

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for the January 18, 2017 meeting

Members in attendance:

Chris Hansen
Mary Ann Wolf
Sam Sutcliffe
Glenn Elsesser
Barbara Viegener
Marge Noonan

Also present:

Chris Rietmann

Discussion

Chris Rietmann stated that the budget and warrant articles must be posted by January 30.

The Deliberative Session is February 4, 2017 at 10 AM. The posting of AABC recommendations will have to be voted on at that session. In the future, if the warrant article presented by AABC passes that will not be necessary.

The AABC report for the Town Report was presented by Sam Sutcliffe and was read by Chris H. Mary Ann moved we accept it, seconded and approved. 6 yes. Sam will email report to Kelly.

Mary Ann and Jodi prepared the recycle center report for the Town Report. As no copy was available this was not voted upon but has since been sent to AABC members for approval.

The operating budget meeting from the previous evening was discussed and it was moved and seconded that the AABC approve the budget. Article 2, as it is now presented. 5 yes, 1 Abstention (Had not had chance to review the proposal). These numbers can be changed at the deliberative session.

Glenn presented his proposals for the Warrant Articles. There is not a definite number for the police cruiser. Money to cover a lease cannot come out of capital reserve funds as that does not allow for an escape clause in the agreement. (RSA 32:7-a). He suggested we raise the down payment by taxes and use capital reserved fund for outfitting the vehicle. The small amount to be raised by taxes is because we will probably will not be getting the car till fall.

Glenn has forwarded everyone a copy of the warrant articles discussed and how they will be submitted to the Selectboard. Please see his email.

Chris H. mentioned that if a member of the AABC spoke to an issue at the Deliberative Session they should declare they are speaking as a board member or a private citizen.

The next meeting will be in two weeks, Feb. 1, 2017. Last meeting before the Deliberative Session. We will discuss who will speak for the AABC if the need arises.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:25

Respectfully submitted, Marge Noonan