

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices. Members present were Joel C. McCarty, Christopher Rietmann, and Rock Wilson. Approximately 15 residents and David Crosby, DPW Supervisor were also in attendance.

Selectmen Joel McCarty started the meeting by announcing that the meeting recorded for all to see on YOUTUBE.

First Bobbie Wilson gave an update on Vilas Pool. The Music Fest was a success and all loved the Fireworks. She wanted to thank Steve Blake for picking them up and Jesse Moore for shooting them off. Sunday was the last day that the Pool was open. There will be three more weddings.

Selectman Chris Rietmann stated that the Selectman or town did not have anything to do with social media web pages. Just because Alstead was in the name didn't mean it came from the Town Offices and the Selectmen have no jurisdiction over the sites.

The Minutes of the Meeting of September 15th, 2015 were read and accepted.

The bid of \$7,600 for the 2002 Ford F-550 was accepted (Joel/Chris).

The Selectmen stated that they had not heard if the Police Chief candidate had his agility test or not. He was supposed to have it on Fall Mountain Regional High School's track.

A discussion ensued on important dates in 2016. The last day for petitions to be submitted is January 12th, petitions with bonding is January 8th, Public Hearing on the budget at the town offices on January 12th, deliberative session on February 6th and Ballot day on March 8th. The Selectmen are going to ask if the dates can be put on the front side of the postcard that the AABC's quarterly statement is on. The Secretary is going to check to make sure we can have the Public Hearing on the last day to submit petitions.

Carol Reller stated that the EMSG Committee was still getting information on Pumpers and Rescue Vehicles or a combination Rescue Pumper vehicle. They have contacted Blanc & Bailey and Bergeron to get a price on making the doors in the village station higher. George Moore and Carol Reller are going to a class on the FEMA grant on Thursday, the September 17th in

Keene. The Boiler plate Mutual Aide agreement from Charlestown was mentioned. The Secretary will find out whether or not it had been sent for legal advice.

The AABC are getting questions answered for the budget. They have met with David on his budget and will be meeting with the other department heads on their budget.

Selectman Chris Rietmann has a friend that may want to use the cooking facilities at the garage where the Friendly Meals are cooked on Bragg Lane. He wondered if this could work and be beneficial to the Town as well as the Friendly Meals as the person would expect to pay something. A discussion ensued with pros and cons given. Chris had talked to Mary Lou Huffling and she didn't object. The scheduling would be the stumbling block. It will be looked into.

The Selectmen stated that we can now do Burn Permits on line for \$3.00.

Selectman Joel McCarty had a link to a "Pay as you throw" promotion. A discussion ensued about "Pay as you throw", some for and some against. Joel just requested that everyone look at the link and decide what they thought.

David Crosby, DPW Supervisor, submitted his 2016 which showed a 2.99 % increase. He also would like to have a \$247,000.00 Paving warrant article. He would like to do all of Walpole Valley and March Hill Road next year as we are way behind on our 10 year paving plan. Also the Secretary reminded him that we needed to put a warrant article on about the match for the FEMA money we received to repair Bell Hill on Hill Road.

The Selectman reminded people about attending the Meeting on Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge on Thursday at 6:00 at the Keene Library.

Vouchers for payment of bills totaling \$47,517.57 were submitted for payment. The Selectmen signed the manifest and read their mail. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM. The Board will reconvene in open session on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices.