

**Meeting Minutes  
Board of Selectmen**

**December 8, 2015**

**Town of Alstead**

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday December 8, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Offices. Members were present were Joel McCarty, Chris Rietmann and Rock Wilson. Approximately 14 residents were presented.

Joel announced the meeting was being broadcasted.  
Minutes were approved and accepted.

Joel reported Julianna Stevens had three recommendations for the selectmen to review about Town's current cell phone contract plan thru U.S. Cellular. There may be a potential savings.

The health insurance is still under analysis by the three selectmen.

Joel made minor changes to the Patrolman/woman job description that stated the candidate needs be NH certified to qualify for the position. Joel made a motion accept the revised job description, Chris seconded, and all were in favor and motion passed.

The wage adjustment is complete and will be made retroactive to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to those qualifying employees. Joel gave Chris and Rock the spreadsheet for their approval. They will both make their final decision by next week so it will take effect next pay period.

Bob Quaglin asked about salary scales for Town employees. Chris agrees this would be beneficial. Bob Quaglin volunteered to help with this project.

The preliminary warrant articles were briefly discussed. After February the finalized warrant articles will be available. Linda will work on the default budget for next week. There was discussion about the potential of using some of the fund balance. Chris also feels the select board will be discussing how to use the fund balance accounts to provide what the taxpayers have asked for or what the town needs.

Residents asked about warrant article #19 and building a new food shelf facility. What if other towns also put a similar article on their warrant article and it passed in several towns. No one seem to have an answer.

The deadline for petitioned warrant articles is Friday January 8, 2016. This requires 25 signatures of **registered voters.**

Glen is in the process of cleaning out and letter removal of the police cruiser. He would like to look into a body shop to have the letters removed. This will approximately cost \$40- \$50.

Glen questioned that the town has paid a year for an electronically time clock but haven't seen any time data. Joel said it is now running better and will be used the new year and there will be a report available for 2015.

Barb Viegner asked about town report mailings. Joel told the group it is \$500.00 to mail them out. Last year it was decided to have town reports available at the town offices. There is still an entire box left of 2015 town report. Marge Noonan asked that on the flyer the selectmen mail out it included that the town reports will not be mailed out. Joel agreed this could be done.

Joel has found a carpenter willing to work on repair.

John Mann did some research on the town's electrical bill. He feels he can help the town save money by making some changes. He feels he would need \$2,000.00. This would be in a warrant article for Energy Audit/ Maintenance.

Adjourned at 7:23.

All three selectmen unanimously agreed to go into non public session at 7:24 RSA (91-A:3 (AC)