

## **Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for April 27, 2016 meeting**

Members present:

Julianna Stevens  
Glenn Elsesser  
Chris Hansen  
Carol Reller  
Samuel Sutcliffe  
Nick Sintros  
Mary Ann Wolf  
Marge Noonan

Also present:

Michael Gordon  
Chris Rietmann (Select Board)  
Barbara Viegner

Chris Hansen called the meeting to order at 6:30. He announced that a private citizen was recording the meeting and that alternate positions are available on the committee.

Minutes of last meeting accepted with corrections. (7/yes, 0/no, 1 abstention)

### **News from Select Board meeting:**

Warren Brook Project: Select Board is waiting to ensure all the money is available before the project is started. The intent is to lower the banks of the brook with a meandering course.

Police Department review: The Police Chief presented that there is a need for a new cruiser this year to replace the Ford Explorer which is not built for police use. The Police repeater tower needs attention. There is a possibility of tapping into the US Cellular tower. There have been problems in the past with the power cord being stolen and also chewed by rodents. The new police officer is finishing his field training and will soon be on his own which will extend police coverage in town.

Transfer station: Select Board will define the goals of a committee concerning efficiency to be implemented. Volunteers from the AABC include Mary Ann, Donna, Chris Hansen, Glenn and Marge. The Board approved the purchase of a tablet for the transfer station with a square reader for credit card use when disposing of C&D, appliances and electronic equipment. There will be a 3% fee.

Bragg Lane: The Planning Board will take the lead in evaluating future use of the property bought by the town. A complete survey will be needed. Juliana volunteered to work with the Planning Board.

Doors: New RFP has been sent out requesting a price for each specific door at the fire house/town hall. Mid May is the deadline for bids.

The amount owed on back taxes was discussed. This is considered an asset and part of the fund balance even though it is not liquid. This should be stressed, as most residents are not aware of this.

Alstead has a Face Book page but the Select Board will not respond to it.

### **Old Business:**

The planning Board will play more of an active role on the CIP plan. Glenn would like to work on it also.

We have guidelines for recycling at the transfer station and the list should be refreshed and perhaps more visible for the residents. Glenn will send AABC members a copy of the dump charges. Volunteers will spend some time at the transfer station to reinforce this policy. Nick Sintros mentioned that at Fall Mt., June 4, there will be a computer, electronic and household recycling event from 9 - noon.

New Business: Several budget items in the PD were listed in 2016 rather than in 2015 when it was actually spent due to the closeness of the end of the year. The auditors will try to correct this. Auditors are on site this week but not sure when final report will be ready.

Nick Sintros mentioned that in talking with Gilsum Selectmen they would like to see a sharing of equipment with neighboring towns. Glenn said the problem with that is that each town needs its equipment at the same time. The DPW does swap off with some truck work when needed.

A fire/smoke/heat alarm system is needed for town buildings, mainly town garage and fire stations. This is a project that will require a warrant article but there should be some system set up now using a cell phone hook-up similar to what many private homes have.

It was recommended that we start a list of items to keep in mind for warrant articles such as police cruiser, police use of cell tower, and alarm system connected to mutual aid service.

Glenn stated the equipment trailer is now listed on municibid.

Samples have been taken from "Mt. Vilas" and Randy Rhoades is preparing a soils report.

Chris Hansen announced his wife's book regarding hunger in NH, ***Hungry Neighbors - Hunger and Hope in Northern New England***, is finished and she has made a copy available to the AABC and also a copy in the library.

**Action items:**

- List potential warrant articles for next years budget.
- Review auditors report if available.
- Committee meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Next meeting: May 11, 6:30 at the Town Offices. We meet every 2nd and every 4th week of the month.

Minutes submitted by Marge Noonan