

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of October 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Mary Ann Wolf; Joe Levesque; Joel McCarty

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Penny Gendron, PD Admin. Assist.; Shaena Hakey, Transfer Station Attendant; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool Committee (Google Meet)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: John Mann; Tom Marron; Rich Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Matt Saxton; Barbara Viegner; Jude Willis (in person); Gordon Kemp (Google Meet)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Penny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: Payroll in the amount \$18,804.68 and bill manifest in the amount of \$340,023.58 was signed; one solar exemption. Letter from county stating the bill will be \$646,975 this year.

Mary Ann: Checked out the American Beautiful signs. Not able to do it right now.

- Found out we can get 20% back on the baler, gave that info to Joe.
- Still working on spreadsheet concerning employee pay.
- Power washed hippopotamus at the transfer station.
- Possible donation of a “play house” for Vilas Pool Park. Will need some finishing. Will be checking on getting access to get through the Vilas Estate.
- Changing full time hours can be done but if it gets changed to less hours and there are employees receiving benefits working for an example, 37 hours and future boards want to increase it back to 40, then there is a possibility of disgruntled employees as they would not then qualify for benefits at 37 hours any longer. The Board agreed to leave full time as is at 40 hours to receive benefits.

Joe: Writing a grant for the baler. Asked Charlotte to send him the bill for the baler.

- Working on a BRIC grant through FEMA to see if we can move a move municipal building to higher ground or build a new one. FEMA is offering 90 cents on a dollar.

Joel: Explained how the county figures out the county tax percentage.

- Sullivan and Cheshire County received their Presidential disaster declaration.
- Has had two meetings about community solar power, nothing to report.

Prescott: Bell Hill is open. One of the temporary structures on the twin bridges, which is at the bottom of Bell Hill, has been significantly undermined. Had the Army Corp of Engineers look at it, it’s all going to need permitting to restabilize it. Have to keep an eye on it.

- Thayer Brook is open on both lanes. Hoping to have paving done next week.
- Figured out oil situation at the transfer station. People are putting antifreeze in with the oil so it has to be separated. Shaena is monitoring it better now and dumping it before the people leave.

Steve: Follow up on the traffic detail work they were asked to do by Advantage Utilities while they run fiber in Alstead. It was Langdon that did the contract for the bonding for all their residents in Langdon but some of them can only be accessed by going through Alstead. Last week Langdon Select Board was all for Alstead PD doing this detail but at their meeting this week they said they didn’t want them to. For now, they won’t be doing this.

Jesse: Tires for ambulance will be \$177.93 each, will need 6.

- Has been notified that the reporting software is now in place and that we have to purchase it. It’s about the same price as what they are using now, \$1,000.00

Shaena: 10 cardboard bales 4 plastic bales. Last time they shipped cardboard was August 12th. Notice the compactor material isn't being shipped as often. Working on putting together an operation plan. Joel mentioned the possibility in teaming up with Walpole on the bales. Shaena spoke with Ben and was told he would have to charge something. Shaena asked why this be an option. Joel stated that he doesn't think it's a good idea to buy a bunch of storage containers to store recycled materials out of the weather if there is a possibility to bundle up with an adjacent town. Shaena was going to send cardboard to Claremont and the plastics would go to PA.

The building where the bales are kept will eventually need a roof.

Charlotte: Liberty sent email to Jack stating that another 100-amp outlet can be added. There is no charge from Liberty but will be for Jack's work. He will provide a quote. Charlotte recommends they continue the way they have been and put this cost in the budget for next year.

- Received the revised energy incentive offer from Liberty regarding the rebate for the mini splits which is \$2,000.00
- Received the check from Primex for the damages at Vilas Pool Park and gave to Hans for deposit into Vilas Pool account.
- Spoke with Kim on Chartier Lane and his only concern is if they would still have access to brush fires if there were a new owner.
- Lisa Therrien, a home owner on Chartier Lane, called today regarding this and wants to make a change to the request and have it on the warrant as "Old 12A" instead of the entire Chartier Lane. She will attend a future meeting.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of September 28, 2021: On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom Marron asked if anyone knew when Halloween was going to be. Penny said her and Wendy were planning to hold a "trunk or treat" at Millot Green on Saturday the 30th.

Rich N. asked if we had heard anything yet regarding his email. Charlotte told him we are still in correspondence with the attorney.

John Mann asked about whether they will be at the 10-year plan meeting. The Board decided not to go as there were no projects listed for Alstead.

Barb asked if there were any possibility of anyone at Kroka that would be interested in volunteering at the transfer station.

Next Wednesday the 13th at 10:00 a.m. will be a Select Board meeting at the town offices in addition to the meeting on the 12th 6:00 p.m. at the town hall.

On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall