

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes for Meeting of February 26, 2019 6:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Timothy Noonan, Chairman; Alan Dustin, Rock Wilson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Glenn Elsesser, Joe Levesque, Marjorie Noonan, Mary Ann Wolf

**GUESTS:** Betsey McNaughten, Land Agent, NH Fish and Game Dept.; Mary Henry, Secretary, Fall Mtn School District School Board

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Tim Noonan called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At 5:58 p.m. Tim Noonan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Payroll and Bill manifests signed; PO in the amount of \$1,897.76 for turn out gear presented again with explanation that new employee could not be sent into burning building with existing gear because it was over 10 years old. Board still didn't sign. Want the person to have more time in before spending money on new gear.

Betsey McNaughten addressed the Board to follow up on the meeting of September 5, 2017 regarding the issues with illegal parking and swimming on the Boat Launch Rd and site at Lake Warren. She was unable to finalize an agreement letter due to missing information in minutes regarding the division line to where the Town's maintenance and NHFG maintenance begins and ends. The Board agreed that the town maintains the road from Route 123 up to the boat access. There was much discussion on signs. Rock told Betsey there are too many signs in the area and the Board agreed. Betsey mentioned that there was discussion at the prior meeting and recorded in the minutes, that the former interim road agent agreed to cut back the brush along the edge of the fence and asked if this will still be done. The Board agreed but stated that they don't want any signs.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of February 13, 2019 and BOS/TC February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019: On a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.***

Jesse Moore addressed the Board regarding whether to continue using Diluzio. Jesse thinks we should stay with them. Rock asked Jesse if he thinks Diluzio would negotiate on cost and asked to invite Diluzio to a Selectmen meeting in order to discuss.

Mary Ann Wolf addressed the Board about the hardship form. On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Alan Dustin; ***the Board voted unanimously not to give out forms but if a person could not pay, they could be directed to Charlotte to see if they would qualify for a reduction or payment arrangements.***

Prescott Trafton addressed the board regarding the Friendly Meals trash. Currently DPW picks up their trash and brings it to the transfer station. Prescott asked the Board if they would agree for Friendly Meals to be responsible to bring their own trash to the transfer station. On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Alan Dustin; ***the Board voted unanimously for Friendly Meals to bring their own trash to the transfer station.***

Prescott Trafton addressed the board that he didn't have a PO with him but would like to purchase \$6,000 more salt. He said he probably wouldn't need all this but would like approval just in case. On a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted unanimously for the amount of salt requested.***

Prescott mentioned that the replacement oil tank installation was completed around 4:30 today inside the fire station and that Rymes would be back tomorrow to fill it. Discussion took place that the underground tank had about 18 inches of water in it due to what appears to be a leaking fill pipe therefore there was no heat at the town hall. Prescott is going to try and use an oil pump to get the fuel that we already paid for out of the underground tank and put in in the waste burner at the highway garage then get another cap to cap and seal for now. Prescott also indicated that the lighting in the fire station was very poor and some lights need replacing.

Charlotte presented to the Board for review and approval an addition to the personnel policies manual on Nepotism. On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Alan Dustin; ***the Board voted unanimously to approve this.*** Charlotte will add to the manual and asked that in the near future they consider adding information on social networking and blog postings as well as personal cell phone usage.

Discussion took place on Article 8 of the Fall Mountain Regional School District Warrant. After much discussion on a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted unanimously that they were in agreement with Article 8.***

Next meeting for March 12<sup>th</sup> is on election day. Charlotte asked the Board if they could meet on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. After some discussion, the Board agreed to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mary Ann Wolf addressed the board asking that the \$68 paid on April 19, 2018 for the right to know information be reimbursed due to the circumstances. After a heated discussion on the matter, on a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted to reimburse the money.***

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS):** On a motion by Tim Noonan, seconded by Alan Dustin; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 7:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Select board members present were: Tim Noonan, Alan Dustin, Rock Wilson. Also present was Office Administrator Charlotte Comeau; Vilas Pool Committee, Chair Bobbie Wilson.

Discussion took place about appointing a new committee for Vilas Pool as mentioned in a letter that was sent to her. Bobbie reviewed changes that were in place for cost savings and being self-sufficient. Due to upcoming events already booked, Bobbie asked that the Board keep the current committee as is until the season is over. On a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted unanimously to keep the current committee until the season is over and stated not to book anything into next year.***

On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Alan Dustin; ***the Board voted unanimously to exit NPS and reconvene public meeting at 8:30 p.m.***

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS):** On a motion by Tim Noonan, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) Personnel at 8:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Select board members present were: Tim Noonan, Alan Dustin, Rock Wilson. Also present was Office Administrator Charlotte Comeau

Discussion took place about employee benefits; on a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted unanimously not to pursue this.***

On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Alan Dustin; ***the Board voted unanimously to exit NPS and reconvene public meeting at 8:45 p.m.***

**INFORMATIONAL:** Supervisors of the checklist will meet March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00-noon to register voters and make changes or corrections to the checklist.

Second session of annual meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> at the town hall from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Auditors will be here May 28-31.

On a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson; ***the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

**The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is schedule for Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.**