

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes

February 17, 2016

Members present:

Chris Hansen, Carol Reller, Donna Sabin, Sam Sutcliffe, Les Thomas, Mary Ann Wolf
Glenn Elsesser, Marge Noonan

Also present:

Michael Gordon
Robert Quaglin

Review of minutes from last meeting:

Carol requested the date and time of any revisions be noted so everyone knows which report is the latest. The minutes of the previous meeting approved. (6/yes, 0/no, 1 abstention)

Quarterly report:

The quarterly report was reviewed with some minor editing. Discussion concerning an explanation of the AABC votes to go along with the Select board mailing. It was decided to only include the quarterly report. (7/yes, 0/no)

Subcommittee reports:

The EMSG will hopefully be including an explanation regarding the new fire truck in the Select Board mailing. Fire truck bids are being fine-tuned.

EMSG will be meeting with Jesse next after the fire department wraps up regarding the ambulance budget and equipment needs, etc.

Review of Select Board meeting and Discussion on current budget:

Glenn questioned the need for overtime pay for a part time worker. He had planned to bring it up at the previous Select Board Meeting but there was a lack of time.

The reason for the Select Board meetings being so short lately was discussed. Agenda is set by the head selectman.

The town policy manual was brought up and it was felt it should be reviewed in the future. A future project for the AABC.

Glenn requests that David come to a select board meeting to let everyone know what projects are planned and what the department is doing each week. He will bring it up at the next Select Board meeting.

There are some line items on the budget with negative numbers and some already over 100% so early in the year. Some of this may be carry over from the previous year and will be resolved when the audit is done but AABC will keep an eye on this.

We do not have a final figure for UFB yet.

The Select Board will send a letter regarding the status of the company handling the trust funds. The last letter received was ambiguous and not clear.

Glenn has purchased professional signs to be placed on the property to be sold by the town.

Other items discussed:

CIP – Glenn will work with the Planning Board on a realistic CIP. There was also discussion regarding this being a “punch list” item and how it is best addressed.

Warren Brook project was short \$26,000 to do the project. The Conservation Committee will meet the shortfall with some of their funds and a large donation by a private citizen.

Cemetery Trust Fund:

This is very complicated with each lot having its own fund. Another project to be considered in the future is to get further clarification.

Discussion:

The increase in nonprofits in the town such as the land and house bought by Kroka and the charter school going into Mole Hill building were discussed in terms of ramifications to the town’s tax base.

Punch list (which is on-line) was reviewed.

Items for next meeting:

Planning for spring and summer was briefly discussed. The following items from the punch list were thought to deserve further discussion:

- Fund balance calculation.
- CIP
- Transfer station, question private haulage of the trash.
- Building maintenance status.
- Status of vehicle and equipment maintenance reports.

Setting up a schedule of future meetings, weekly until after the Town Meeting and then twice monthly. March 2 will be at 7:00.

Minutes submitted by Marge Noonan

