

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for the May 11, 2016 meeting

Members in attendance:

Chris Hansen
Marge Noonan
Carol Reller
Priscilla Sawa
Sam Sutcliffe
Les Thomas
Mary Ann Wolf

Also present:

Barbara Viegner

Review agenda and minutes from the last meeting:

The meeting minutes of April 27 were approved (6/yes, 0/no, 1/abstentions).

Action items from last meeting:

No progress to report on these action items:

- Create list of warrant articles for 2017
- Review auditors report
- Attend subcommittee meetings

Select Board meeting:

Village shop owners brought up the issue of drug use in the Village. The free wifi might be drawing people. The Library will decide whether to modify the wifi availability. The PD has been short staffed, but it will be back to two shifts when Officer Howard finishes his training in Walpole. We need more volunteers for Crime Stoppers.

There was no discussion of the transfer station committee at the meeting. The transfer station has a new iPad that can take credit card payments. This is particularly important for the outstanding C&D payments (approximately \$5000).

Glenn is going to put the 12-acre Gilsum Mine Rd property on MuniBid.

The costs of the three recent forest fires might be 10 times our annual budget of \$3000. The cause of the second fire near Caldwell Pond is known. The first and third fires, which were near 12A, are still being investigated.

The town will send out a new RFP, written by Sam, for all the doors in the village fire station that need work. Sam wonders if we should have an engineering firm on retainer for road maintenance and construction.

New business:

Priscilla asked whether the AABC would approve of her working with the Lake Warren Association to document matching funds for a federal grant for impaired lakes. Any man hours and machine hours that DPW has spent on road improvements that reduce run-off into the lake would count as matching funds; we just need to document them. The committee suggested that Priscilla run this idea past the Selectmen.

Two people in Langdon are writing grants for the Food Shelf operating funds. The plan is for the Food Shelf to stay in its current location for the short term. The Dead River company has closed, so perhaps that property is available.

Action items:

- Chris H. will follow up with the Selectmen about starting up the subcommittees.
- Chris will ask for the auditors report.
- Priscilla will send an email to Chris R. regarding the LWA grant.
- Sam will create a proper RFP for the fire station doors, including drawings and specs.

Next meeting:

Next meeting is May 25 at 6:30 pm at the Town Offices.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Report on the RFP for the fire station doors.
- Review the auditors report, if available.
- Review the year-to-year budget report.

Minutes submitted by Priscilla Sawa