

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Select Board**  
**Approved Minutes for Meeting of July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602**

**To attend via Google Meet, access code is <https://meet.google.com/hnr-zuns-igp>**  
**Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Richard Berringer, Fire Dept. Member; Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Penny Gendron, Police Dept. Administrative Assistant; Mike Kercewich, Fire Dept. Member; Steve Murrell, Police Chief

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** Mike Fitzherbert; Gordon Kemp; John Mann; Mark Mastrocinque; Rich Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Barbara Viegner; Jude Willis

**GUESTS:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Mark M. led in the Pledge of Allegiance

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

**ACTION ITEMS:** On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe, ***the Board voted to approve and sign the payroll manifest in the amount of \$17,583.23. The motion passed unanimously.*** On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel, ***the Board voted to approve and sign the bill manifest in the amount of \$320,836.14. The motion passed unanimously.***

**UPDATES:**

**Joe:**

- Attending the Lake Warren meeting today which was about limiting phosphates going into the lake.

**Joel:**

- Joel and Prescott were at the same meeting via zoom. He stated it is a study to determine engineering steps we may wish to take to improve the water quality in Lake Warren.
- Received a proposal for ground penetrating radar to help locate unmarked graves in Rust Cemetery. The cost is approximately \$5,500. Some of the neighbors may help pay for this. Hoping the work gets done before frost.
- Met with two employees with Cheshire County that are in charge of administrating the ARPA funds distribution. Joel stated they are there to guide us to make sure that the things that we apply for qualify.
- Cinde Warmington referred him to the new Commissioner of business enterprise administration. The Commissioner told Joel that he has \$120 million to spend on underserved communities.
- Nothing further to report on Lake Warren and Chase's Mill, still ongoing.

**Mary Ann:**

- Brought up to Prescott about creating road files. David told Prescott that a lot of files were thrown out before Prescott started employment. Prescott stated that they are already taking an inventory of signs, culverts, and posted speeds and has a book and doesn't feel there is any need to do anything in addition.
- Meeting with Mike Jasmin tomorrow to get his assistance in writing an RFP for the transfer station to bring it up to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Looked at playground equipment and got catalogs for anticipation of updating Bragg Lane to a park.
- Mary Ann mentioned to Prescott that someone complained about the shoulders on Walpole Valley Rd. Prescott is going to get some larger stone to take care of this. It's a big project and will take some time.

The Board acknowledged Steve. Steve is working on estimates for purchasing body cams. There are 5-year programs for \$15k each. He thought it would be twice this amount. Still looking for other quotes. This may be covered with ARPA funds.

Steve said the cameras have already come in handy in determining who was at fault in a recent accident. Also, less activity and trash at Millot Green.

The Board acknowledged Prescott. He informed the Board that on the way home from vacation, due to bad gas, he had a hard time coming over Pitcher Mountain towing his trailer. He called Dominic and asked him to bring his truck in order to tow the trailer. Dom brought the town truck by mistake. Prescott wanted the Board to know that this was a miscommunication and that he would pay for the gas. The Board thanked him for informing them.

Prescott said there is a beaver problem at Vilas they are trying resolve. They were able to get the gate closed before he left. Will have to get in there this fall to do some repairs to the gate.

Paving on Gilsom Mine has been pushed back due to the rain.

Prescott said that some of the lights at the fire station need replacing and he would like to replace them with LEDs. The Board was fine with this.

Prescott said that Richard Berringer asked if they have room at the highway department for the 1935 Maxim Fire Engine so they can get it out of the East Station. He said that there is no room for it there. Rick Berringer stated that this all came up because they needed the ATV for a rescue last week and it took 15 minutes to get it out because of all the moving around that is required. Much discussion took place on various ways that they may be able to house the 1935 Maxim in order to have more room in the station for the ATV. Joel suggested making a shed on the side of the station but nothing definite was decided.

Rick told the Board that the Fire Association was planning on a fundraiser again this year and if the Board would write a letter to any donors that request one. The Board agreed to this.

On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; **the Board voted to reconstitute the Broadband Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of July 6, 2021: On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

#### **INFORMATIONAL:**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mike Fitzherbert asked the Board about the possibility of installing a sidewalk to the school. Joel said the State of NH is running a program called "Safe Routes to School" If we let them design the sidewalk, they will pay for it 80/20. It's a big project that involves lots of things. Joel will send the information to Mike and John Mann for them to review.

#### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

**The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**