

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for Meeting of November 13, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Timothy Noonan, Chairman; Alan Dustin, Rock Wilson

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jodi Kercewich, Transfer Station Supervisor

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Campbell-Counts, Glenn Elsesser, Chris Hansen, Gordon Kemp, Joseph Levesque, Karn McShane, Marjorie Noonan, Carol Reller, Jeff Smull, Bob Quaglin, Jane Quaglin, Barbara Viegner, Sarah Webb, Mary Ann Wolf

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tim Noonan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: The following was reviewed and signed; payroll manifest, timber cut, Vilas Pool bills, application for current use. Mail was read.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: At 6:13 p.m. Tim Noonan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM: Library Trustees, Karn McShane and Jeff Smull addressed the Board regarding the leaking roof at the library. Karn said that Michael Gibbon (the contractor that repaired the steps) agreed to come and do a temporary fix to repair the leak until spring. Karn said that the drains are higher than the roof so water pools on the roof and then comes inside. Michael is available to come this Saturday, November 17th, to preserve the roof through the winter and asked the Selectmen if it were possible to come up with the amount for this of \$22,500. After much discussion the Board agreed that this can be taken care of. Tim asked for the trustees to write a warrant article for the rest, which they agreed. Also, Karn pointed out that they are planning to apply for a grant that will reimburse 50%.

Discussion took place on the repair needed to the backhoe used at the transfer station and for pushing snow. On a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Tim Noonan, ***the Board voted to have the repairs done by Fuller Machine at the cost of approximately \$15,000. The motion passed 2-0-1 (Rock abstained).***

Conservation Commission member Sarah Webb addressed the Board on the conservation commission budget. She asked to increase the NRI amount from \$300 to \$550 for educational information and materials that will be set up in the library and possibly other places in town. Rock asked whether \$600 was needed for workshops since that amount was not spent this year. She agreed it could be reduced to \$450 which would keep their total budget at \$1401 for next year.

Discussion regarding the unassigned fund balance. Rock suggested we retain 610k in fund balance (which is equal to the amount of the county tax). After much discussion it was generally agreed that 100k will be available for funding of the warrant articles. No vote was taken. Subject to further review.

Tim Noonan asked Glenn Elsesser about CIP. Glenn didn't have the information with him and has to review it with Prescott first. Glen will have the information at the next meeting. After some

discussion about finishing Bell Hill and grind and put culverts in on Pine Cliff Rd., Rock said they needed to check with Prescott for results of sample tests done first.

Tim Noonan addressed the Board and asked them if it would be better to go over the budget in the weekly BOS meetings instead of having a working session. After some discussion, on a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Alan Dustin, ***the board voted to have a working session to review the budget. The motion passed unanimously.*** The working session was scheduled for November 28th, 9:00 a.m. at the town offices.

Discussion took place regarding the current vacation policy of taking the time before the end of the year as vacation time cannot be carried over. Some discussion regarding proposing for a payout for unused vacation time. However, no decision was made at this time.

Gordon Kemp addressed the Board regarding the right to know law and that he received information that since we post our minutes on the website that we are obligated to post the unsealed nonpublic session minutes there as well. Tim did not believe this was the case and asked Charlotte to inquire with NH Municipal legal.

INFORMATIONAL: Budget hearing, Deliberative session, town meeting timeline and information was reviewed and approved. Charlotte will post this on the website.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of October 30, 2018: On a motion by Tim Noonan, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 30th BOS meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.***

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS): On a motion by Tim Noonan, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into non-public session (NPS) pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(a) Personnel at 8:10 p.m., The motion passed unanimously.***

On a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted unanimously to exit NPS and reconvene public meeting at 8:40 p.m.***

On a motion by Tim Noonan, seconded by Rock Wilson, ***the Board voted to seal the minutes, "because it is determined that divulgence of the information would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board." The Board voted by roll call to seal the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. The Board approved and sealed the minutes.***

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is schedule for Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.