

TOWN OF ALSTEAD
FIRST SESSION FEBRUARY 3, 2018
MINUTES

Moderator Susan Norlander called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

The Moderator then discussed the procedures and the rules of conduct. The Moderator also introduced all of the officials that were present and announced the date and time of the town election.

Article 1. This article pertains to town officers elections and there was no discussion.

Article 2 Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Alstead raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,612,746? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$ 1,588,210, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). AABC (7-1).

The Moderator read Article 2.

Motion: Rock Wilson

Seconded: Tim Noonan

Chris Rietmann proposed amending the article as follows:

Decreasing each of these lines to these amounts:

<i>01-4194-01-620</i>	<i>GG Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 4,784.00</i>
<i>01-4194-01-630</i>	<i>GG Maintenance</i>	<i>\$25,000.00</i>
<i>01-4194-01-720</i>	<i>GG Buildings</i>	<i>\$ 6,000.00</i>
<i>01-4312-01-681</i>	<i>Gravel</i>	<i>\$36,000.00</i>

01-4312-01-687

Sand

\$30,000.00

This would be a total reduction of \$24, 536.00 keeping the budget level with the last two years. Much discussion followed.

The Moderator moved the question calling for a vote on the amendment. The amendment was voted on and defeated.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 03 Paving

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,055 for the purpose of paving roads to come from December 31 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on January 1. This appropriation along with the \$71,945 in SB38 highway block grant funds received in 2017 will be used to pave Hill Rd, Cook Hill Rd, intersection to 12A, with any remaining asphalt to be used on Drewsville Rd and Homestead Rd. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required) AABC (8 yes-0 no).

The Moderator read Article 3.

Motion to vote: Rock Wilson

Seconded: Tim Noonan

No discussion.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 04 To repair the library steps

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to repair and preserve the integrity of the library steps and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the Library Capital Reserve fund previously established in 2010. No amount to be raised by new taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (7-0, 1 abstained).Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

The Moderator read Article 4.

Motion to vote: Joe Cartwright

Seconded: Jesse Moore

No discussion.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 05 To repair Vilas Walk Bridge

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from taxation for the purpose of repairing the Vilas Walk Bridge. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (5-3). (Majority vote required)

The Moderator read Article 5.

Motion to vote: Glen Elsesser

Seconded: Robert Gowdy

Discussion followed.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 06 Town Hall Renovations

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$66,000 for the purpose of Town Hall renovations. This sum is to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer January 1. No amount is to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8-0). (Majority vote required)

The Moderator read Article 6.

Motion to vote: Alan Dustin

Seconded: Rock Wilson

Discussion followed.

Mike Jasmine proposed an amendment to increase the dollar amount from \$66,000 to \$72,600 to provide a contingency for the work to be done.

The amendment was moved and seconded. The vote carried the amendment.

Another amendment was proposed to add the word "from" before the word "taxation".

This amendment was moved and seconded. The vote carried the amendment.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended.

Article 07

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$10,000 is to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. The additional

\$5,000 to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8-0). Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

The Moderator read Article 7.

Motion: Rich Nalavenko

Seconded: Jodi Kercewich

Discussion followed.

Motion: Rich Nalavenko

Seconded: Susan Elsesser

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 08 To add to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. \$25,000 to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (6-1, 1 abstained). Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

The Moderator read Article 8.

Motion to vote: Les Thomas

Seconded: Jeff Smull

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 09 To add to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988. The sum of \$5,000 is to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. The additional \$50,000 to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8-0) Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

The Moderator read Article 9

Motion to vote: Mike Kercewich

Seconded: Rich Nalavenko

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 10 To add to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fun previously established in 2012. \$25,000 will be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8-0). Recommended Required. (Majority vote required.)

The Moderator read Article 10.

Motion to vote: Mike Kercewich

Seconded: Joel McCarty

Discussion followed.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 11 To add to the Library Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. The sum of \$15,000 is to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8-0). Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

The Moderator read Article 11.

Motion to vote: Jodi Kercewich

Seconded: Joel McCarty

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 12 To create a Road Project Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Road Project Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. \$10,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. AABC (8-0). Recommendations Required (Majority Vote Required)

The Moderator read Article 12.

Motion to vote: Glen Elsesser

Seconded: Chris Rietmann

Discussion followed.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Petitioned Warrant Articles

Article 13 To Establish a Cemetery Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund. Annual interest to be used for maintenance of cemeteries. The sum of \$45,000 to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer January 1. This is the same amount transferred from cemetery land capital reserve fund to the municipality's general fund by vote March 14, 2017. Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required)

The Moderator read Article 13.

Motion to vote: Bruce Bellows

Seconded: Ellen Chase

Discussion followed.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 14 Offshore Wind Power

By petitioned of the following registered voters of Alstead, to be placed on the 2018 town warrant: Shall the Town express its support to Governor Sununu for New Hampshire to join Massachusetts and Maine and study the feasibility of developing offshore wind power in the Gulf of Maine. The Town will provide written notice urging that Governor Sununu request the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) form an intergovernmental task force for this purpose. A bipartisan NH legislative committee studied the potential of offshore wind in 2014 and recommended the establishment of this task force. Floating wind turbines located far offshore in federal waters and barely visible from land, combined with other renewable energy, can move NH to 100% renewable jobs by 2050. The building of offshore wind farms will bring a significant number of jobs and revenue to New Hampshire.

Chris Hansen read Article 14.

Motion to vote: Chris Hansen

Seconded: Jodi Kercewich

Discussion followed.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Article 15

Fall Mountain Food Shelf

Shall the Town of Alstead allow the Fall Mountain Food Shelf the continued use of the Alstead Town Hall building, including the apparatus bay, for its once a year distribution of holiday boxes for those in need.

The Moderator read Article 15.

Motion to vote: Mike Jasmine

Seconded: Les Thomas

Discussion followed.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Anderson

Town Clerk/Tax Collector