the Selectmen, at a minimum – should be represented.

Carol made a motion that we recommend to the Selectmen that the Bragg Lane property be surveyed and evaluated for use. (9/yes, 0/no, 0/abstentions)

Other business:

Library: The founders of the library specified that Langdon residents should have access, so the library cannot ask Langdon residents to pay for the use of the library. Of course, Langdon residents can be encouraged to make donations. About 16% of library patrons reside in Langdon.

Transfer station: Julie made a motion that we recommend to the Selectmen that a committee be formed to look at how the transfer station is operating and to make recommendations on future cost-effective operations. We suggest at least one person from AABC, one Selectman, one person from DPW, and a member of the general public be included on the committee. (9/yes, 0/no, 0/abstentions)

Quarterly report: We decided not to work on a quarterly report for the second quarter.

Emergency Management: EMSG has disbanded without working on the ambulance requirements because Chris R. said that the Selectmen will work with the squad captain to determine those requirements.

Building maintenance: The overhang on the side door to the Alstead Village Station was repaired.

Capital Improvements Plan: Chris R. will talk with the Planning Board regarding their role in creating a detailed CIP.

Budget review: We reviewed Glenn's year-to-year comparison of the first quarter. Although the town has spent about \$25K more this quarter than the first quarter of 2015, only 20% of this year's budget has been spent. Some larger purchases might be moved back to last year by the auditors.

Action items:

- Chris H. and Priscilla will contact Bonnie.
- Chris H. will send our recommendations to the Selectmen.

Next meeting:

Next meeting is April 27 at the Town Offices.

Minutes submitted by Priscilla Sawa