

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Select Board**  
**Approved Minutes for Meeting of August 31, 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; Robert Esslinger, Transfer Station Attendant; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** Mike Jasmin; Rick Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Matt Saxton; Barbara Viegner (in person); Gordon Kemp; Lisa Therrien (GoogleMeets)

**GUESTS:** Lori Landry, Fall Mountain School District (phone)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:** Steve led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ACTION ITEMS:** Signed: pay rate sheet; thank you letter to Charlestown Select Board; MS-1

The Board acknowledged Lisa Therrien. Lisa would like Chartier Lane and Old 12A/Old Woods Road to be changed into a private road. The abutters are in support. After further discussion, Joel said this would be up to the voters in March. Lisa would like the board to approve this and write the warrant article. Joel said they would check around more with the planning board and others and get back to her.

The Board acknowledged Lori Landry. Lori stated the students will be coming back to school tomorrow for 5 full days. The school board approved for them to institute a face mask mandate at all time, as per the DHHS guidelines. They will come back in 60 days to give an update. Their main concern is the safety of students and staff. Some of the damaged roads have impacted the bus route but they have figured that out for now. As for sports, they will be following the NIAA guidelines.

The Board acknowledged Matt Saxton. Discussion took place on the beaver dam on Cobb Hill. Matt said the tree was 5' tall growing out of the dam. That was where the breach was. Matt has watched Prescott in action on our roads and is very impressed on how quickly washouts have been resolved.

Matt stated the only way to fix the beaver pond problem for someone that doesn't want it there is to kill or remove the beavers and they are not prepared to do that. But they are willing to have a beaver deceiver there. Prescott stated that these do not kill, relocate or harm the beavers.

**Prescott:** Mary Ann asked Prescott about Mark Pitts. Prescott stated Mark didn't know why he received an apology letter. Prescott is willing to work with Mark and show him how to use the zero-turn going forward.

Starting to bring in material for Bell Hill this week. Has been keeping track of all costs and has a large book of pictures to present to FEMA at tomorrow's meeting.

The signs have been removed on Bennett Road.

Prescott would like to rent the roller for another month at \$4,200/mo. On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted in favor of renting a roller for another month. The motion passed unanimously.***

**Steve:** They will be out monitoring speed limit around school zone area.

Reviewed the US Cellular contract and it appears that all US Cellular agreed to concerning the road to the cell tower is upgrade it one time and not maintain it. Maybe US Cellular will upgrade for their own benefit.

**Jesse:** Ambulance needs front brake rotors and will be out of service Wednesday and Thursday.

**Junie:** Baled cardboard today and got a bale. Baled another plastic bale as well equaling 26 gaylords. (A gaylord is a 4x4 cardboard box). They aren't able to run the compactor and the baler at the same time but they are able to work around this.

The truck driver stated that the loads are heavier and are hauling less loads. This means that it is better by taking the plastics out. This is already saving money by baling.

They could use more volunteers. They are still spending a lot of time removing caps. Mary Ann suggested to put up a sign saying "volunteers needed".

Stated that by bailing we are going to the next level of recycling and it does take more man hours to keep it operating and maintained.

Mary Ann asked Mike Jasmin to share the RFP information for the transfer station. Thinks that it would be a good idea to make improvements and a bigger plan for the facility. Believes it is a good idea to send the RFP out now and get numbers then possibly put in a warrant article for next year. After some discussion, Mary Ann said she will email to the board the RFP that Mike Jasmin sent to her. Junie believes that there is still much that can be upgraded and changed without spending a lot of money.

**Mary Ann:** Asked Charlotte to put UVC lights and personnel policies on next week's agenda.

**Joe:** Walked the Lake Warren watershed with engineers, Prescott, John Mann and Sarah Webb. Looking at damage from the flood and along Pine Cliff Rd. where the water has a tendency to come straight down the road and into the lake. The engineers are trying to figure out a way from keep that from happening. There is money available for this but a 60/40 match. Will wait to see what FEMA says when they meet tomorrow because if they get involved it is a 75/25 match.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of August 24, 2021: On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.***

**INFORMATIONAL:** Town offices closed Monday, September 6 for Labor Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Barb wanted to know if we could use some of the ARPA money for bathroom and running water at the transfer station. Mary Ann said it is a possibility, that it does mention wells but she would have to read the fine print.

On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

**The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**