

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**AUGUST 25, 2015**

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD**

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices. Members present were Joel C. McCarty, Chris Rietmann and Rock Wilson. Several residents were also in attendance.

Chairman Joel McCarty informed all in attendance that the meeting was being recorded for all to see by Mike Gordon.

The Minutes of the Meeting of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were accepted unanimously accepted with corrections.

Selectman Joel McCarty announced that the last Saturday Coffee session would be this Saturday and that all were invited. At the last one gun rights were discussed.

Joel also reported that he as well as the Langdon Selectmen and members of the Fall Mountain Food Shelf Board went to the Charlestown Selectmen's Meeting. Comments on the number of Vermont cars seen at the Food Shelf bothered a lot of people. One member of the Food shelf board explained that it would be hard to turn Vermont people away when some of their donors were from Vermont. In the end the Charlestown Selectmen agreed to ask some people in the community to serve on a committee to find a place for the Food Shelf.

Bobbie Wilson gave a report on Vilas Pool. She stated that they had a Community Worship Service on Sunday which was a huge success, as well as two Birthday parties. Steve Blake was also in to tell the Selectmen that playground equipment is coming in this next week and he wants the Road crew help unload it. Joel asked Steve to get back with how many boxes on crates, how much weight and a delivery date and then they would go from there. Lon Livengood will level the area in preparation.

Bob Quaglin reported that the HR Committee was half way through comparing towns benefits. They will not meet this Thursday, but next Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The EMSG Committee is meeting day after tomorrow.

Police Chief Marcello D'Alessandro came to the meeting to discuss the police cruiser on whether or we can buy because of the wording of the article. The Lawyer at the New Hampshire Municipal Association says they can't and DRA said they could. After much

discussion the Selectmen are going to check to with the Town lawyer, Bernie Waugh to see what he says.

Marcello also came to discuss the Chief of Police Search .Marcello was upset that Bob Bromley resigned from the committee. The search committee was trying to arrange to have the oral board between August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>. Marcello had left a message at Troop C to see if they would be able to participate at that time, but he had not heard back yet. Marcello wanted to know if anyone had considered a backup plan incase none of the three people were hired for the position. A discussion ensued about hiring another full time officer and a part time chief. Also it was discussed that you might make arrangements with another town. There is another meeting of the Committee this Thursday.

David Crosby, Superintendent of DPW was also in attendance. He and Rock Wilson had met with the person from Southwest Regional Planning, Joyce Curll, John Mann, and Margaret Chase about the runoff going into Lake Warren. If something isn't done soon, the pond will be dead in 10 to 20 years. They are already working on one grant and there are two more grants that they can apply for in the future. All the road crew's time and materials can be used as in-kind towards the grant. David is going to keep track of all the time and materials. The single thing that would help the most is to make the road narrower and to pave it. The Lake Warren Association is having a meeting at the East Alstead Church this Saturday at 9:00 AM. They would like one of the Selectmen to attend.

Bruce Bellows came to the meeting to discuss what the Historical Society was going to do for the 10 year flood anniversary. They are going to set up the Flood Display at the Town Hall Friday from 4 to 7 PM and Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM. There is going to be a bronze plaque dedicated to the 4 people that died in the flood at 4:15 PM where the Paper Mill stood at one time by Millot Green. People can contribute to the plaque by donating \$20.05.

Mim Ward came down to ask if we collect taxes on the Shaw house on Pleasant Street that was taken over by the government because of Andy Young. The Secretary stated that we did not and couldn't until they sold the property. She stated that the neighbors were mowing the lawn and there wasn't a 4-sale sign on it. She certainly hated to see it go downhill and fall in. The Selectmen will try and write to the government to find out what can be done.

The Selectmen read their mail. David Crosby asked for a non-public meeting with the Selectmen. The Selectmen (Joel/Chris) unanimously voted to go into non-public session at 7:42 PM citing RSA 91-A:3 9 (b). The Selectmen came out on Executive Session at 7:45 PM. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM. The Board will

reconvene in open session on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices.