

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of June 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

To attend via Google Meet, access code is <https://meet.google.com/hnr-zuns-igp>
Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Mary Ann Wolf, Joe Levesque; Joel McCarty

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Junie Esslinger, Transfer Station Attendant; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Bobbie Wilson, Ambulance Lieutenant

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ira Day; Gordon Kemp; Mark Mastrocinque; Rich Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Barbara Viegner; Tafi Brown (On Google Meets)

GUESTS:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Mark Mastrocinque led in the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ann called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed abatement applications; letter to Mary Lou Huffling requesting annual disclosures; Hamshaw credit account; report of cut Vilas Pool bills; "Rights of the Public and Public Participation Policy" (now have 2-minute talking rule for the public)

OLD BUSINESS: The Board acknowledged Steve Murrell. He mentioned that they received the SIM cards from US Cellular today. They discovered that two tablets on the list for EMD that we've been paying for were not accounted for so he had them turned off.

Steve talked about the AEDs on the list that was presented last week. One of the places that was not listed was 49 Pleasant St. He reached out to Stewart Properties but they said they weren't interested. He has left a message to find out why they wouldn't want one. The estimate for the list now is a little over \$56k. Charlotte asked how long the units last for and Steve said 7 years. Then we would have to come up with the funds to replace them.

The Board acknowledged Junie Esslinger. He presented a list of safety concerns, mentioning the high traffic areas. The lower section of the Alstead compactor deck is hard for people to step up on and the roof is short. It needs to be broader and shorter. Two of the sides of the Langdon compactor are unsafe and he has seen people slip and fall. With some minor adjustments this could be resolved. He checked out the railroad car floor to determine what type of material they need and has that figured out.

Mary Ann:

- Worked with Shaena on the flyer that will be distributed on recycling procedures and Shaena will have colored copies made.
- Came across a policy that stated Alstead had mandatory recycling and was voted on in 1990. However, she wasn't able to find anything. She is going to give it to the Historical Society to see if they can find if we ever voted for mandatory recycling.
- Went to the Swanzey transfer station. She said that when we bale our cardboard, Swanzey will hold on to it for us and when they have enough, they will send it off and pay us. They do this for a couple other towns.
- Came across a website called "Discover Books" and they are going to provide a drop box to put at the transfer station so books aren't going into the dumpster. The company will empty it.
- Said the ARPA funds have to be applied for on the website and asked Joe if he was doing this. He said he had been trying to find the forms and would look into this further.
- Spoke on Jesse's request for requiring all employees that interact with the public be CPR & AED certified. After some discussion this was tabled.

Joe and Joel are attending a meeting put on by SWRP on the best practices for watershed practices which has to do with water quality.

Charlotte brought up the situation with Griffin Hill asking the Board if they wanted her to reach out to our attorney as they had mentioned previously. Joe will reach out to ZBA to follow up with this.

Joel:

- Met with Zach Palmer from the Community Loan Fund that holds the mortgage for Well Hill Co-op. The Co-op is changing the terms of their agreement so tenants will be required to pay their property taxes in order to stay there. They are planning to fund the construction of 3 more sights.
- Was involved with a long meeting on Saturday regarding the water releasing on Warren Dam. It is a work in progress.
- Was approached by a Forester regarding erosion control where there is logging in Alstead Center. A second meeting is set up with the forester that represents the contractor doing the work.
- The Rust Cemetery access project is moving along. Next step is forwarding all the paperwork to one of the abutter's and requesting a meeting between their family with Joel and Bruce Bellows.
- The Mill Hollow Historical association in conjunction with Antioch is running an archeological workshop this summer for high school students. They are going to pay a little stipend. If anyone knows someone that would be interested it will be Thursday, 3:00 p.m. at the Mill.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve spoke on the "contract for professional service". This is a NH official accredited organization that helps to write police department policies. They make it possible for small departments to become accredited. The cost is \$6,750 for a 2-year contract and we don't have to pay anything until next budget season or unless Steve has some money left at the end of the year. It would be \$3,375 each year. This is a long process of meeting every other week for 2 hours for the next 2 years. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted in favor of Steve proceeding with this. The motion passed unanimously.***

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of June 15, 2021: On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ira Day found information on water access to the dam and DES has the right to give permission to release water from Warren Lake. He provided the Board the contact information.

INFORMATIONAL:

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.