

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of November 16, 2021 at 5:00 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, PD Admin. Assist.; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent (in person)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Glenn Elsesser; Mark Mastrocinque; Rich Nalevanko; Matt Saxton; Tom Smidutz (in person); Gordon Kemp; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool Committee (Google Meets)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mark Mastrocinque

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ann called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed payroll manifest in the amount of \$15,787.89, bill manifest in the amount of \$229,490.

GUESTS: The Board acknowledged Tom Smidutz. Tom stated that the historical society windows are in need of repair. He had repaired these around 20 years ago. He presented a quote to repair 5 sets of windows for a rough estimate of \$560-\$660/pair. Charlotte stated this could come from building and maintenance next year. On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to put this in the budget for next year. The motion passed unanimously.***

- Tom said that he had heard a Class 6 road may be considered to be discontinued. He isn't in agreement with this and wanted to know how the snowmobile club or others would be notified this was being put as a warrant article. Mary Ann said that they were approached to have the Board write a warrant article changing Chartier Lane from Class 6 to a private road. Joel stated that after way too much discussion it was voted by the Board unanimously not to discontinue the road. However, statute allows the voters to write a petition article and voters have the final word. Mary Ann stated that he and others would have to get the word out there if they wanted to vote against this.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of November 9, 2021: on a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.***

Non public minutes of November 9, 2021: on a motion by Joel; seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.***

Mary Ann: She stated the Board has been talking about wage increases and she has spent a lot of time on comparing wages and whether the town is paying people fair relative to each other and other towns our size. Then after social security decided to give a cost-of-living increase of 5.9%, Joel was in favor of this giving all employees this amount and Joe was in favor of 4.1% increase which was the regional amount. Mary Ann wanted 2% this year and 2% next year but that didn't work out. So, both she and Joe voted the 4.1% increase.

- Reviewed and discussed the draft warrant articles based on numbers received from Glenn.

Steve: He indicated that the amount for the base car and equipment is more. The number he is requesting now for the cruiser and equipment is \$60k instead of \$50k.

- He stated that the radio comes with a 3-year extend warranty. The current price is \$5,247.00 which he could purchase with the amount in this year's budget. On a motion by Joe; seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted for Steve to purchase the radio now. The motion passed unanimously.***

Prescott: The Board acknowledged Prescott Trafton. Prescott would like to have a warrant article to purchase a portable welder in the amount of \$16k. He will send Charlotte the wording for this.

- Spoke to John Newcomb, the trustee for the property above Berger's and is arranging a way they can use that property for a turnaround for the plows.

Joel: He will be attending a meeting tomorrow 11/17 put on by Southwest Regional Planning via zoom to discuss improving drainage by Pine Cliff and Lake Warren.

- On the 19th there is a Vilas Pool meeting with DOT, Historical Resources, Land and Water Conservation and others. Bobbie and Joel will attend.
- On the 30th the Department of Historical Resources is sending a small team of folks to Vilas Park for an inspection. They will be meeting with Gordon.
- He wrote to the Therrien's about the Board's decision not to support their request to discontinue Chartier Lane as a Class 6 road and advised them to submit a petition article.

INFORMATIONAL:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bobbie Wilson said that David Young, a Vilas Pool Committee member has stepped down. She asked the Board if they would approve Holly Kemp to be a member. ***On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; the Board voted to accept Holly Kemp as a member. The motion passed unanimously.***

On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23rd, 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall