

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Unapproved Minutes for Meeting of April 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602
Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Rock Wilson (in person); Mary Ann Wolf; Joe Levesque (on conference call)

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; (in person); Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief (on conference call)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL: Glen Elsesser; Gordon Kemp

GUESTS ON CONFERENCE CALL: James Fenn, CFO FMSD SAU 60; Lori Landry, Superintendent FMSD SAU 60

CALL TO ORDER: Rock Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: This was omitted tonight.

DISCUSSION: The Board welcomed Lorie Landry. Lori gave an update on the school situation. She stated that the remote learning is going well and more Chrome Books were distributed to students that needed them. They have decided to go through with having April vacation. The district is providing 800 meals a day, breakfast and lunch being delivered via bus service and they are trying to keep the kids going with plenty of work.

The Board welcomed Jim Fenn. Jim stated that there is a freeze on spending. There are 30 people that have been unemployed, substitute teachers and bus drives and everyone else is getting paid.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed payroll and bill manifest; purchase order for fence for Pine Grove Cemetery, intent to cut for GW Whitney Holdings and Peter & Deborah Rhoades, report of cut: Rhoades, GW Whitney, and Putnam, Veterans tax credit for H Moncrief, application for current use for E Stocki, read mail: red list bridges updated, equalization assessment.

On a motion by Rock, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to appoint Mary Ann Wolf as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.***

Discussion took place on who would be the ex officio member on the Planning Board. Mary Ann Wolf agreed to stay on. Joe is currently a full member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Based on the meeting from March 9th, the topic of closing the Swap Shop came up again. Although it was a 2 to 1 vote at this meeting to close the Swap Shop as of May 1st, Mary Ann wanted to discuss it at another meeting with the new board member and vote on it again. Currently the shop is closed due to the COVID-19 so the date will need to be extended once the state of emergency is lifted. After very little discussion on a motion by Rock, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to close the swap shop so it could be used for recycling. Rock and Joe yes, Mary Ann no. The motion passed.***

The Board acknowledged Steve Murrell. Steve gave an update. He stated that they are keeping up with PPE and if the Ambulance Dept. gets hit with the coronavirus, and there is a need, that the Police have authority to drive the ambulance. He said there are 200 officers in the county including state police and that we can borrow from other towns if we need to.

The Board acknowledged Jesse Moore. Jesse said that they were given permission on Monday to refuse transfer to hospitals unless it is a dire medical emergency or life threatening. If people are concerned about COVID-19 they are told to call 211 or their doctor. He said they have adequate PPE and that they received equipment

from Acworth that allows them to disinfect the entire inside of the ambulance. Jesse thanked the ladies in the town that have making all the masks for the department. He also thanked the highway crew for replacing all the lights at the fire station.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of March 24, 2020: On a motion by Mary Ann Wolf seconded by Joe Levesque; ***the Board voted by roll call to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

INFORMATIONAL: Barry hopes to start the town hall next week. The company making the trusses shut down so they had to try a different approach and wait for the okay from the engineers.

On a motion by Joe Levesque; seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted by roll call to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m.