

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

To attend via Google Meet, access code is <https://meet.google.com/hnr-zuns-igp>
Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

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

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jodi Kercewich, Transfer Station Supervisor; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool Committee

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Duffy-Howard; Gordon Kemp; Mark Mastrocinque; Rich Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Barbara Viegner; Jude Willis (in person);

GUESTS:

While waiting to call the meeting to order Mary Ann asked if anyone would like to volunteer to say the pledge. Mark Mastrocinque led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ACTION ITEMS: Signed intent to cut; Zero Tolerance Policy

OLD BUSINESS: The trash can that was ordered and delivered was there for inspection. It was determined that it was too small and no way to secure it on Millot Green so the Board agreed to donate it to Vilas Pool.

Steve addressed the Board about combining the quote for Ambulance with the Police security cameras for a better deal. He stated that it was the lowest the seller can go and that the price is based on a sale price on the cameras that would be expiring on the 28th. The Board asked him to get one or two other quotes so they could compare.

Steve gave an update that they have received more bicycle helmets to distribute. He doesn't know yet when they will hold the event.

Jodi addressed the Board about the bailer stating that it was in Boston. They are currently putting the door on it and it won't be ready for another three to four weeks.

Jodi presented three quotes. One for Farrar to put a reconditioned motor for the compactor in the amount of \$2,941.88 which is something they need. One for Chris Lane Enterprises to remove two large trees at Maple Side Cemetery for \$3,400.00. One for Russell Tree to remove dead standing wood and smaller pines at Pine Grove Cemetery for two days of work at \$900.00 a day for a total of \$1,800. The Board was in agreement with this.

Some discussion took place on Rust Cemetery. Joel said that he has received a map showing the right of way. Joel said that there are some volunteers that want to maintain the trail and cemetery.

Mary Ann brought up to Jodi about the Cemetery Equipment policy that is in place and that Joe didn't think the Board should sign this since the Cemetery Trustees are elected officials. Jodi said that if she was given the policy, she would get the Trustees to sign it.

Joel will be sitting down with Sarah Webb soon regarding Bragg Lane situation.

Joel gave an update on the meeting with Cinde Warmington, Executive Councilor for New Hampshire. They spoke mostly about infrastructure, broadband and bridges. Gordon said that he brought her to Vilas Pool to show her around. Joe said that he was still trying to register the park on the "New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places"

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion took place on Jeanne Shaheen's email and form. Charlotte said that it was not something they can fill out tonight and that there has to be a specific project named. The deadline is May 21st. Gordon asked Charlotte to email him the form.

Brief discussion took place on the changes the Governor made for Covid on May 7th. Mary Ann stated that basically nothing has changed that would affect the way we do things.

Mary Ann stated that she is registered to attend a webinar on May 12th at 4:00 about ways we can spend the money allocated for the American Rescue Plan. She asked if anyone had any questions so she can send in ahead of time.

Joel stated that there was a good meeting with the leadership of Well Hill Co-op which was originally about some of the tenants that were behind on taxes. They had said they were going to update their rental agreement to add that in order to not be evicted the tenants need to be current with taxes. This was voted down. However, an advisor from Community Loan Fund, Zachery Palmer, who was representing the lender said he is going to make that a condition of their continued finance agreement. He made an offer of a revolving line of credit to the Co-op and then reached out to Southwest Regional Planning and got them to agree to a feasibility study grant. Joel said eventually they will be asked to vote to enter in to a grant agreement with Southwest Regional Planning that requires no matching funds needed from the town.

Joe gave an update on the school board meeting. He said there is a million dollars left over from 2020 school from home coming back to the taxpayers. Alstead will get somewhere between \$150-170K. This will be credited towards one of the monthly bills. The other thing the school is looking at is to become more energy efficient over a four-year period. This will be no cost to the tax payers. He also brought up the fact that the schools need upgraded air ventilation systems but this may cost more than to replace the building.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of May 4 2021: On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

INFORMATIONAL:

On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.