

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday, September 1st, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Offices. Members present were Chris Rietmann and Rock Wilson. Several residents were also in attendance and Clarence Meyer EMD manager.

Clarence is resigning and Chris Rietmann will be doing the EMD Manager job with Joel's assistance. Chris thanked Clarence for his service. The Secretary asked Clarence about the grant to update our Emergency Operations Plan. The guidelines have changed and the new quote from Southwest Regional Planning to write the grant is \$6,000, but some of it will be in-kind so what we put in the budget will cover the cost. Clarence had received a camera from the Emergency Management, but not until his broke while taking pictures after one of the storms. He is hoping to be able to keep the camera.

Bobbie Wilson gave an update on Vilas Pool. All the events went well last weekend. The big news is that the playground equipment arrived and is unloaded. The installers are coming on Friday. Hopefully the equipment will be up by the weekend.

The Minutes of the Meeting of August 25th, 2015 were read and accepted with a spelling correction.

Bob Quaglin gave an up on the HR Committee. Selectman Chris Rietmann has offered to help with the org. chart as he has a computer program for just that. At this time the committee is reviewing wages and benefits. They are meeting on Thursday.

Selectman Chris Rietmann attended the last EMSG Meeting and the discussion was on Fire Trucks and whether to get two trucks, a pumper and a rescue vehicle, or a combination. The committee is getting more information so they can make recommendations. Cost of raising the doors on the Village Fire Station is also being looked into. Consolidating fire stations was discussed. The issue of insurance cost to residents is a drawback to consolidation.

Marge Noonan has volunteered to be an alternate on the AABC. Jonathan Wildes had talked at the last meeting about computer programs that could help break down the figures gotten off the Munismart software. The AABC is meeting every Wednesday from now on. Selectman Chris Rietmann stated that it was time that the Selectmen got Budgets from the Department Heads. The Secretary is to let all the Department Heads know that the Selectmen want preliminary Budgets in two weeks. They will start the process with David Crosby, DPW Superintendent.

Mike Jasmin had come to the meeting to state his side of the story about the religious gathering that took place at Vilas Pool last Sunday. He wished they would call it an interfaith meeting instead of non-denominational, but was not against having it once a year. He was upset about all the bashing on social media.

Anne and Joe Cartwright came to the meeting to discuss the proposed Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge which the town had received the week before. What this proposes is to buy or put an easement on all the land to conserve more than 36,000 acres throughout the 7.2 million acre Connecticut River watershed in NH, VT, MA and CT. This plan would have a real impact on Alstead as most of Alstead is in this area. A discussion ensued. Anne and Joe urged the Selectmen to attend the public hearing on September 17th and November 5th in the Keene Public Library.

The Police Search Committee will be interviewing Thursday 8AM to 2 PM and then they will make recommendations to the Selectmen.

Glenn Elsesser asked why 14 instead of 15 air tanks were being ordered. The Selectmen did not know. Also he wondered what was going on as far as the compactor was concerned. The Secretary stated that the Company that the Compactor was purchased from was coming up and looking at it Monday or Tuesday. If the repair was easy they would be doing it at that time. If it wasn't an easy fix they will give us a quote. Also Glenn asked if at least the intersections be mowed as now that school had started it was hard to see the kids waiting for the buses.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to have David come to every other Selectmen's Meeting and have the other Department Heads come once a month.

Jessie Moore, Ambulance Captain was also in attendance. He wanted the Selectmen to know that since he had taken the Captain position, the Alstead Ambulance had not used mutual aide. He has cancelled the course over in Langdon as he didn't hear back from the instructor with a class number so he is assuming it would not be an accredited course. However there is a class coming up the 1st week of January on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Vouchers for payment of various bills totaling \$341,876.02 were submitted for payment. The Selectmen signed the manifest and read their mail. There being no further business before the Board the Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. The Board will reconvene in open session on Tuesday,