

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices. Members present were Chris Rietmann and Rock Wilson and approximately 13 residents.

The minutes of the meeting on September 29, 2015 were accepted with one correction.

Chris Rietmann updated everyone on the police chief search. He informed the group they have offered the position to the candidate and he has accepted it, but it is contingent upon receiving all the appropriate NH Board of Standard and Training paperwork from his previous out of state training. Marcello will move forward with the background check. There was a question about the relevance of polyographs. Marcello explained the importance of this tool in certain circumstances.

Chris requested if the HR committee would email the police portion of their report. Rock said he already has one. Marcello asked if there would be raises in the future or in the budget. Chris recommended he request a percentage. Glenn asked if there was money in last year's budget for raises. Carol Reller said she will look into it.

Carol Reller from the EMSG gave an update about a new fire truck and is still gathering information for specifications. She is looking into FEMA grants as well. She has asked the fire department what existing equipment would be removed. Carol is also researching contractors and prices to address the size of the existing bays and sizes of new fire trucks.

Carol Reller from the AABC reported there are still meeting with department heads and reviewing budgets. Carol stated they would be meeting DPW on October 20, 2015. The ambulance budget was discussed and Carol explained there is increases in some portions but an overall 3% decrease. A suggestion was made to put more money into new equipment and ambulance repairs.

Glenn requested weekly budgets from now on. Secretary explained payroll and bills are only paid bi-weekly but last week's payroll fell on October. Selectmen agreed they would like to see weekly budgets.

Chris suggested the AABC's contact information be on the website.

Chris Rietmann reported he had gone to a meeting in Surry and has an upcoming meeting in Richmond about the Silvio-O-Contes project. The concern is if the state takes ownership of more than 2% of any land (RSA 120:6) it could impact thousands of acres and tax revenue to the town of Alstead. Chris will report if further action needs to take place in order to protect the town.

Sam Sutcliffe is retiring from his position on the CRLAC and it is now available for an Alstead resident.

The EMPG grant was signed.

The Lower Warren Brook grant was signed.

Residents questioned DPW's summer hours and when they would be going back to working Monday thru Friday. Rock made a motion that DPW return to working Monday –Friday 7am to 3:30. Chris seconded it. Motion passed and it will be effective next pay period.

Glen asked what the status of lettering the new police cruiser and if that would be done this year. Chris said it would be done this year.

The selectmen (Chris/Rock) voted unanimously to go into executive session citing RSA 91-A:3 (a) (c) at 7:30. They came out Executive Session at 7:45. There will be no further business for the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46. The board will reconvene in open session on Tuesday October 13, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices.