

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Minutes for Meeting of November 5, 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; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce Campbell-Counts; Joe Levesque; Bob McGuire; Marjorie Noonan; Barbara Viegner; Sarah Webb; Judith Willis

GUESTS:

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

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

ACTION ITEMS: Signed payroll and bill manifest, signed tax recommittal representation letter, signed letter to Langdon regarding increased costs at transfer station, signed PO for Fire Dept., reviewed preliminary tax rate which has increased by 80 cents. Board all agreed with the 2019 tax rate of \$27.85.

DISCUSSION: Discussion took place on additional quotes to repair the plow pursuant to RSA 95:1. Prescott said he had not heard back from anyone regarding a quote to do the work. Rock said that Fuller Machine retracted the quote as now there is no time to do the work. Some discussion took place about waiting another week to see if quotes would come in. Prescott didn't think the work could get done now in time even if he was able to find someone as everyone is too busy. Prescott presented a quote to buy a new plow for \$9,625.20. Mary Ann was not in favor of this. After much discussion on a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Alan Dustin; it was voted to buy the plow. ***The motion passed. Mary Ann remained silent.***

Prescott said that he spoke with Ben at Fuzzy Brothers and he was in agreement to pay for the sand and gravel in March and will get this in writing.

Prescott informed the Board that Pine Cliff Road will be closed to put in culverts on Wednesday 11/6 from 8-noon.

Sarah Webb asked Prescott if he could check out a hazardous tree by the church in Alstead Center that is on town property. Prescott said he would look into this.

Jodi asked the Board for approval to close the transfer station at 4:00. She said it is a safety issue with it getting dark earlier and only one attendant. After some discussion, the Board was all in agreement for this to take place in two weeks in order to give proper notification and for the winter months only.

Jodi presented a quote for a 40-yard open top roll off container for aluminum cans in the amount of \$6,350. She would like this cost to be considered when using the unanticipated funds. She can apply for a grant for this and receive 50% back. Discussion took place on not recycling plastic since the cost to recycle beginning the first of the year is increasing significantly. Jodi will attend the next meeting with a breakdown of cost to recycle. Barbara noted that a new container wouldn't be needed if plastics were put in the containers.

After reviewing and some discussion on spending the unanticipated funds, the Board decided to wait until next week to make a decision.

Joe Levesque discussed and reviewed the 2020 proposed budget for Planning and Zoning Boards. All was the same except he mentioned that there was some discussion at the meeting to increase the secretary's wages but did not know what the amount would be at this time.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of October 29, 2019: On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Alan; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes. The motion passed with Rock abstaining as he was not in attendance last meeting.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Ann mentioned that she attended the ZBA meeting and it was noted that John Lyman's property on Griffin Hill has a carport that is now a permanent structure and close to the road. She mentioned that Charlotte had not seen a building permit on this and that the setbacks were not as required per ZBA and he had not asked for a variance. Rock said he would look into this.

INFORMATIONAL: Town Offices closed Monday, November 11th for Veteran's Day
Select Boards Office Closed Thursday, November 14th (attending NHMA conference)

On a motion by Rock Wilson, seconded by Mary Ann Wolf; ***the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next meeting of the Select Board is schedule for Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m.