

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

To attend via Google Meet, access code is <https://meet.google.com/hnr-zuns-igp>
Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Mary Ann Wolf; Joe Levesque; Joel McCarty (in person)

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Duffy-Howard; Mike Jasmin; Mark Mastrocinque; Marge Noonan; Jude Willis (in person); Gordon Kemp (on google meets)

GUESTS:

While waiting to call the meeting to order Mary Ann asked if anyone would like to volunteer to say the pledge. Mark Mastrocinque led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ann Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed bill manifest in the amount of \$360,226.55 (this includes the school bill) and payroll manifest in the amount of \$18,531.15. Signed deed waivers.

OLD BUSINESS: Mary Ann asked if Mindy from Hundred Nights was calling in. Charlotte said that she received mixed responses from the Board on whether they want to speak with her or not. Mary Ann stated that Hundred Nights was asking for support of \$250 next year and that they have helped out a resident with a place to stay for the past two months. The Board agreed that they would like to invite her to a meeting. Charlotte will arrange this.

Steve gave the camera quote for \$6,339.00 which is for 16 cameras. Mary Ann wanted to know why we needed so many. Steve stated that this is an upgrade so they are able to read the license plates. The current system is at least 7 years old and outdated. After much discussion, Steve will find out more on warranty and whether there is a cost break on combining this with the fire station cameras.

Mary Ann asked Prescott his opinion of the Purchasing Policy. After much discussion he stated that he thought it was fine. The Board signed it.

Joel mentioned to Prescott that they need to go visit Les Thomas regarding the culvert. Joel will call Prescott to arrange a time.

Prescott gave an update stating that they got the section of Gilsum Mine reclaimed. Still trying to get side roads graded but the weather hasn't been great. Once all graded, they are going to get back to Gilsum Mine to put in two culverts. One is a driveway culvert that he has to reach out to the landowner about. Prescott told the Board that now when he issues driveway permits, he gives them the RSA that states the driveway culverts are the responsibility of the property owner. He's hoping he can get paving in by the end of July so they will be ahead of schedule.

He stated that they spent some time and was able to get Vilas Pool gate opened. They aeriated in front of the gate which freed up some of the material. Fish and Game are holding off stocking for right now but Prescott would like to get it cleaned out before closing it. He is hoping to close it by the end of the week or first of next week.

Prescott discussed the mowing of Bragg Lane. He said he is able to get a brush hog to use with the town mower but it would be mid-July.

Joel discussed the meeting with the leadership at Well Hill Co-op that they had last week on four homes that could be deeded by the town. A representative of the lender that holds the mortgage on the place was in attendance as well. Joel stated that he received an email from the lender stating that he had visited the property and that they have funds that could help Well Hill Co-op out to better the place. Joel feels the future for them looks better as well as the delinquent tax situation as long as they follow through with their plan of rewriting the rental plan with individuals to insist that they remain current on their property taxes.

Joe gave an update on the school and stated that Jim Fenn was going to retire.

Joe gave an update on the variance for Griffin Hill Rd. He said at the ZBA meeting it was rejected. Joe said the right of way was not on any tax maps. Dennis Molesky said the town has maintained the right away for the past fifty years. Joe thought that if we get rid of the right of way then they would have room for the goat shed. Melanie Marsden spoke with NH Municipal Association and they said that since we have maintained it that long we have to continue but should follow through with town counsel. Joel agrees that we should follow through with the town attorney and to get something in writing from Melanie of the conversation so Charlotte can follow up with the attorney.

Joel said he made progress on why Bragg Lane isn't connected to Vilas Pool and why it is not a park. He had a good conversation with the Conservation Commission and they are going to meet with them and a member of the Planning Board as soon as he can find the survey that was done in 2006. Mary Ann stated that she has this and will bring it in and leave it with Charlotte for Joel to pick up.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion took place on the part time overtime policy. Joe did not want to sign it. He didn't like that the Select Board had to give approval for any overtime. This would mean the board would have to meet each time. He doesn't want to micromanage. He feels it is the discretion of the department heads. After some discussion this was not signed.

The civil communication procedure for Select Board members policy, swimming pool policy and mileage reimbursement policy, rules of procedure for Select Board and hiring policy were signed. The Cemetery Equipment policy will be reviewed at another time. Joe doesn't think the Select Board should sign it because they are elected officials. Joel will show them the policy and discuss it with them.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of April 27, 2021: On a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.*** Minutes of April 28, 2021: On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

Charlotte asked about the meeting Friday with Joel, Gordon and Cinde Warmington if there was going to be more than one Select Board member there as she would need to post it and have minutes taken. It was decided that only Joel and Gordon will meet.

Mary Ann mentioned that Power Wash NH offered to power wash the dugouts for free. The Board was fine with that.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Gordon thanked Prescott for his help at Vilas Pool.

INFORMATIONAL:

On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.