

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Select Board**  
**Approved Minutes for Meeting of November 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Penny Gendron, Police Dept. Admin. Assist.; Jesse Moore Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Steve Reynolds, EM Director; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent (In person); Bobbie Wilson, Ambulance Lieutenant (Google Meets)

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** Glenn Elsesser; Mark Mastrocinque; Rich Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Matt Saxton; Barbara Viegner; (in person); Gordon Kemp (Google Meets)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mark Mastrocinque

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mary Ann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Approved and Signed: Payroll manifest in the amount of \$19,879.23; Bill manifest in the amount of \$45,215.45; letter of deficiency from the state for Vilas Pool Dam; pay rate increase; medical insurance forms

**Steve Reynolds:** The Board acknowledged Steve Reynolds. Steve presented the proposed 2022 budget for emergency management. He also gave an overview of some of the things he plans on accomplishing in the next year.

**Prescott:** The Board acknowledged Prescott Trafton. Discussion took place on class VI roads and his opinion on giving up a class VI road, specifically Chartier Lane or Old Woods Rd. His recommendation is that this should not be done and that the Board consider not writing the warrant article for this but rather the owner present a petition warrant article. On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted for Chartier Ln. to be a petition article. The motion passed unanimously.***

DPW has been plowing a resident's driveway because there is no other adequate place to turn around. Prescott asked for support from the board to change the location of turn around to either past that area or before so as to not be plowing a private way. The Board was in support of this and agreed they should not be plowing for a private resident.

He would like to drop trees at Vilas Pool that is in the letter of deficiency (LOD). Wants to drain the pool next week so they can do this. As long as there is no motorized equipment in the pool then they are allowed to pull them out. They would use a cable and pull them out. Has purchased pins to monitor the break in the dam and will drill and glue them in place. On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted for Prescott to drain the pool. The motion passed unanimously.***

Have taken pictures of the F-350 and is getting ready to post this on Municibid. Would like to put a minimum bid of \$4,000.

Thursday, 10:00 is the annual inspection of Warren dam by the Concord Dam Bureau.

Prescott reviewed DPW budget. If there are enough funds in the budget this year, we could do a prebuy then the cost for salt and chloride could be lowered. Price for diesel and fuel has increased substantially.

**Jesse:** The Board acknowledged Jesse. Jesse stated that he wanted to hold the budget for 2022 to the same as 2021. He would like to give a presentation on getting an extra ambulance for non-emergency situations to drive people from Keene to Lebanon which would generate an increased revenue. After a brief discussion on the gist of it, the Board asked Jesse to put together a fact sheet to present to them.

**Mary Ann:** Discussion took place on COLA increases and whether it's something to give to employees and what is fair. She asked the public for any input on this. Rich Nalevanko was in agreement that cost of living has increased. Steve Murrell said that 5.9% puts us closer to the competitive range than where we are now. He stated that if one of us were to go somewhere else it would be hard to replace them. He doesn't think it's a lot to ask. He said that he realizes all the towns people have the same problem as the employees with increased costs but this is where our income source comes from.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of October 25 and 26, 2021: on a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

**INFORMATIONAL:** Select Board's office closed Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
Town Offices closed Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

On a motion by Joe, seconded by Mary Ann; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

**The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall**