

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Select Board**  
**Minutes for Meeting of December 10, 2019 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; Jodi Kercewich, Transfer Station Supervisor; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matt Gillette; Mitch Harrison; Gordon Kemp; Joe Levesque; Bob McGuire; Barbara Viegner; Judith Willis

**GUESTS:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman 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.

**DISCUSSION:** Charlotte told the board of a complaint about an abandoned car that had been on Homestead Road for a couple years and wanted to know what should be done about it. The board advised her to report it to Police Chief Steve Murrell.

It was noted that the furnace is not working in the building at the transfer station. Jodi said that per DES the town is responsible for the building because it is in the transfer station. Rock said it is a town building so it would not be part of the transfer stations budget. Jodi will find out from Mary Lou more about the situation with the furnace.

Prescott said the Drewsville Bridge may have to wait. He is still waiting for state approval of the updated plan. If we aren't able to do it using this plan then we will have to wait until we have the funds for the other plan.

No discussion took place on the budget or warrant articles. The Board wanted to wait until they had the amount currently in the capital reserve funds before beginning. Charlotte will get this for the next meeting. Some discussion took place on the CIP Plan, Charlotte mentioned that she had a copy of the plan. Gordon asked if she could email a copy to him and Melanie.

More discussion took place on the reason Alstead was temporarily not recycling plastics at the transfer station since Jodi had been informed that many people were complaining on social media about this. It was reiterated that the cost increase is not feasible to recycle plastics at the present time. Due to the cost increase, stricter regulations on the need to be clean which requires more help. A large percentage of the plastic arrives at the transfer station contaminated. Alan asked Jodi if she had looked into granulating plastic. She said she had not but will.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Letter for auditors signed

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of December 3, 2019: On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes. The motion passed.***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Joe Levesque updated the Board about the School Board budget and that there was a 1.5% increase.

Mitch Harrison commented that he was glad that not recycling plastic was a temporary situation.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS):** On a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson; *the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 7:18 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

Select Board members present were: Alan Dustin, Rock Wilson, Mary Ann Wolf. Also present was Office Administrator, Charlotte Comeau

Discussion took place on increasing executive salary in next year's budget. Mary Ann proposed \$1.00/hour increase. All were in agreement.

Brief discussion took place on wage increases in the budget for other departments. No decision was made.

On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; *the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvene public meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

On a motion by Rock Wilson; seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

**The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m.**