

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of May 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602
Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Rock Wilson (in person); Mary Ann Wolf; Joe Levesque (on conference call)

STAFF PRESENT: Richard Beringer, Fire Department member; Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jodi Kercewich, Transfer Station Supervisor; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool committee member (in person); Stephen Blake, Vilas Pool Committee member; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief (on conference call)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL: Marge Noonan; Barbara Viegener; Judy Willis (on conference call)

GUESTS ON CONFERENCE CALL:

CALL TO ORDER: Rock Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

ACTION ITEMS: Signed: bill and payroll manifest, letter to Friendly Meals requesting info as per limited agency agreement; yield tax levy for Rietmann, Lakeville Shore and Clarence Babneau; intent to cut for M. Spencer; LUCT for Curll (property in current use that no longer qualifies); pay rate sheets; cu and abatement denial for Mountain Parks; request for reimbursement from ambulance capital reserve for heart monitor and cardiac; read mail

DISCUSSION: The Board acknowledged Rick Berringer. Rick spoke on the OHRV Firefighting Rescue Vehicle Package and said that is currently available to rent to the town and surrounding towns. He asked the Board for permission to hold a raffle in order to raise additional money to put towards the purchase of this. Discussion took place on a letter that would need to go out to donors for a tax deduction. Charlotte will do this. On a motion by Mary Ann Wolf, seconded by Rock Wilson, ***the Board voted by roll call vote to approve this fund-raiser. The motion passed unanimously.*** Discussion took place on FD plans to have a petition warrant article for next year on the purchase of the rescue vehicle and was questioning how to word this. Charlotte told him to write something up and she would send it to DRA for their review.

Some discussion took place on overtime and Joe's understanding that it be for emergency only. He presented an idea that rather than having overtime if there is work needed to be done to hire someone from town that is currently unemployed due to COVID-19. No decision was made on this.

The Board acknowledged Prescott. Prescott gave an update on Pine Cliff Rd that they did the grinding last week and laid down 500 yards of gravel. He stated that the catch basins will be put in tomorrow on Main Street and that the road will be closed from 7-3. He stated the roadside mowing is scheduled for the first few weeks of August with the same person as last year as he held his price.

Prescott said that he hadn't been able to get a quote from Fuzzy Brothers to excavate the debris in front of the Vilas Dam and asked about renting an excavator so the highway department could do it.

Bobbie Wilson addressed the Board stating that due to the COVID-19, that the Vilas Pool Committee decided to close the park for the season as it would be too difficult to follow the Governor's guidelines, keeping the playground and area sanitary among other things. Most events have cancelled and the one that is still on the books is waiting for now, if they decide to have it, they would have to follow the guidelines. Being closed would save a cost of about \$1,600 for lifeguard certification and the cost of payroll. They would be able to use this

money to make improvements to the park. They have hired one employee that would continue to work through the summer to do maintenance and repairs. Based on this, there is not a need to rent an excavator to open the dam this year. On a motion by Rock, seconded by Joe, ***the Board voted by roll call to keep the park closed this year. The motion passed unanimously.***

The Board acknowledged Jodi. Mary Ann asked Jodi if she had looked into a book donation box for the transfer station. Jodi said that she had been in touch with Bonnie at NRRRA. She said this is doable but has to wait for the pandemic to subside for people to bring it over the state line. Joe asked Jodi if she would be able to have the box put outside the gate so it could be available all the time and not just when the transfer station is opened. Jodi thought this was a good idea and will look into it.

Charlotte addressed the Board regarding the Gazebo stating there has been an increase use of bicycles and skateboards in the Gazebo. She said that Wendy has been talking with the kids but she is not always there and asked if the Board would be in agreement with putting up a sign. She stated that any time minors use a facility for a purpose that it's not intended for it could created a liability not to mention damage the Gazebo. On a motion by Rock, seconded by Mary Ann, ***the Board voted by roll call to have a no biking/skateboarding sign put on the Gazebo.***

Discussion took place on the sale of three town properties that have interested buyers. The Board would like Charlotte to look into the process of a closed bid sale for these.

Charlotte mentioned that she would like to take vacation days on Thursday May 22nd and Tuesday May 26th. All were in agreement with this.

The Board acknowledged Jesse Moore. Jesse mentioned that the Governor announced Monday that First-responders will be able to receive new benefits to help ease the burden of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Jesse mentioned that the new cardiac monitor has been received and wanted permission to get rid of the old one. On a motion by Rock, seconded by Mary Ann, ***the Board voted by roll call giving permission for Jesse to get rid of it. The motion passed unanimously.***

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved on April 21st.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

INFORMATIONAL: Pow Wow postponed until September 26th & 27th
Offices closed on Monday May 25th for Memorial Day

On a motion by Joe Levesque; seconded by Mary Ann Wolf ***the Board voted by roll call to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m.