

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday October 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the town offices. Members present were Chairman Tim Noonan, Rock Wilson and Alan Dustin. Tim led the pledge of allegiance.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Trish Anderson reviewed the 2019 budget with the Selectmen. The Selectmen said she has the authority to run the office how she wants and were all in agreement with what she presented.

Prescott reviewed the highway 2019 budget. Tim wants full time wages to go down not up. The figure suggested was \$83,000 but no vote. The board also said for the road striping to do fog lines only which would keep the budget at \$10,000. Tim questioned the \$25,000 for vehicle maintenance and the \$20,000 for vehicle repair, if both amounts were needed. Prescott confirmed that they spend that amount. Tim asked Prescott if we would need more gravel in the spring because we are getting it so late. Prescott said he would like to have some in the spring.

Selectmen will go over the numbers Prescott presented but asked him to lower some numbers and come back next month.

Prescott also informed the board that the 1997 backhoe at the transfer station needs replacing. Resident Glen Elsesser asked if capital reserve funds should be used for this. Glenn reviewed the capital reserve plan and discussion took place on this. Tim said they will keep this in mind.

Jodi questioned the transfer station phone costs, thinks it's too high. Charlotte will look into this and get back with her.

Charlotte presented new time card for review and approval. Tim motioned to accept this new card, Alan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Selectmen previously reviewed the draft auditors report via email. Tim motioned to finalize the report, Alan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Tim spoke on flushing Vilas Pool. After some discussion Tim motioned to have Prescott flush whenever he wants, Rock seconded, motion passed unanimously. Charlotte asked Prescott to let her know so it could be posted on the website.

Discussion took place on removing the tree near the dam at Vilas Pool in order to be compliant with the state request. Rock said he had previously received a quote from Chris Lane and he will call again. Resident Bob Quaglin mentioned that Wilcox Tree Service had done some work for them and did a good job at a reasonable price. Tim asked Charlotte to call Wilcox to get a quote.

Resident Joseph Levesque mentioned that he had been to Southwest Region Planning Commission and they had not received a letter regarding his nomination by the planning board and appointment by the Selectmen. Charlotte will look into this and prepare letter if necessary for next meeting for the board to sign and give to Joe for him to bring to SWRP.

Discussion took place amongst the board members regarding the email from Moderator Susan Norlander for their approval to appoint Holly Gay. However, Rock motioned to appoint Joseph Levesque, Alan seconded, motion passed unanimously and appointment paper was signed.

Tim asked if review forms were given to all the departments. Charlotte had given them to Highway only and will distribute to the other departments this week.

Resident Rosemarie Dowling spoke on her concern with the invasive Japanese Knotweed. She called the Dept. of Agriculture to see if the state will take care of it and is waiting to hear back. Prescott said there are funding issues at the state level and due to permitting issues it would not be something the state would do this year. He also said that the state won't mow the knotweed in District 4, they go around it.

Prescott informed the Selectmen that he had been approached by Acworth Highway Supervisor Ed Babneau regarding the work on Forest Rd. on the Acworth end. Ed wants to go into Alstead a little and wants to get the boards permission. There was some discussion on this and the board requested for Prescott to contact Ed and get a written description of the scope of work for their review.

Tim brought up to Prescott the subject of town assets on private property and that it is a risk. Prescott explained the situation. Tim said he was not against the projects but needs some form of written agreement from the property owners. Both Alan and Rock agreed with this.

Tim moved to accept the minutes as read, Alan seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Tim Noonan moved at 7:45 p.m. to go into non-public session RSA 91-A:3, II (d), Alan Dustin seconded. Roll call to enter nonpublic, Tim Noonan-yes, Alan Dustin-yes, Rock Wilson-yes. Alan Dustin moved to leave nonpublic and return to public meeting, Tim Noonan seconded, motion passed public meeting reconvened at 7:58 p.m. Roll call to seal the minutes Rock-no, Tim-no and Alan-no.

Tim moved to adjourn, Rock seconded, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Comeau