

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602
Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Mary Ann Wolf; Joe Levesque (in person)

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Stephen Murrell, Police Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent (in person) Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool Committee (on phone)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Tom Dowling, Lake Warren Association; John Mann, Lake Warren Association; Marge Noonan; Barbara Viegener; Ed & Nancy Wasowski; Judith Willis

GUESTS:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: At 6:00 p.m. Mary Ann opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION: The Board acknowledged John Mann and Tom Dowling. Some discussion took place on the stop boards that Bob Brown removed so he could take some of the water from the lake for the mill. Tom said they have no problem with them getting water but his concern is that anyone can go there now and raise up the board and let water out. The lake is low this year and in order to protect it they would like it to be at normal height. They have no problem with mill taking water on occasion but is asking that the town put the top board in, lock it and either have someone from town unlock it or give Bob Brown a key and have him unlock it when needed and lock it back after. John Mann showed an example of a board that he designed that could be used. Both Mary Ann and Joe agreed for them to have the top board on.

The Board acknowledged Ed and Nancy Wasowski. Nancy mentioned that there has been a lot of accidents at the junction of Barnett Hill and MacLean Rd. and wondered if there could be some additional signs in hopes that people will slow down. After much discussion, it was decided to put up slower speed and dangerous intersection signs.

Mary Ann mentioned that Charlotte checked with Primex and that they stated that it is too much of a liability and we should not be filling residents' pools and to keep the policy as is.

Charlotte mentioned that Laura is willing to clean the East Fire Station and that it would take about 6-8 hours. She also mentioned that she could get a 12-gallon shop vac at Home Depot for \$79. Mary Ann asked why hasn't the fire fighters kept it clean? She can see Laura doing it once in preparation to paint but that the fire dept. should keep it clean. Mary Ann said that she and Joe will be attending a fire dept meeting next month, they will give the shop vac, mention that Laura will come in and do a thorough cleaning and ask them that the fire dept to paint and keep clean. On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the board voted to order a shop vac for each dept.***

Mary Ann asked about the glass at the transfer station. Prescott said he's still looking into the best place to put this. Didn't have a time frame as he still has to find out more about the process, confirm with landowners, and do more work on the roads.

Some discussion took place on using the old cones in the parking area by town hall but it was decided not to do this. Prescott mentioned that he may be able to get some barriers that they could bolt down and take up in the winter time. He will look into this.

Jesse asked if they could get a bollard post to put on the opposite side of the building to prevent auto access on the sidewalk and blocking the ambulance/fire. Prescott will look into this.

Prescott mentioned they were painting the parking lines over there and asked about the handicap parking and how many did they want to have. The decision was to mark off two handicap parking places and to put the signage at the same height on the building.

Prescott presented a picture of the chairs that we currently have which were all rusted. He gave a quote of other chairs and a compact chair rack that will hold 84 chairs sold by Uline. Charlotte had some quotes from Staples. After discussion about various vendors, on a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board agreed for Charlotte to order 80 chairs and a chair rack. The motion passed.***

Joe asked if there was a decision on the washer and dryer. Charlotte mentioned that she hadn't been involved with that. Joe believes we can get reimbursed for the cost of this with the GOFERR funds. Joe said it was around \$1,000 for washer and dryer and around \$100 for the installation. This would be used by anyone that is contaminated.

Jesse asked about getting a UV unit for the ambulance. He said the unit is about \$500. He wanted to know if GOFERR money would reimburse for this. He said there is also a hand held unit that could be used on a smaller scale. Joe will look into this. He thinks it is a good chance it will be covered.

Mary Ann said she feels the Select Board is responsible for deciding on when Friendly Meals could begin having meals at the town hall. She said the three of them are entrusted with that building and that any blow back will be on the board. She said Friendly Meals thinks that as soon as the hall is ready, they are going to start preparing and dishing out the take-out meals there. She doesn't have a problem with that but didn't believe that was clear. Charlotte said she heard that they don't have enough room at the kitchen but Mary Ann said there is plenty of room there. Mary Ann would like to be very cautious on this. Charlotte mentioned that she received an email from a town group she belongs to and the same question was asked. She said there were 8 other towns that responded that they were not opening their town facilities to third parties and none that said they were. Mary Ann said she called the Director of Keene Community Kitchen and Claremont Soup Kitchen and hospital. They are all take out only right now. She said that she knows as the weather gets colder people will want to come inside but with 8-foot tables and social distancing there could only be 2 people to a table with the tables scattered out. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Mary Ann; ***the Board voted to re-evaluate the use of town hall for third party use at the first meeting in October. The motion passed.***

Mary Ann asked Prescott what it would take to have a turnaround after the last building on Murphy Hill Rd. Prescott said there is already one there within 200 feet of that house. He said he doesn't see the need to change as what is there works. If they go above it, they would have to get permission to remove trees and put in a landing. He said the one that is there is working fine.

Discussion took place on the letter of deficiency on the Warren Lake Dam as well an emergency action plan that needs to be done. Prescott said the state is making recommendation, and there has been work done. He thinks that if we can show that we are moving forward with the repairs we will be okay. Mary Ann took the letter and EAP home.

Prescott talked about the large bill to Chrysler for fixing the trucks. He said he reached out to Randy Kmiec who works on the same engine. Randy is willing to come in nights and weekends. Although the pay rate hadn't been negotiated yet, Prescott asked if we could hire him as a part time mechanic and pay him \$20/hour. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Mary Ann; ***the Board voted to hire Randy at \$20/hour as a local mechanic for the trucks. The motion passed.***

ACTION ITEMS: Signed: bill and payroll manifest

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of July 28, 2020: On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes. The motion passed.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

INFORMATIONAL:

On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. The motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.