

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for the June 28, 2017 meeting

Members in attendance:

Chris Hansen, Chris Rietmann, Carol Reller, Sam Sutcliffe, Barbara Viegner, Mary Ann Wolf, Glenn Elsesser, Juliana Stevens Marge Noonan

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

AABC Vilas Pool Committee: Andrew Cushing NH Preservation Alliance met with the committee and inspected the facility, recommended actions starting with applying for a mini-grant (\$500) to evaluate the structure of the bell tower. Carol will work on applying for the grant. Grant Amounts and Process Awards are \$500, of which the grantee will provide a \$100 match, payable to the N.H. Preservation Alliance. Scope of work may occasionally require adjustments to award size. If so, match will be 20% of total award. Syrene Porter has given permission for her writings to be used in the grant application. Once the initial evaluation is completed they can apply for federal and state grants. The Pool has a donation box and contributions are submitted to Hans each week. These donations help to make up the difference between actual income (Vilas Pool Fund) and expenditures. Question was raised if the town will, in the future, make up the difference. AABC Vilas Pool Committee will be July 5 at town offices 6:30.

Expense tracking Committee: Chris R will meet with the SB to get permission to meet with the office staff to get this information.

Glenn gave a report on the bridge meeting. The SB decided to use the Michie Co. to work on the bridge using the Capital Reserve Fund and not wait for 80/20 program in 2020. Glenn does not feel the monies will become available even though the program has been approved.

SB meeting: Grant money for hazard mitigation has become available (March 14 snowstorm declared a disaster) and the town can apply funds to a current project. SB just needs to sign application by 8/1.

CIP: David has asked for a road sweeper to clear the roads after heavy rain storms. The scheduled truck replacement can wait another year.

The town has to pay OT to employees who work in different departments if they go over 40 hrs/week. This includes DPW workers who also are on-call firemen, cover at transfer station, etc. The town had to retroactively pay employees for the past two years at a cost of \$10,000.

Coastal billing service gave a presentation to the SB regarding ambulance billing. They have a \$500 set-up fee and 9% of collected billings.

There is some interest in buying the Kmiec gravel pit. Some questioned the loss of tax revenue and setting up another dept. in DPW. Kelly to look into cost of bond.

Money from the sale of fire and rescue truck should go into unassigned fund balance.

Bob Quaglin will work with Kelly preparing job descriptions and should have them done in a month.

Fire Dept. is still working on the need for physicals and how it will be implemented and the town's liability.

Action items: Mary Ann is still working on getting ambulance billing info. And will also check with Jesse regarding how Walpole gets their physicals.

Next meeting: July 12.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Marge Noonan