

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Minutes for Meeting of August 13, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Alan Dustin, Chairman; Rock Wilson; Mary Ann Wolf

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jodi Kercewich, Transfer Station Supervisor; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Wendy Rawling, Police Officer; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool, Chair

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Levesque; Judy Willis; Marge Noonan; Mrs. Quaglin; Barbara Viegener

GUESTS: Jeff Marsden, Bazin Brothers

CALL TO ORDER: Alan Dustin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: At 6:00 p.m. Alan Dustin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS: Bill and payroll manifests signed; Intent to Cut signed; Vilas Pool bill signed.

DISCUSSION: Discussion took place amongst the board regarding the logging trucks using Camp Brook Road. Mary Ann asked if they could put signs up saying “load limit signs” or “narrow road”. The board asked Steve if he had any input. Both Steve and Wendy indicated that they had monitored that road and didn’t see that the trucks were going too fast or presenting any danger and in fact there were other vehicles on that road going much faster. After much discussion both Alan and Rock did not agree to put up any signs.

Prescott presented to the board purchase orders for culverts \$7,731, catch basins for Murphy Hill \$2,077, and tires \$789.24. All were approved and signed.

Jeff Marsden addressed the board regarding the paving on Bell Hill. He said they had gotten behind due to the weather and that they are planning on starting after Labor Day. They will have flaggers there and Prescott will coordinate with the school buses.

Alan asked Prescott why the pump was purchased at Tractor Supply. He indicated that it was for water control and that it replaced the one they had which stopped working.

Alan asked Prescott if he had heard anything about the roadside mowing as it was supposed to start last week. Prescott said he would call tomorrow and find out.

Prescott discussed putting the 2002 Sterling on Muncibid with a reserve. Prescott and Jodi may have some other people that may be interested in purchasing it. They will reach out to them to let them know it will be listed on Muncibid in two weeks.

Jodi addressed the board about where she was in the process with the insurance company regarding the stolen mower. She still has to get quotes and since the town will have to pay a deductible of \$1,000 and it is not in the budget, they will continue using the old mower to finish off the year. She told the board that the mower goes back to Pine Grove and is locked up. Mary Ann asked if there should be a policy for this? Jodi agreed but said that she is not familiar with writing policies. Mary Ann said she would write something up.

Discussion took place regarding the Fire Dept. filling swimming pools. Alan pointed out that it is a liability. Mary Ann pointed out that not everyone knows about it and perhaps there should be a request form and a “hold harmless” form. Alan said that the amount that the Fire Dept receives in donations doesn’t even cover

the cost of the equipment being out. After much discussion there was a motion by Alan Dustin, seconded by Rock Wilson, Mary Ann abstained; ***the Board voted not to use the Alstead Fire Equipment to fill swimming pools.*** Mary Ann will write a policy.

The settlement agreement for FairPoint was presented for signature. Discussion took place on whether to continue to go through with this as FairPoint increased the original amount by an additional \$446.00. This was for interest from the beginning of the year up to 6/4/19. Rock did not want to pay the extra amount. After some discussion, both Alan and Mary Ann agreed to go through with this and Mary Ann signed the agreement. They approved for Charlotte to cut a check the next day in order to get it out with the payments for this week.

Charlotte asked about the timing for budget meetings. Alan said to wait until after Labor Day to notify departments and all agreed to start meeting in October and continue biweekly meetings.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of July 30: On a motion by Mary Ann Wolf, seconded by Alan Dustin; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as amended.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Marge Noonan asked if there was an intent to cut for 402 Old Settlers Road. Charlotte said that she would look it up the following day and get back with her.

Joe Levesque followed up about the chairs that were thrown away at Fall Mountain High School. He said that Laurie had checked into it with the maintenance people and that they were all broken. She said that they did double check to be sure they weren't purchased with grant money and that next year when the barn is full, they will send letters out to the five towns before getting rid of anything.

INFORMATIONAL: Select Board's office closed Thursday August 22nd

On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Mary Ann ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next regular meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th 6:00 p.m.