

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for the February 11 meeting

Members in attendance:

Dan Curll
Chris Hansen
Donna Sabin
Chris Reitman
Priscilla Sawa
Juliana Stevens
Sam Sutcliffe
Les Thomas
Jonathan Wildes

Also present:

Joel McCarty
Glenn Elsesser

Topics discussed:

- Chairman Chris R. officially resigned from the committee since he will replace Mike Jasmin on the Select Board. Chris H. as timekeeper takes over the chair until the election of committee officers.
- According to the by-laws, a Chair, Secretary and Timekeeper shall be elected at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the Annual Town Meeting, but not later than April 30.
- There are two vacancies on the committee now. According to the by-laws, if vacancies occur, the Committee shall recruit new members, who shall then be approved and appointed by the Town Moderator. Newly appointed members shall serve out the remainder of the terms of the vacating members.
- The votes were close at the deliberative session. It's hard to predict what the outcome of the town meeting will be.
- We need to give the Select Board tonight our up and down vote for each warrant article so those results can be added to the ballot.
- We can also add content to the mailer that will be sent out in March 3 explaining the 2015 articles.
- We can add a blurb about AABC's work this year to the annual report.
- Votes on the warrant articles (Chris R not voting):
 - Article 2 as amended (Les, Juliana) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
 - Article 3 (Juliana, Donna) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
 - Article 4 (Juliana, Donna) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
 - Article 5 (Sam, Jonathan) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)

- Article 6 (Juliana, Donna) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 7 (Juliana, Donna) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 8 (Sam, Les) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 9 (Les, Donna) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 10 (Juliana, Donna) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 11 (Sam, Juliana) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 12 (Juliana, Les) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 13 (Juliana, Les) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 14 (Juliana, Donna) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 15 (Sam, Juliana) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 16 (Sam, Juliana) (8 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Article 17 (Sam, Les) (8 in favor of no comment, 0 opposed)
- Article 18 (Priscilla, Juliana) (0 in favor, 8 opposed)
- Article 19 (Juliana, Dan) (7 in favor, 1 opposed)
- Article 20 (Juliana, Sam) (6 in favor, 2 opposed)
- Article 21 (Donna, Juliana) (4 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions)
- Article 22 (Donna, Juliana) (4 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions)
- Article 23 (Donna, Juliana) (3 in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstentions)
- We reviewed the blurb for the annual report and made a few changes.
- We discussed what text to add to the mailer.
- We discussed how often we need to meet over the summer.

Motions:

- The meeting minutes of February 4 were approved.
- We voted 8 to 0 to postpone a motion to meet once a month from March 15 to Labor Day.

Action items:

- Chris R. will post the FAQs on the website.
- Chris R. will draft an announcement for the website about the vacancies on the committee.
- Chris R. will revise the blurb for the annual report and send it to us for approval.
- Priscilla will send these minutes to Linda so she will have our voting on the articles.
- Chris R. will work with Priscilla to move the AABC shared folder to her drive.
- Chris R. will give Priscilla author privileges to the AABC website.
- Priscilla will contact Chris R. about ownership of the AABC Facebook account. (This Facebook is currently inactive.)
- Dan will draft the text for the mailer.

Next meeting:

We agreed to meet February 25 at 7:00 pm.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Decision about PR for the March 10 town meeting
- Selection of officers and recruitment of new members
- Determine which subcommittees will be active over the summer, determine goals for those subcommittees and membership
- Determine frequency of meetings for the committee as a whole.

Comments from the public:

None.