

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday January 3, 2017 at 6:30 at the municipal offices. Present members were Chris Rietmann, Rock Wilson and Tim Noonan. Chairman Chris Rietmann called the meeting to order at 6:30. Payroll and payment manifests totaling \$71, 825.91 were reviewed and signed. There was some discussion to which bills will be moved back into 2016 and which bills would remain in 2017. There was one purchase order for salt but it was not signed by the board. The minutes were read and Chris moved to accept the minutes as read, Tim seconded.

Sarah Webb from the Conservation Commission spoke on behalf of their budget and explained the programs and scholarship they offer for the community. There was a question about if the recipients winning the scholarships to the Orchard School Camp were Alstead youth. Sarah answered they were from Alstead. This scholarship will be paid for by the conservation fund and not the taxpayers. Sarah explained about their wetlands plans this year. She also explained the scholarships that the Library and Conservation Commission split. The question was asked where they get their money. Sarah answered they receive monies from current use penalties. She also reported the Town owned land is on the North side of Newell Pond Rd and Peter Rhoades has a logging map.

The 2017 budget was discussed and the BOS will review and bring the budget back up to last years' budget. Bob Quaglin asked if benefit costs have gone up and if anyone will be getting wage increases. The board answered they have changed plans and the benefit costs have gone down and at this point they have not agreed to any wage increases.

The warrant articles were reviewed.

Article # 3 **10-wheel truck**. Chris Rietmann moved to strike article 3, Rock Wilson seconded.

Article # 4 **Paving** Rock Wilson moved to reduce paving line from \$200,000 to \$150,000, Tim Noonan seconded, Chris Rietmann opposed.

There was a lot of discussion about falling behind on the paving and \$150,000 wouldn't be enough to pave the next group of roads.

It was decided that \$150,000 would come from unassigned fund balance.

Article # 5 **Police Cruiser**. It was agreed to lease a new cruiser and take \$14,000 from CRF. This would pay the down payment and first year's payment.

Article #6 **Bridge CRF**

Chris moved to reduce the bridge amount from \$25,000 to \$15,000, Tim seconded. \$15,000 to come from taxation.

Article #7 **Transfer Station CRF** the BOS unanimously voted to strike this article.

Article #8 **Highway CRF** the BOS unanimously voted to strike this article.

Article #9 **Shedd Porter Library CRF**. The BOS would like more information about this fund before making a decision. They put \$15,000 to come from taxation once they have more information.

Article #10 **Police CRF** the BOS unanimously voted to strike this article.

Article # 11 **Ambulance CRF** the BOS unanimously agreed to put \$25,000 into this from unassigned fund balance.

Article #12 **Fire CRF** the BOS unanimously voted to strike this article.

Article #13 **Cemetery CRF** the BOS unanimously voted to strike this article.

The board discussed moving this amount into the cemetery budget.

Article #14 **Bell Hill CRF** the BOS unanimously voted to strike this article.

Article #15 **Tower Cable** the Bos agreed for this to come out of taxation.

The Selectmen may add a new Town Hall Fund and a Cemetery Fund.

Carol Reller from the AABC asked if the BOS will agree to have the AABC recommendation on the ballot, the board felt the AABC should petition to have their opinion on the ballot.

The board discussed the part time policy and any overtime needs to be pre-approved by the Selectmen.

Rock Wilson moved to adjourn, Tim Noonan seconded meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly N Wright