

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday, November 10th, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices. Members present were Joel C. McCarty and Chris Rietmann. Approximately fifteen residents were also in attendance.

Joyce Curll, Nan Montgomery, and Sarah Webb were in attendance to talk about the grant that was given by Southwestern Regional Planning to protect the water quality of Lake Warren. The buffer between Pine Cliff Road and the lake is the first thing that needs to be done. This year sticks will be put in to delineate the road for winter plowing. David Crosby, DPW Supervisor stated that he had graded the road for the last time before winter so John Mann could put the sticks up anytime. In the spring volunteers will plant plants that are native to the area in the buffer. Some help might be needed to prepare the soil outside of the sticks for the planting.

Also Joyce stated that there would be a meeting on Thursday at 1:30 PM at the Boat Landing with NH Fish & Game to show what they want to do to prevent run off at the Boat Landing. David Crosby, DPW Supervisor will attend as well as Selectman, Rock Wilson.

Meeting Minutes of November 3rd, 2015 were read and accepted with corrections.

Chris made the motion up to amend the minutes of the meeting of April 28th, 2015 to read "The Town of Alstead Board of Selectmen, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$6,000 for the purchase of assistance in updating the Town's Emergency Operations Plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$6,000, in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$3,000). Joel seconded the motion and it was voted unanimously to change the minutes.

Again the tax rate was discussed as the Selectmen need to set the tax rate. Many views were brought up, some wanting to use some of the fund balance to lower the taxes, some wanted to use the fund balance on warrant articles or the operating budget. Capital Reserve funds were discussed; some feeling that by having the money already appropriated makes departments buy better equipment than they need. Some people felt that people would think more about purchases if they had to raise all the money in one year. Some people felt that it was easier to understand if the fund balance was used to offset the operating budget or warrant articles. Rock was not at the meeting but he had told Joel that he would like to see \$160,000 put toward the tax rate, but per RSA he is not in attendance thus he doesn't have a vote. Chris would like to

see \$100,000 and Joel wants none put towards lowering the tax rate. Joel stated that by default (they couldn't agree) nothing would be put toward the tax rate. Chris nodded in agreement.

Vouchers for payment of various bills totaling \$90,723.64 were submitted for payment. The Selectmen signed the manifest and read their mail. The Selectmen voted (Chris/Joel) to go into Executive Session with Police Chief Marcello D'Alessandro citing RSA 91-A:3 (c) at 7:18 PM. The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 7:40 PM. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM. The Board will reconvene in open session on Tuesday, November 17th, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices.