

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of July 27, 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: Richard Berringer, Fire Dept. Member; Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Junie Esslinger, Transfer Station attendant; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Gordon Kemp (on Google Meets); Rick Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Jude Willis; Bobbie Wilson

GUESTS:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Marge Noonan led in the Pledge of Allegiance

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

ACTION ITEMS: Signed A/P manifest in the amount of \$48,621.38 and payroll manifest in the amount of \$19,599.68.

UPDATES:

Mary Ann: Asked Joe where we were with Griffin Hill. Joe said ZBA did not approve a variance but there has been no further action. He will check with the Zoning Board at the next meeting on August 2nd on how to proceed.

Asked Bobbie if they got the phone at Vilas Pool. Bobbie said Gordon was figuring that out. Gordon confirmed he was.

Stated that the Vilas Pool well may be covered under the ARAP funds and suggested they get quotes for that.

There are plans to paint the hippo at the transfer station.

Joe: Finished the library grant.

Mentioned there is a 5-town meeting at the Walpole Town Hall on Friday, July 30th and anyone is welcome.

Joel: Walked the Bragg Lane property with planner/architect who is a resident of Alstead. Talked about various different ideas that could be done with the property. Beginning of how the community decides what if anything we want to do.

Talked to the Director of Community Solar Initiatives about the possibility of solar energy for the municipality. He will come to discuss this in about a month.

Broadband meeting every Wednesday at 6:00 at the town offices.

Pine Cliff Rd/Lake Warren drainage team is meeting tomorrow by Zoom at 3:00. The purpose of the meeting is to determine when all the players can do a walkabout. The goal is to improve the water quality in Lake Warren by reducing the runoff that is caused by the dirt road being so close to the water line and part caused by lawn chemicals.

There was some vandalism outside of Rust Cemetery by off road vehicles which has been repaired.

Charlotte:

Asked Joe if he had heard back about the Fire Dept grant he applied for at the beginning of the year. He thinks it will be around September that we will here back.

Asked the Board if they wanted her to contact Joe DiBernardo to proceed with that survey. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Mary Ann; ***the Board voted for Charlotte to reach out to Joe to schedule this. Joel asked if Charlotte could ask him to schedule to survey Rust Cemetery in his schedule.***

Digital maps are done. Next step will be getting it on the website which will be very soon.

Gave an update on separating the plastics. She told the Board that this is not done at the transfer station but at the facility that takes the bales.

Junie: Had signs put up at the transfer station. Has altered the bays to make things better.

Prescott: Mary Ann wanted to know why DPW purchased harnesses, ropes and hardhats. Prescott said that this was for tree work.

The Board requested that DPW record what they are doing on the back of the timecards for all personnel not just for overtime as discussed in the past. Prescott said they are currently doing inventory as they have about \$30k of inventory in the shop.

Mary Ann asked about the bush hogging on Bragg Lane. They were going to do this in July but it is still too wet.

Prescott and Dave are taking vacation the week of August 8th.

Paving Gilsum Mine Rd on Thursday and Friday.

Southwest Regional Planning will be getting counters installed the week of the 8th in the vicinity of the box culvert by the dam and the other when exiting Pine Cliff.

Some discussion took place on DPW and transfer station employees classified as essential workers to possibly pay extra with the ARPA funds. No decision was made.

The owner on Bennett Rd. that the Board sent a letter to has not removed the signs. He gave his lawyer a retainer of \$20,000 and stated that he owns the road.

Richard Berringer brought up the storage of the old fire engine and where are we at with it. Nothing was decided.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board agreed to hold a public hearing to accept the unanticipated funds on August 10 at 6:00 at the Town Hall.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of July 20, 2021: On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

INFORMATIONAL: 5-town meeting at the Town Hall in Walpole at 4:30.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

On a motion by Joel, seconded by Mary Ann; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, after the public hearing at the Town Hall.