

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of July 20, 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: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Alyson Montgomery, Librarian; Steve Murrell, Police Chief

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Tom Dowling; Gordon Kemp; Rick Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Robert & Andrea Quaglin; Carol Reller; Matt Saxton; Barbara Viegener; Jude Willis; Bobbie Wilson

GUESTS: Bob Brown, Mill Hollow Heritage

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Steve M. led in the Pledge of Allegiance

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

The Board acknowledged Bob Brown from Mill Hollow. Discussion took place on the policy that was presented on releasing water from Lake Warren for Chase's Mill only if natural flow over the lake spillway is not enough to demonstrate the turbines; only on Saturday; only if needed; only during May 1-Oct 20 each year; only the amount needed to fill the mill pond on each release; and only by a person authorized by the Select Board. This year will be a trial year for these limitations. It was noted that all water released is returned to Warren Brook after use and not "withdrawn". After some discussion on who would be assigned to do this, Joel volunteered to be the person to control the stoplogs. On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to approve the procedures that was presented and Joel to be the person to control the stoplogs unless Prescott hears otherwise from DES. The motion passed unanimously.***

The Board acknowledged the library Trustees, Matt Saxton, Carol Reller and Librarian Alyson Montgomery. Matt explained that they noticed at the last meeting there was a wrinkle in the paint. They called Mike who came up the next day and found the drainage on the roof, which is internal, (no gutters on the outside edge) were found to be plugged with leaves. Matt presented a proposal from Given Masonry for repairs that need to be done right away in order to fix the leak. The cost is \$12k. The work would be to clean out gutters and apply geocell to all exposed areas. Geocell is a substance that has been used on copper for more than three decades. Given would come back next year to complete the project for an additional \$12k. Matt said the standing agreement for the library is they pay for the books and the programs and the town is responsible for the building. They are asking for the \$12k this year for the town to pay and the library will include the remaining \$12k on the warrant article next year. On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve to pay \$12k for repairs of the leaking library roof. The motion passed unanimously.***

ACTION ITEMS: Signed report of cut; pay rate sheets; Bennett Rd. letter

UPDATES:

Mary Ann: Spoke with Mr. Gowdy before the meeting who told her that Friendly Meals is not going to be using the town hall this year. They will look into again next spring.

Met with Mike Jasmin regarding the RFP for the transfer station. He is finishing it and will be here in two weeks to present it.

Signed up for the ARPA funds. She didn't know what the next step is. Joel recommended to reach out to Will Pearson.

Joe: Alissa Bascom has replaced Michael Harrington on the school board.

Joel: The Alstead Center logging job. Lots of opportunity for erosion. Chair of Conservation Commission was there with someone from DRA to assess the situation. No report back.

The dust control substance that Prescott is using is a byproduct of the paper making process and been used since 1920. A serious environmental upgrade from straight up calcium chloride.

He may have found another source of funds to cover a drainage project on Pine Cliff Rd. if needed next year. The Federal environmental people have a revolving fund they'd like to spend on stormwater management.

He and Gordon has a meeting tomorrow at 10:00 at Vilas Pool with the commissioner of historic resources.

The Board acknowledged Steve. He mentioned that Jack was in over the weekend to install the mini splits. He advised the Board that he would be on vacation next week.

Charlotte gave the Board two dates for the 5-town meeting with their Select Board members which is Friday July 30th or August 6th, 4:30 or 5:00 at the Walpole School. Either date will work with all.

The Board thanked Jude for her work on her report of the Alstead school sidewalk study she had emailed this week. Jude stated that she knows this has been discussed before and would like to know if anyone has anything that could help in what the roadblocks were. Charlotte will send her some information she has.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of July 13, 2021: On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

INFORMATIONAL:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bobbie asked about the minutes that stated a playground catalog was requested. Mary Ann told her that she requested them just to see what may be available for Bragg Lane but that we are just in preliminary stages right now. Bobbie stated that when she sees things like this, she feels that Vilas Pool gets left out. She said the park struggles with money. They do have a lot of events to help fund things but there are lots of repairs and upkeep that need to be done and they could use money as well. Mary Ann said see what happens tomorrow when they meet with the commissioner to see if there is any funding available for the park.

On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.