

**Meeting Minutes
Board of Selectmen**

Town of Alstead

12/22/15

The Alstead board of selectmen met in open session at the town municipal offices on December 22, 15 at 6:30. Joel McCarty, Chris Rietmann and Rock Wilson were present along with 12 residents. Joel announced the meeting was being broadcasted.

Minutes were read and approved.

The Health insurance change will be public once the last employee has receive the information.

Article 2 wage increases have been completed and made retroactive to April 1, 2015.

Joel is still working on job descriptions and once all three selectmen agree they will perform mid-year evaluations.

All three selectmen unanimously agree to move forward and hire a Town Administrator. They plan on budgeting ½ of town administrator's salary in 2016.

At this time the budget doesn't reflect any raises in 2016.

Joel wants to release requests for sand and gravel bids ASAP. We would get the same price today that we would get next year because of their working relationship with Garland.

Joel reported the assessment proposals will be reviewed and a decision made. Linda explained the differences with the current assessment company and Avitar. Avitar bills monthly and Comerford, Neider & Perkins bills per pick up. Avitar uses different software that is more expensive, and isn't familiar with the town's property.

The Veteran's credit tax increase must be a warrant article, not just voted by the selectmen to increase it.

Joel is still working on how to return the FEMA money for the Bell Hill project.

Joel looked into how to collect unpaid ambulance bills. He didn't get much help for the LGC and hopes to have more information next week.

Joel feels the town should do some repairs or maintenance work this year. He feels \$2,000.00 could be spent immediately and he will have the other 2 selectmen review Mr. Rodenburg's carpentry report and prioritize.

Joel put the RFP on the town website and Glen Elsesser posted in on Facebook. Rock stated he would like to hire locally.

There was some discussion about updating the tax maps, but it is very expensive.

Joel announced the selectmen would go into nonpublic to discuss administrative staff, a citizen's complaint, equipment proposal and welfare and back taxes. Carol asked if the RSA limits what can be discussed in nonpublic. Linda answered anything that may be detrimental to someone's character.

Joel mentioned he would like to look into how a building inspection would benefit the town. The state has adopted regulations but all towns have not. Bob Quaglin asked if there was a severe disaster at one of these houses, would the town be responsible. Joel didn't think the town would be liable but doesn't have a clear understanding of all of it. Glen Elsesser explained the landlord is responsible for fixing certain things so it is up to code. Joel feels more information needs to be gathered before the town can make its decision.

Bob Quaglin brought up the anarchy symbol the on citizen's broadcasting page. Bob was asked by other residents to bring this up because it bothers many. He asked if the selectmen felt this was appropriate. He feels the broadcasting is a great service but the symbol is distasteful and is not appropriate for what the Town of Alstead stands for. This individual who is broadcasting should look at how other towns are broadcasting. Chris Rietmann stated he noticed this symbol early on in the broadcasting but by NH laws it legal and nothing the selectmen can do to stop this. Carol Reller asked if it is made clear that this is an individual recording the meeting and not the select board. The AABC meetings are also broadcasted. Carol will announce the AABC meeting is being broadcasted and by whom for future meetings. Mike Gordon spoke up and told the group he is the one doing this and by NH laws he isn't doing anything wrong. He said he isn't willing to make a decision and change anything but he is willing to talk to anyone about it.

Carol gave the selectmen the fire door quote for JD Crawford's. She had Bruce Bellows go over the quote and he felt it was reasonable. Joel would like a quote from Bill Rodenburg also.

Carol reported the AABC hopes to have 5 quotes by January 5, 2016 for the fire truck. There may or may not be the availability for demo trucks The AABC plans to send out a mailer to the residents explaining what they have been doing.

It was asked why the SOC/moderators budget has gone up. Joel explained there is more elections this coming year and also there were raises given out.

Chris reported he is trying to spend the emergency management grant money by the end of this year.

Chris asked that the selectmen go line by line with departments and this may be public budgeting hearings, but it will not turn be a debate for citizens that will be at the deliberative session.

Glenn Elsesser asked about David's new truck. Joel said he will be attending the next meeting. Glen asked about leasing and Joel answered he would welcome Glen researching this. Glen will talk to Patriot and would like to see the numbers in writing.

Adjourned at 7:55. All three selectmen agree to go into nonpublic meeting RSA (91-A:3(AC)).

