

The Alstead select board met in open session on Tuesday on October 18, 2016 at 6:30 at the municipal offices. Chairman Chris Rietmann, Rock Wilson and Tim Noonan were present. Chris called the meeting to order at 6:35. Tim led the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were read and Rock made a motion to approved the amended minutes, Tim seconded.

John Mann and Joyce Curl reported how the NH DES grant was coming to an end and the grant should be closed out by the end of December. Southwest Regional Planning has another NH DES 319 grant available. It is a 60/40 match and they explained it would include help with erosion, drainage adjustments, widen and replant vegetative buffer between the road and the lake, and pave the gravel section of Pine Cliff Road. The deadline for the pre-application is October 21, 2016. Joyce and John presented a letter of recommendation for the selectmen to sign. After some discussion, the selectmen agreed to revise the letter and sign an agreement that they support the pre-application. Kelly will make the recommended changes and John Mann will pick up the letter.

Jesse reported he had his ornamental shrubs mowed down again by the highway department. The BOS asked Kelly to have David look at the damage.

Conservation Commission members Sarah Webb, Joyce Curl, Nan Montgomery presented their 2017 budget and has one warrant article to establish a town forest management fund. They explained the state law requires the conservation commission manage the forest. Chris said they would take it into consideration.

Tim thanked Rock for his help finding a company to replace the fire station door.

Ambulance Department head, Jesse Moore went over his 2016 equipment he will need before the end of the year. He needs to replace the halogen lights on the ambulance, 10 baofengs, and chevron for the back of the ambulance. Jesse is looking into quotes for a new stretcher.

Kelly Wright spoke on behalf of the Town Clerks/ Tax Collectors 2017 budget. There was some discussion on the salary increases and increased hours for the deputy. Kelly explained there hasn't been a pay increase in many years and it is in the town best interest to increase the hours.

Chris Rietmann moved to interview Eckman Engineering, DuBois & King and Tanner & Hoyle for the Bridge Design, Rock Wilson seconded. Kelly will contact them.

The selectmen discussed political advertising on Town website. It was agreed by all three it isn't appropriate to post information of that on the website but Chris agreed to share on his personal Facebook pages.

Chris discussed rumors he had heard about employee benefits. The board of selectmen agreed there hasn't been any discussion to eliminate employee benefits.

The AABC has asked the board for their approval form a Financial Analysis Subcommittee. This committee would be looking into the revenue side the budget and they are requesting that they have

the same information, reports and numbers as the DRA reports. They have also requested a monthly revenue report be available. The selectmen agreed to this subcommittee and a monthly revenue report.

The ambulance billing was briefly reviewed and Bobbie explained that Jesse has it under control and is working with the members. Jesse has set a new protocol to check when weekly reports are completed.

Rock Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40, Chris Rietmann seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly N Wright