

Town of Alstead
First Session February 2, 2018
Minutes

Moderator Susan Norlander called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

The Moderator discussed the historical significance of Ground Hog's Day. She then then discussed the procedures and the rule of conduct. The Moderator also introduced all of the officials that were present and announced the date and time of the town election.

- 1 This article pertains to town officers elections and there was no discussion.

- 2 To raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,630,969. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,577,178, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Motion: Tim Noonan

Seconded: Alan Dustin

No Discussion.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

- 3 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,652 for the purpose of paving roads with said funds to come from December 31 unassigned fund balance. This will be used to pave Hill Rd, Bell Hill. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Rock Wilson

Seconded: Alan Dustin

No Discussion.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

- 4 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. \$35,000 to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: John Mann

Seconded: Alan Dustin

Rich Nalavenko: What is the fund balance?

Bruce Bellows: \$80,284.36

Rich Nalavenko: What is the next item this is to be used for?

Glenn Elsesser: Tanker Replacement

No further discussion.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

- 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988. \$65,000 is to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Rock Wilson

Seconded: Alan Dustin

Rich Nalavenko: What is the fund balance?

Bruce Bellows: \$62,849.93

Rich Nalavenko: What is the next item this is to be used for?

Glenn Elsesser: 2012 Dodge 1 ton

No further discussion.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

- 6 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012. \$25,000 is to come from the fund balance. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required).

Motion: Alan Dustin

Seconded: Rock Wilson

Rich Nalavenko: What is the fund balance?

Bruce Bellows: \$198,000.00

Rich Nalavenko: What is the next item this is to be used for?

Glenn Elsesser: Drewsville Bridge

No further discussion.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

- 7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund. The sum of \$5,000 to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Alan Dustin

Seconded: Rock Wilson

Rich Nalavenko: What is the fund balance?

Bruce Bellows: \$8,033.05

Rich Nalavenko: What is the next item this is to be used for?

Glenn Elsesser: Compactor Replacement

No further discussion.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

- 8** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,627 for the purpose of re-roofing the Municipal Offices with standing seam metal. Money to come from December 31, 2018 unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1) (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joel McCarty

Seconded: Alan Dustin

Discussion to the merits of standing seam metal versus asphalt took place.

Motion to end discussion: Bruce Bellows

Seconded: Glenn Elsesser

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The Moderator commented on the speed that the meeting was proceeding and took a moment to have all of the candidates for office in the upcoming election that were present introduce themselves.

- 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,600 for the purpose of masonry repair, foundation repair, pointing, and foundation drainage for the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the Library Capital Reserve fund previously established in 2010 with the remainder of \$45,600 to be raised from new taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Motion: Joel McCarty

Seconded: Rock Wilson

Bruce Bellows: Fund balance is \$62,394.00

Bob Quaglin: Why aren't we using Library funds for this?

Bruce Bellows: Funds are assigned by the fund donaters as to what the interest can cover.

Jeff Smull: Concurred with Bruce and reiterated it.

Joe Cartwright: Has Library shifted on its foundation?

Jeff Smull: It has shifted due to foundation shifting.

Joe Levesque: He is writing a grant request for 1/2 of the funds to be spent which will be returned to the town if granted.

No further discussion.

Motion to end discussion: Ann Cartwright

Seconded: Jodi Kercewich

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

- 10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,100 for the purpose of installing a new 4-foot woven high-tensile 12-1/2 gauge black wire fence for the Pine Grove Cemetery. The sum of \$6,100 to be raised from taxation. This article is not recommended by the Board of Selectmen (0-3) (Majority vote required)

Motion: Bruce Bellows

Seconded: Jodi Kercewich

Ann Cartwright: Why did the selectmen not recommend this?
Rock Wilson: He was indifferent on the matter.
Alan Dustin: Would like to wait for 1 year due to other expenses.
Tim Noonan: Would like to wait for 1 year due to other expenses.
Bruce Bellows: Commented on the poor condition of the existing fence
Barbara Viegner: Questioned whether more tree work should be done before fence.
No further discussion.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

- 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of permits for culverts on Thayer Brook Rd and Pine Cliff. The sum of \$35,000 to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority Vote Required).

Motion: Rock Wilson

Seconded: Alan Dustin

Discussion about the verbage of the article resulted in no change to the verbage.

Motion to end discussion: Jodi Kercewich

Seconded: Bruce Bellows

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

- 12** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolutions:

Whereas nine nations together have over 14,000 nuclear weapons in their arsenals, most far more destructive than the two that killed hundreds of thousands in Japan in 1945;

Whereas detonation of even a small number of these weapons could have catastrophic human and environmental consequences affecting everyone on the planet;

Whereas the United States maintains hundreds of nuclear missiles in underground silos on hair-trigger alert, to be launched within minutes with great risk of an accidental, mistaken or unauthorized launch;

Whereas the United States reserves the right to use nuclear weapons first, making a nuclear war more likely;

Whereas the U.S. president has the sole and unchecked authority to order the use of nuclear weapons;

Whereas over the next 30 years, the United States plans to spend an estimated \$1.7 trillion to replace its entire nuclear arsenal;

Whereas the United States, as well as Britain, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals;

We call upon the U.S. government to embrace the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and make global nuclear disarmament the centerpiece of our national security policy.

We call on the United States government to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first
- ending the president's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack
- taking US nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert
- cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons
- actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals

Alstead's Board of Selectmen will send copies of this resolution with a record of its adoption to all members of our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation and to the President. (Submitted by petition). (Majority Vote Required)

Chris Hansen, writer of this article, read this article.

Motion: Chris Hansen

Seconded: Joel McCarty

Some discussion followed.

Motion to end discussion: Jeff Smull

Seconded: Jodi Kercewich

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

The meeting ended at 11:06 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Anderson
Town Clerk/Tax Collector