

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

JUNE 30, 2015

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday, June 30th, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices. Members present were Joel C. McCarty, Chris Rietmann, and Rock Wilson. Approximately a dozen other residents were in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting of June 23rd, 2015 were accepted with corrections.

The Ambulance personnel had a meeting and had voted Jesse Moore to be their captain as Anton Elbers had resigned. Jesse was in attendance to speak with the Selectmen about his appointment. The Selectmen asked him to tell them what he had for plans if he was appointed Captain. Jesse stated that he hoped to streamline the department by first purchasing a field bridge so personnel did not have to go back to the Station after a call to do the paperwork. He also wants to get more people interested and trained in the coming year as Langdon is going to offer a class. After discussion, the Selectmen unanimously voted to appoint Jesse as the new Captain.

Selectman Joel McCarty stated that he and Kim had attended the Charlestown Meeting on Monday. The Charlestown Police Department will be dispatching their fire and ambulance to save money. They are asking neighboring towns to sign mutual aide agreements. Joel has left it up to Kim who will be getting back to the Selectmen. Charlestown is hoping to be asking other towns to join their group in a couple of years.

Bobbie Wilson gave an update on Vilas Pool. Bobbie announced that John Goodwin had resigned as the Pool Manager and Ashley Buffum now had the position. Everything is proceeding. Bobbie had researched purchasing a 55" TV to have a movie night using DVD's. This was approved unanimously by the Selectmen. She had found a 55" TV and stand for \$650.00.

Bob Quaglin gave an update on what was happening on the HR Committee. They are busy getting Job Descriptions together. In last week's minutes it was stated that Les Thomas was looking into regionalization of different towns personnel. Bob stated that he did not feel that the HR Committee should necessarily be involved with that as that is not what they were charged with as a group.

Carol Reller asked if the Selectmen had read the EMSG Committees report on the need for an EMD Director. Their report stated that one was needed in case of emergency events and that a Selectman should be it and one of the other Selectmen be the backup. Then the EMD Director

would have a volunteer committee to help them. They had are hoping the Selectmen will accept the report and their suggestions would be implemented in September.

Joyce Curll, Lisa Murphy from Southwest Regional Planning and two of the volunteers who were working on the Lake Warren Watershed Management Plan came to explain to the Selectmen what they were doing. They are trying to come up with a plan to save Lake Warren from becoming a swamp by coming up with ways and ideas to get rid of excessive phosphorus in the lake. They are asking to talk to David Crosby, DPW Supervisor, to make sure that whatever work he has planned for Pine Cliff would fit in with management plan. They are paying for this plan with a matching grant. The matching part of the grant is made up of volunteers doing plantings, ongoing activities, public meetings, and whatever the Town Road crew does on the road to alleviate the runoff problem.

Chris Hansen, Chair of the AABC came to discuss what the AABC was doing. He stated that he really would like the Selectmen to come to their meetings which are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in July and August. A discussion again ensued on the role of the advisory budget committee. This year the Selectmen and the advisory budget committee will work together to come up with one budget.

Selectman Chris Rietmann made a motion to give the Fire and Ambulance departments a 25 cent an hour raise. Joel seconded the motion so it could be discussed. Chris's reasoning is that the voters voted to have all employees get a raise and these two departments had not gotten one. The Selectmen had been waiting for the HR Committee to come up with findings, but since those finding probably would not be forthcoming for at least another month, the Selectmen should do something now. He realizes that it isn't much. After further discussion it was decided that they would give these departments the 25 cent per hour raise retroactive to the first of April which is when the other employees had received their increases.

The Selectmen read their mail. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. The Board will reconvene in open session on Tuesday, July 7th, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices.