

# Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for the May 27 meeting

## Members in attendance:

Glenn Elsesser  
Chris Hansen  
Carol Reller  
Donna Sabin  
Nick Sintros  
Sam Sutcliffe  
Juliana Stevens  
Mary Ann Wolfe

Also Present:  
Chris Rietmann

Minutes from May 13 approved as corrected: 6 in favor with 2 abstentions

## Topics Discussed:

### Google Group

- Email list was passed to check for correct emails
- Juliana moved that Pricilla add everyone to Google Group and to try it and discuss it at next meeting. Motion seconded and passed unanimously

### Selectman's report:

- The Sutcliffes were granted an Historical preservation easement on an agricultural structure. The barn is over 75 years old and must be maintained.
- A question was raised about spending money to advertise for the Chief of Police search. The selectmen decided not to spend money at this time as they have received some resumes. They will decide at the next meeting if they want to spend money on advertising.

### Budget:

- Cobb Hill will cost about \$10,000 for rental of equipment
- Sand budget will go over allotted monies
- Hans will come to next meeting to answer questions
  - How does cash flow run through the year?
  - Do you borrow money to invest?
  - What kind of income are we making off of our investments?
  - Others
- Software line item is over budget—had to renew license; increased insurance costs.
- Medical insurance for DPW appears to be incorrect. Glenn is getting clarification from Linda.
- The police clerk is putting in approximately 20 hours/week.
- The purchase of the Scott Packs for the Fire Department are going to be staggered so that they do not all have to be replaced at the same time.

# Subcommittee reports

## Employee review:

- Rock Wilson will attend meetings
- Tom Dowling is the chair
- Group has had first meeting and is gathering data
- Les is the AABC representative, but we should have another

## EMSG

- Fine tuned job posting for Police Chief
- Representatives from state emergency management was cancelled for last meeting, but hopes to have them come to the first June meeting

## Quarterly Report:

- AABC was folding the reports during the meeting so that they could be in the next day's mail

## Tech group:

- Waiting for a response from Jonathan
- Discussed the report format that we preferred. Juliana said that she liked the one showing the percentages spent so far for the year.

## DPW

- Compactor is an issue. David is working to get someone to look at it and see what the problem is. It will push garbage in, but doesn't compact so is being hauled without being fully loaded

Old Business: none

New Business: none

## Action items:

- Glenn will talk to Jonathan
- Chris will make preliminary list of questions for Hans
- Nick and Pricilla will work on Google Group
- Would like an additional representative on employee compensation committee

Adjourned: 8:02

Next meeting: June 10th

Respectfully submitted

Juliana Stevens