

## **Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for the June 24, 2015 Meeting**

### **Members in Attendance:**

Chris Hansen  
Sam Sutcliffe  
Juliana Stevens  
Glenn Elsesser  
Nick Sintros  
Carol Reller  
Les Thomas  
Bonnie Chase

### **Also Present:**

Marge Noonan

### **Topics Discussed:**

- Meeting conduct – respectful to one’s conscience as well as to each other. All will participate in limiting/preventing flare-ups.
- Dan Curl’s resignation – his kind note was read and his resignation was accepted with gratitude and regret. The committee thanks Dan for his help in launching AABC and for all his hard work.
- Bonnie Chase accepted the empty committee member vacancy.
- Quarterly Report – Quarterly report committee will make sure an ALSTEAD BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE heading and AABC return address will be on all future mailings. The quarterly report subcommittee had focused on the informative content of the mailing and had not realized the return address would be the Select Board’s.
- Joel McCarty’s email – discussed relationship with town employees and town officials; how best to interact.
- Glenn was officially delegated to represent AABC at the Select Board's meeting on July 7, for the line-by-line review of the budget report.
- Hans Waldmann was unable to be present at the meeting, but had sent his Treasurer’s Monthly Reports for Jan. through March.
- EMSG subcommittee submitted their second level of reporting to Select Board. EMSG met with a representative from the state department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to discuss things the town is required to do should we desire to be eligible for FEMA funds.
- EMSG subcommittee will be working with the Fire Department next.
- There are 7 applicants for the Police Chief position.
- Les presented an organizational chart of town employees as well as the volunteer boards (AABC was missing).

- Duplication of efforts/overlap between AABC subcommittees and Select Board subcommittees discussed. It appears two groups have worked/are working on Police Chief job descriptions and interview items.
- DPW subcommittee report: Nick and Glenn met with David Crosby and discussed many items which included: plow routes and time it takes to do each; bus routes; buildings, equipment; crushing; Vilas Hill.
- July and August Meeting Schedule – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
- Chris H. will be away for the next meeting. Carol will be the chair if available. If she is not available, Les will be the chair.

### **Motions:**

The meeting minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup> were approved (5 approved, 4 abstentions)

### **Action Items:**

- Sam will look for the motion that the Select Board approved regarding AABC's functions.
- Les will purchase a thank you card for Dan so AABC members can all sign it at next meeting.
- Juliana and Priscilla will draft a bylaw amendment regarding 'majority vote' or 'majority present vote'
- Carol will post on the Alstead Chronicles that AABC is looking for volunteers
- Carol will communicate with the Select Board regarding the apparent duplication of efforts between 2 committees.
- Mary Ann will create and post AABC's July and August schedule.

### **Next Meeting:**

July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### **Agenda items for next meeting:**

Discuss Hans Waldmann Treasurer's Monthly Reports

### **Comments from the public:**

None

Mary Ann took the minutes for this meeting