

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Minutes for Meeting of August 27, 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; Kim Kercewich, Fire Chief; Richard Beringer, Fire Dept Member; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool, Chair

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Burrell; Marge Noonan; Jane Quaglin; Judy Willis; Barbara Viegner

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER: Alan Dustin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: At 6:02 p.m. Alan Dustin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS: Bill and payroll manifests signed; Intent to Cut signed; Report of Cut signed; Vilas Pool bill signed; BRI contract for snow stops for roof signed; employee pay rates signed; policies for filling swimming pools, cemetery equipment signed; Indemnification Resolution policy signed.

DISCUSSION: Richard Beringer addressed the board and presented the idea of him purchasing a side by side and asked if they would be interested in the fire department using the unit by leasing it from him over a period of time. He said he would purchase one with similar specs that has been presented in the past years. Rock said that Kim would have to write up a warrant article for this and then if it passed, the remainder of the lease would need to be built in Kim's budget. After some discussion, on a motion by Rock, seconded by Mary Ann ***the board agreed to have Richard proceed with a warrant article for lease to own. The motion passed unanimously.***

Mary Ann asked Kim about a rumor she heard that the fire department will no longer pump basements. Kim told her that was not true. She also mentioned a rumor that there will be no overtime this winter for plowing. Prescott said he had not told that to his crew.

Prescott presented tree quotes. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Alan, seconded by Rock ***the board agreed to go with Wilcox. The motion passed unanimously.***

Prescott mentioned that Bazin brothers started grading Bell Hill so paving should start any day.

Prescott told the board that the 2015 Dodge needs a clutch and fly wheel. He said that they may consider having this done in-house in order to be more cost effective but is still in the process of getting quotes.

Prescott informed the board that he had met with Heath Anderson who would be a part-time candidate to fill in when needed. Heath has recently been hired as a member of the Ambulance.

Prescott informed the board that the truck is on Muncibid and as of 8/27 the bid is at \$7,000. Said the auction will be over on September 10th.

Charlotte asked if the board would like the departments to begin the annual review process. The board was all in agreement for Charlotte to notify the department heads to start this.

Rock asked Charlotte to notify Barry Bellows to attend the next meeting to discuss town hall renovations.

Alan asked Bobbie Wilson about the email he received with an itinerary of the class reunion being held at Vilas Pool next year and asked why this was being sent out when they have not approved any events to take place for 2020. Bobbie assured him that this was a misunderstanding and that she could provide an email sent by the event coordinator stating that this was not confirmed and that there was no contract in place.

Bobbie addressed the board about the parking spaces at the fire department and that there should be a minimum of 2 parking spaces reserved for the fire department and 2 for the ambulance. She said that many times the spots are taken and asked if the spaces could be marked off better. Prescott is going to look into getting a sprayer and stencil as it would be cheaper to do it ourselves.

Bobbie also indicated that the bill for John Parrot was unexpected and although it was high, he had done other plumbing work for free. She informed the board that the pump had been pulled out and wires were cut. She said that there was other vandalism on the property that took place and all this was reported to the police department.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of August 13: On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted to unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jane Quaglin addressed the board that she had noticed the acorns have holes in them. She called the state and was told there are beetles that are eating them but there is nothing to worry about.

INFORMATIONAL: Select Board/Tax Collector will be meeting on deeding properties Wednesday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m.

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 7:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Select Board Members present: Alan Dustin, Chairman; Rock Wilson; Mary Ann Wolf

Also present were: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool Chair

Discussion took place on various personnel. The board wants to see changes now in order for them to consider approving events for 2020.

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

The Board reviewed and signed the minutes.

On a motion by Rock, seconded by Mary Ann ***the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next regular meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th 6:00 p.m.