

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Select Board**  
**Approved Minutes for Meeting of April 5, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602**

**SELECT BOARD PRESENT:** Joseph Levesque, Joel McCarty, Matthew Saxton

**STAFF PRESENT: In person:** Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Admin. **Google Meet:** None.

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS: In person:** Gordon Kemp, Mark Mastrocinque, Rich Nalevanko, Marge Noonan, Jude Willis.  
**Google Meet:** None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board Chair called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Signed letter of permission for Kirby's Q to apply for liquor license; sign payroll manifest for 4/8 payroll; sign liability manifest for 4/8 payroll liabilities, sign bill manifest for 4/5 bills paid, sign pay rate sheet for new Transfer Station employee.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** Minutes of March 29, 2022; Minutes from non-public session of March 20, 2022; Minutes of March 30, 2022 tax deeding. On a motion made by Matt and seconded by Joel, ***the Board voted to approve the March 29 regular and non-public minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.*** On a motion from Joel that was seconded by Matt, ***the Board voted to approve the March 30 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

**SELECT BOARD REPORTS:** Joel reported that 10-foot bridges can now qualify for aid; the prior limit was 20 feet. The board still needs more information about the Therrien warrant article that passed. The board tasked Matt with attending the next Planning Board meeting and reporting back. Problems with the MOBIL bridge posting are corrected and the RFP page is updated. Joel had no progress to report on Bennett Road legal negotiations but said that conversations are still underway with the owners of the property next door to the Town Hall. Joel also notified Revision Energy that the board decided not to proceed with the solar array project. Matt reported that he spent time on the Library roof with first Melanson and then Janciewicz. They are doing estimates for what it will cost to restore the library roof to original condition, hopefully with no cost to Alstead taxpayers. Gordon noted that towns can use Moose plate grants to match Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP) grant funding. Joel reported that the front doors of the library will be coming off to be completely refinished, and that a local contractor will be submitting an estimate to renovate the library bathrooms. Joe reported that he attended a Northern Borders Regional Commission webinar and they have money we might apply for as a 50% match for funds for projects we might want to do, for example handicap accessibility upgrades to the Town Hall, or dredging Vilas Pool. There ensued discussion of various past Vilas Pool dredging adventures.

**VILAS POOL:** Gordon reported that the Vilas Pool committee is putting off construction of the front of the Pavilion now that the site is on the National Register of Historic Places and that work can be funded with a grant. Focus is shifted to cleanup activities that must be completed in time to open the park for this season on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Vilas Pool committee wants to keep in mind that access to the park could be complicated in future if owners of abutting subdivided Vilas Farm land become averse to allowing access from their land. Alternate access might be worth considering. Joe suggested that we have Bill Gegas from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund come and speak to the committee about the stipulations on park from past funding and he offered to facilitate that. Joe wondered if anyone on the Vilas Pool committee wanted to attend a webinar on applying for LCHIP grants. Rich Nalevanko again asked for more information about the taxation of the senior housing project. Joe is tasked with taking his questions to the Planning Board and Tax Collector.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Gordon Kemp asked whether we need to do the same thing with the money from other warrant articles as we did for the sweeping/stripping special warrant article, which was added to a budget account because it is more operating money than capital outlay money. There was additional discussion about the budget, warrant articles, and the 3% budget cap. Mary is tasked with returning to the CPA for clarification. Gordon also asked what we need to do to get a bridge off the red list and on the aid list. Joel answered that DOT is not accepting applications for additional projects right now but that we should follow up in May.

**INFORMATIONAL:** The next regular meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

On a motion made by Joe and seconded by Joel, ***the Board voted by roll call (Joe – y; Joe – y; Matt – y) to enter non-public session at 5:47 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, II (m), to perform periodic review of sealed minutes from past non-public sessions.***

On a motion made by Matt and seconded by Joel, ***the Board voted to leave non-public session and return to public session at 6:09 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

On a motion made by Joel and seconded by Matt, ***the Board voted to unseal the following sets of sealed minutes reviewed during non-public session: 10/30/18, 11/13/18, 11/20/18, 11/27/18, 12/4/18, and 12/18/18. The motion passed unanimously.***

On a motion made by Joe and seconded by Joel, ***the Board voted to adjourn the public meeting at 6:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator (incoming)