

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of May 25, 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; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool Committee

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Duffy-Howard; Mr. Ingalls; Gordon Kemp; Mark Mastrocinque; Rich Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Jude Willis

GUESTS: Peter De Villiers, just purchased land on Baine Road (on google meets)

While waiting to call the meeting to order Mary Ann asked if anyone would like to volunteer to say the pledge. Mark Mastrocinque led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mary Ann welcomed Mr. De Villiers to the meeting. She said that he would like to upgrade a small section (approximately 200 yards) on Baine Road to a Class V. He is willing to pay for the upgrade which would be past Mr. Ingalls driveway and would have a turnaround for the plow trucks. Mr. Ingalls spoke agreeing he was in favor of this. Mr. De Villiers said he would upgrade it to the town requirements. After some discussion the Board expressed approval for this and told Mr. De Villiers that we would run this by Prescott and have Charlotte reach out to NHMA to see if we need a public hearing or a warrant article at the annual meeting.

Richard Nalevanko said it might be worthwhile to check with the planning board on what was discussed regarding the subdivision located there that was approved back in 2008.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed intent to cut (Ragan Lower); report of cut warrants; edited indemnification resolution, alcohol and credit card policies; tax warrant

OLD BUSINESS: Mary Ann mentioned that Charlotte is going to do redo the zero-tolerance policy as page two and three was left out.

Joe said that he had submitted the request for dredging Vilas Pool to Jeanne Shaheen by the deadline last Friday.

Charlotte mentioned that she had called Liberty Utilities about the NHSAVES program to get some more information on getting some financial assistance with the mini-splits that are planned to be installed. She sent the quote to them and they forwarded it to Franklin Energy Services who will do the evaluation.

The Board acknowledged Steve and asked about the person in town that wants to go door to door to sell educational materials for children. Steve said that based on his research the business is legit but he is waiting to hear back from the consumer division of the AG's office to see if a license is required. The Board agreed subject to approval from the AG's office. Rich Nalevanko suggested that it may be wise to do a background check.

Mary Ann asked Steve about the security cameras. Steve said he wasn't able to get a written quote from the other company but received a verbal quote which was higher than the first one. He recommended going with the first quote. Jesse has not money in his budget for the cameras at the fire station. Steve said he could come up with some money from his budget. The

total for both buildings was around \$9,000. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted in favor of getting the security cameras for both the fire station and municipal building. The motion passed unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS: Mary Ann asked Gordon about a phone at Vilas Pool. Gordon said he is looking into this to find out what the cost would be just having it month to month. Mary Ann also inquired about Gordon wanting a town credit card. Bobbie said that the Vilas Pool Board would like for him to have a credit card. After some discussion the Board approved for Gordon to have a card.

Discussion took place on the quote from Donald Crump in the amount of \$978.00 to replace the steps on the side of the municipal building. There was some question if this included replacing the hand rails. Charlotte said that these are rotted as well and she doubted very much that he would reuse them but would double check with him. On a motion by Joel, seconded by Mary Ann; ***the Board voted to approve the quote from Donald Crump as long as it included replacing the hand rails as well.***

Joel spoke on Well Hill Co-op. He said that their lender has been communicating with the Select Board about some of their tenants not paying property taxes. The lender, Community Loan Fund, wants us to approve the hosting of a public hearing mid-June to get Southwest Regional Planning to use grant money to do an assessment of the infrastructure in the park and make recommendations. No money to be raised by the town and no obligation on the towns part to follow through on the recommendations. Joel said that Well Hill has made revisions to the mortgage agreement that says if tenants want to remain in good standing in the park, they have to be in non-lien status with the town. Joel thinks its in the towns best interest for the co-op succeed.

Joel said that he met with 2/3 of the Cemetery Trustees, Tedd Benson, and Student Conservation Association about the Rust Cemetery access off of Pratt Rd. The goal is to make sure the public's right of access is preserved. There is a landowner that would like to discourage public access but the town does have the legal right of way to the cemetery.

Mary Ann brought up the issue from last week where a landowner wanted to arrange a payment plan for purchasing a culvert. Charlotte had contacted legal at NHMA and they advised against this.

The subject of the sidewalk on the exit side if town hall in need of possible repair for safety before 2022 elections. Mary Ann asked Charlotte if she could check with Prescott to see if he could look into this.

Mary Ann told everyone that as of this afternoon that Jodi Kercewich resigned from the transfer station effective immediately.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of May 18 2021: On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bobbie mentioned that Vilas Pool will be opening Friday, June 4th. She asked if they could get the parking area mowed and asked what type of schedule they will be on. The Board asked Charlotte to check with Prescott. Bobbie also brought up that she noticed there was a volunteer that mowed Millot Green and that she thinks more people would volunteer for things if they didn't have to sign a form. Steve said he thinks we have to be careful and the volunteer form should stay in place or some sort of informal process to protect the town.

INFORMATIONAL: Town Clerk's office will be closed Thursday, May 27th. Town offices closed Monday, May 31st.

On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.