

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Minutes for Meeting of May 7, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Alan Dustin, Chairman; Rock Wilson; Mary Ann Wolf

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jodi Kercewich, Transfer Station Supervisor; Kim Kercewich, Fire Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Kemp; Bob McGuire; Marge Noonan; Jane Quaglin; Barbara Viegner

GUESTS: Joe Ruggiero

CALL TO ORDER: Alan Dustin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: At 6:00 p.m. Alan Dustin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS: Bill and payroll manifests signed; Quick Claim deed for Porter Rd signed; Tax Warrant signed; credit card policy signed; Intent to cut for Timber Owners of NE, Landry/Provencher and Balla signed; mail read

DISCUSSION: Prescott addressed the board about Old Settlers Road that it is the only road still posted. They are still having problems with things sliding. He stated that they are almost done with getting the sand in. Some discussion took place on the cost of getting trash truck up and running. Prescott said he thinks it would cost \$4-\$6k in repairs not to mention the cost of fuel and driving hours if we were to truck the trash ourselves.

Joe Ruggiero addressed the board stating he is asking for a 5% increase per haul. After very little discussion, on a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted unanimously to give a 5% increase and asked that they would send a contract.*** Jodi gave Joe the keys and let him know that they will be keeping the gate locked.

Jodi addressed the board regarding the comingle issue. Jodi would like to have an informational meeting night at the town hall for the community at the end of June to educate people on the recycle situation. After much discussion on various ways to improve things at the transfer station to cut costs, Alan asked Jodi to prepare a list of things that are needed in order to upgrade.

Prescott addressed the board regarding cutting edges for the grader. They now use steel and would like to get carbide as it will last longer but more expensive. Alan said to come back with a price.

Some discussion took place on opening the Vilas Pool dam. The board unanimously agreed to wait until the fall to try and open the dam. Prescott said Fish and Game will be stocking in two weeks.

Some discussion took place on the LED grant. Although there is a line item for GG grant in the budget there was not money put in here for this year. After some discussion, the Board would like to wait and put this in the budget to be done next year.

Some discussion took place on the Fairpoint settlement. Alan will get in touch with Langdon to find out how they are planning to proceed. Charlotte said that she had reached out to Acworth and they had the attorney at one of their meetings to go over things. She said that she could schedule something if they wanted. Alan will let her know after he speaks with Langdon.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of April 23th, 2019: On a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gordon Kemp addressed the board saying he didn't think we should be spending extra time and money on recycle.

INFORMATIONAL: Select Board's office will be closed May 9th – 5th
Auditors will be here May 28-31.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS): On a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 7:21 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Select Board Members present: Alan Dustin, Chairman; Rock Wilson; Mary Ann Wolf
Also present were: Fire Chief Kim Kercewich; Office Administrator Charlotte Comeau

Kim informed the board he had a good discussion with crew members and everything seems fine their only complaint is they would like to see more ice suits. They had no plans to quit.

Kim recommended to the Board to get racks on wheels to replace cubbies in order to utilize space better at station. Kim asked if Board would reconsider approving turn out gear for new member, that he is very committed. On a motion by Rock, seconded by Mary Ann ***The Board voted unanimously to approve the turn out gear and will sign PO at next meeting.***

Kim mentioned that he would like to give the town phone back but keep the phone number. The Board was in agreement to this.

On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted unanimously to exit NPS and reconvene public meeting at 7:45 p.m.***

The Board reviewed and signed the minutes.

On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next regular meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21th 6:00 p.m.