

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

To attend via Google Meet, access code is <https://meet.google.com/hnr-zuns-igp>
Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Mary Ann Wolf; Joe Levesque; Joel McCarty (in person)

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Duffy-Howard; Glenn Elsesser; Laurence Howard; Gordon Kemp; Jeff Marsden; Mark Mastrocinque; Rich Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Jude Willis (in person)

GUESTS: Harry Schlegelmilch (on Google Meets)

While waiting to call the meeting to order Mary Ann asked if anyone would like to volunteer to say the pledge. Mark Mastrocinque led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ann Wolf called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed DiLuzio contract, current use applications; veteran credit

OLD BUSINESS: Mary Ann told those at the meeting the above action items were signed earlier

Bids for Gilsum Mine paving were opened. R&D Paving-\$196,685.05; Bazin Brothers-\$169,631.85; BDM Sweeper-\$190,205.00; United Construction-\$216,166.00; All State Construction-\$196,611.80. Joel asked Prescott to look over all the bids before the board making a decision. After Prescott's recommendation to accept Bazin Brothers, on a motion by Joel, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to accept the bid from Bazin Brothers. The motion passed unanimously.***

The Board acknowledged Harry Schlegelmilch. Harry has an agreement to purchase the land on Baine Rd and expressed concern about ATV on the snowmobile trails which are causing a lot of damage. Steve said that he could look into this and get back with Harry.

Joel stated that he, Prescott, and Steve met with Mr. Estevez. They all agreed to the solution of Mr. Estevez putting pole reflectors up in the area of his property where he didn't want anyone to park and he will take them down in the winter. This will help train the people that use the town hall not to park on his lawn.

The compactor at the transfer station broke down. Shaena got a quote for labor and replacement of a motor for \$2,791.00. Prescott asked if the board will think about considering the compactors like we do a vehicle. Prescott said they could have fixed this yesterday when they came out to look at it. Now we have to pay extra for them to come out again.

Mary Ann asked Prescott how the Vilas dam gate was going. He said they were going to try and look at it this week to see if it is something they can open themselves by hand. He spoke with Fuzzy Brothers, they said it would be a cost of about \$6,000 for them to do it. If the highway dept. got involved and put in sand bags and curtain than the cost would be \$1,500-\$2,000.

Prescott will call Mr. Ingalls to discuss the boat in Wellman Pond and if Mr. Ingalls has removed it Prescott can bring it to the transfer station.

More discussion took place on brush hogging Bragg Lane. Prescott said he didn't think it would be good to brush hog it right now because the moat around the side of the field is filled with water. He thinks it's better to wait until around mid-July when it would possibly be dryer.

Discussion took place on the trash can that Mary Ann found for \$79 + shipping. It was decided to just get one for now and chain it to the chain-link fence to see how it goes. Mary Ann asked Charlotte to order this.

There was discussion on the Drewsville Bridge over Darby Brook. Prescott said Mitchie did the permit and design and it would be about half a million dollars for the bridge. When he started working here, he contacted Cold River Bridges. Walking the property line, it was determined that there is a lot of ledge and no core drilling done to find out how deep the ledge is. If we had to put the box culverts in, the way the permit is written they need to be below subgrade of the water so the fish can swim through. Cold River Bridges thought it would be around \$750k for just the dirt work. Prescott said that a contact in Lebanon is rewriting the permit to see if we can install a slip line culvert in there. The cost of this would be around \$200k. The problem is trying to appease DES with this method. Joel had just received confirmation that Governor's Executive Council, Cinde Warmington can meet with him on May 14th at 11:00 and he will discuss bridge aid and broadband with her. Joel will double check that time will work with him and be sure everyone knows.

Mary Ann spoke on the current purchasing policy. They asked Prescott and Steve what a better amount would be for purchases without requiring a purchase order. Prescott suggested a better number than the current \$500 was \$1,500, Steve suggested \$2,500. Joe thinks that different departments would require different amounts. Jesse suggested making it 10% of their budget. Joel stated that he thinks they should accept the recommendations of the department heads of what the number should be. It was agreed to keep the highway dept at \$5,000 and increase the Police dept to \$2,500 without a purchase order. After much discussion on the amount for getting 3 or more oral or written quotes Steve mentioned anything over \$2,500 and Prescott would be anything more than \$5,000. Competitive bidding process is currently more than \$5,000. Steve said he wouldn't have anything more than this except for vehicles. Prescott said that this could also affect Charlotte when there are building projects. Rich Nalevanko asked if you could look up the purchase history to get a better idea. The Board decided to wait on this last part until next week.

NEW BUSINESS: Jesse asked the Board for a security camera to put on the front of the Fire Station on 9 Main St. He told them that Acworth's fire station was broken into and things were stolen. He stated that there is a lot of expensive equipment at Alstead's station. The Board gave permission for Jesse to look for a security camera contractor that would provide recommendations.

Glenn asked if we were going to put the F350 on municibid. After some discussion Prescott stated that if he does put it on municibid it would be better to wait until closer to the winter when he thinks we could get more for it, Glenn agreed.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of April 6, 2021: On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

INFORMATIONAL: Select Board will be meeting April 28, 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Office for tax deeding.

On a motion by Joe, seconded by Joel; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall