

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee Minutes  
For the February 4, 2015 meeting

Members in Attendance:

Dan Curll  
Chris Hansen  
Carol Reller  
Chris Rietmann  
Donna Sabin  
Juliana Stevens  
Sam Sutcliffe  
Les Thomas  
Mary Ann Wolf

Topic Discussed:

1. Motion for the deliberative session.  
Carol said to "Keep it Simple"  
2014 Budget passed      \$1,527,744  
    3% increase              45,834  
  
2015 Budget request      \$1,493,500

Selectmen's budget was reduced due to a miscalculation of FICA and they chose not to put those monies into a different line.

Donna noted her displeasure at the selectmen's budget changes at the last minute.

Motions made:

1. Juliana made a motion that the AABC move to amend Article II to add a sum of \$52,000.  
    Donna seconded.  
    Passed 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstentions
2. Juliana made a motion to reconsider the sidewalk article.  
    Mary Ann seconded.  
After discussion to reconsider the vote was:  
    Did not pass 3-yes, 5-no, 1-abstention
3. Sam made a motion that we print and distribute the FAQs.  
    Dan seconded  
    Passed 7-yes, 0-no, 2-abstentions

Actions:

1. Sam will offer the motion for the board and defend the increase.

Decrease welfare	\$ 5,000
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Increase sand, gravel, salt	\$45,000
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Salary adjustments	\$12,000
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2. Les recommends that the selectboard be required to have three quotes when looking for outside contractors. Dan suggested that we add this issue to our list for next year's activities.

Comments from the Public:

Bonnie Chase: "Well done."

Carol made a motion to adjourn. Mary Ann seconded

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at the Selectboard's office.