

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

JULY 28, 2015

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday, July 28th, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Offices. Members present were Joel C. McCarty, Chris Rietmann, and Rock Wilson. Several other residents as well as Jeff Smilkin, a logger inquiring about using a Alstead Class VI road.

Jeff Smilkin set up an appointment with the Selectmen to discuss the Class VI Grant Road that runs between Cobb Hill Road and Griffin Road. He is going to be submitting Intent to Cut on this road and wanted to know if there were any conditions for using it. He had also noticed that trees on the other side of the road had been marked and he did not want to be blamed for something that his trucks had not done. The Selectmen explained that the loggers were responsible for leaving the road like it was before use and that the Highway Crew does keep track of the roads as they are given a copy of the Intent to Cut form. They also told Jeff that they did not want the Snowmobile Bridge hurt. Jeff explained that he would not be going near the bridge.

Minutes of the Meeting of July 14th, 2015 were read and accepted with a date correction.

Bobbie Wilson gave an update on Vilas Pool. First she stated that Steve Blake had put a padlock on the gate at the back of Vilas Pool as people were using it. The Selectmen explained that they didn't think the town owned the gate but rather the Sherburns. The Vilas Committee will check with Lolly. Bobbie stated that the playground equipment had not yet arrived, but hopefully it would before the end of the season. The Committee is working on the Music Festival on Saturday, September 12th, 2015.

Bob Quaglin reported on what the HR Committee was doing. They have the org chart just about completed. They hired someone on the lake for under \$100 to do it for them. Now each one of the committee members has a list of towns to call to ask for information on benefits. They have a meeting on Thursday to go over the org chart and also the material they have gathered.

Carol Reller reported that the EMSG Committee had met with the ambulance and fire personnel last month. She asked if she could get an estimate of what it would cost to raise the roof at the Town Hall/ Fire Station to accommodate a taller vehicle. The Selectmen stated that if it didn't cost anything, they were in favor of it. The old pumper needs to be retired and something else needs to replace it. This is the ongoing discussion. Should it be a pumper and rescue vehicle? Should it be new or used?

Carol Reller also stated that the AABC planned on starting on the budgets next month. It is also almost time for their quarterly reports which they will put out for people to pick up in different locations instead of sending them out. The Reassessment will probably be one of the topics in the report.

Selectman Chris Rietmann gave a report on the Chief Search Committee. They met for the first time last week to set dates and times and ended up eliminating some of the candidates and deciding which ones they would interview. They narrowed it down to four candidates. One of the candidates is from Cheshire County and three from the outside.

Selectman Chris Rietmann also brought up the need for a Neighborhood Watch group. He wants to get some signs saying that there is a Neighborhood Watch group so that people might take notice. Everyone thought it would be a good idea and hopefully get a lot of people to notice what is going on around them.

The Secretary asked about hiring a part time grader operator as there was an application that had come in from someone that was capable. It was decided that the Selectmen would meet with David this week to talk about it.

Jane Quaglin brought up that the dry hydrant in Lake Warren was hard to see and not well marked. Someone also wondered if it was cleaned out. The Secretary will say something to Fire Chief Kim Kercewich. It was also brought up that grass, etc. was high at some of the intersections and needed to be cut.

Ambulance Jesse Moore arrived at the meeting just when it was getting ready to adjourn. Jesse stated that he had applied for an EMS grant for protective ensemble clothing for about \$16,000. It was explained to Jesse that amount would have to go either as a warrant item or be included in his budget as the money had to be appropriated before it could be spent. The ambulance crew had drilled with the Fire Department doing auto extrication. He would like to buy three sets, a medium, large and extra-large, out of the budget if the Selectman agreed. Selectman Joel McCarty suggested getting the money out of the Barb Derry money.

The Selectmen read their mail and signed what needed to be signed. A motion (Joel/Chris) was made to go into Executive Session citing RSA 91-A:3 (c) to discuss taxes at 7:45 PM. The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:55 PM. There being no further business before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. The Board will meet in open session on Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices.