

## Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes for the June 14, 2017 meeting

### Members in attendance:

Chris Hansen, Chris Rietmann, Carol Reller, Sam Sutcliffe, Barbara Viegner, Mary Ann Wolf, Glenn Elsesser, Marge Noonan

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

**Ambulance:** Mary Ann reported on her meeting with Carol at EMS, the ambulance billing service. The company is professional and knowledgeable. Mary Ann met with Jesse and they worked on ways of getting the billing information to the company. The hospital faxes the info to the department but no set time frame. Billing info should be mandatory before submitting to the billing service. Sam Sutcliffe questioned why the ambulance is not a service provided by the town the same as the fire department and the police.

**Vilas Pool:** The committee met with NH Historical Preservation Alliance Representative at the Pool. He recommended applying for a mini grant to get the bell tower inspected. Carol will work on applying for the grant. The inspector will be provided by the Alliance. He also recommended putting the Pool on the National Historic Registry and NH Historic Registry. This would make more grants available to preserve the buildings and the site.

**CIP:** Glenn needs to meet with department heads to get their input what is needed, chronology, cost and lease or capital reserve fund.

**Hazard Mitigation:** There is a meeting June 22 with David for prioritizing projects and cost. Once there is an approved list, the town can apply for a grant from the disaster relief fund declared from the March 14 snow storm. The list will become part of the CIP for maintenance projects.

Glenn reported on recent schoolboard meeting. They are planning for regional middle school and a regional office building. Estimated at 21 million. This would require a major change to the articles of agreement in the district. Alstead would lose revenue from Acworth and Langdon under the new plan.

**Select board:** Fire dept. physicals – questions include number of people needing them, getting their own physician to sign off, going all the way to Brattleboro, what happens if don't pass. It was left to the Fire Department to come up with a policy.

There were no bids for the painting to be done, the deadline was extended another week. Glenn thinks the SB should be putting bids out now for work to be done next year, mainly the town offices to be one item.

**Action:** Chris H. will email Juliana Stevens about some Vilas Pool question about how donations are handled.

Mary Ann is still working on improving ambulance billing.

Carol will work on applying for mini grant for bell tower.

Meeting adjourned: 8:20.

Next meeting: June 28.

*Respectfully submitted by Marge Noonan*