

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MAY 26, 2015**

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

The Alstead Board of Selectmen opened the Public Hearing on the Sam and Peggy Sutcliffe's application for a "Discretionary Preservation Easement Application". First Selectman Joel McCarty asked if Sam Sutcliffe would like to talk about what the easement is. Sam sent around a picture of the barn that he was asking the easement on and he gave a brief history of the barn. This easement allows the Town Selectmen to give an easement from 25% to 75% on the assessment of the building. A discretionary preservation easement provides a demonstrated public benefit if it provides at least one of the following public benefits: 1 - There is a scenic enjoyment of the structure by the general public from a public way or from public waters, 2 - The Structure is historically important on a local, regional, state, or national level, either independently or within an historic district, or 3 - The structure's physical or aesthetic features contribute to the historic or cultural integrity of a property listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, state register of historic places, or locally historic district. This is a ten year contract between the Town and the property owner which can or may be renewed in ten years.

A discussion ensued, pointing out many points of view. It was stated would Sam be willing to have the public into the barn. It was explained the criteria didn't require that, but he taken part at the Alstead Sestercentennial on the house tour. Other views was that if you could afford and wanted bring an old barn back that was fine, but just pay the taxes, don't expect help to keep it up. Another view was to keep structures as it is part of our history and heritage. One Selectman was not interested in having to have anything to do with implementing the easement. When no one had any more input the Selectmen deliberated on what to do. Selectman Chris Rietmann made the motion to grant the easement at 50% of the assessed value. Joel McCarty seconded the motion. The vote was two to one to accept the easement with a 50% assessed value reduction. The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:55 PM.

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:58 PM. Members present were Joel C. McCarty, Chris Rietmann, and Rock Wilson. Several residents were also in attendance.

Joel asked if the Cobb Hill project was finished. The Secretary informed them that it is pretty well done. She believed they were putting some better gravel on top today.

The Police Posting is complete and has been posted quite a few places. The Secretary is still looking into the cost of advertising in the Manchester Union, and perhaps the MA. Chiefs of

Police site. So far there are six that have volunteered to be on the police Chief Search Committee. So far there are six people on it: Marcello D'Allessandro, Ed Reller, Matt Saxton, Randy Rhoades, Principal Gail Rowe, and Chris Rietmann.

There were two more Abatement requests; one for Mountain Parks International which was denied, and one for Gregory T. Aldrich which was granted. The Selectmen signed both Abatements.

The Selectmen received a letter from the Whites at the Bed and Breakfast on Alstead Center Hill asking if they could use the town common for parking on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen voted to approve the request.

There will be an executive session meeting with the Langdon Selectmen, the Board of Directors of the Foodshelf and the Alstead Selectmen on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Langdon Baker building.

The Secretary will try to have the green back tax book done by next week. She wants to check her figures to make sure they are correct.

Selectman Chris Rietmann stated that someone might be coming to meeting to ask if a Town event could be planned on the Millot Green this summer. It might be a craft show and some food booths.

The Minutes of the Meeting of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were read and accepted. Vouchers for payment of various bills totaling \$470,814.56 were submitted for payment. The Selectmen read their mail and signed the manifest. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The Board will reconvene in open session on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Officers.