

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Non-Public Session of October 13, 2021
Municipal Offices, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS): On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; *the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and RSA 91-A:3 II (e) at 10:55 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

Select Board members present were: Mary Ann Wolf; Joseph Levesque; Joel McCarty. Also present was Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

RSA 91-A:3 II (e) Letter was signed responding to Rich Nalevanko's request based on attorney's advice.

RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Discussed combining Transfer Station Supervisor and DPW as a full-time position. More info was needed from the two departments. Charlotte will schedule a meeting where all interested parties can be involved.

Discussion took place on using some of the ARPA funds to pay a "premium pay" bonus to "essential workers" that didn't receive money from the NH First Responder Stipend last year. Joel suggested that someone could check with Will Pearson's replacement at Cheshire County to see if ARPA fund can be used for this. Reviewed Title VI of the Social Security Act which defines essential workers and premium pay. It was agreed by Joe and Joel that employees that continued to work "to keep the wheels turning" would be classified as an essential worker for premium pay. The method that was agreed upon for an amount was to use the total amount that the state paid the first responders last year and divide the amount by how many people received a payment. Mary Ann did not agree this bonus should come from ARPA funds but rather from the budget. The board agreed a disclaimer should be given to the employees that would receive this bonus agreeing they did not receive any similar type funds previously from another position they are in anywhere else. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel *it was voted to pay a premium pay bonus to essential workers from the ARPA funds. Mary Ann's vote was no. The motion passed.*

On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; *the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvene public meeting at 11:48 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; *the Board voted to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall