

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Unapproved Minutes for Meeting of January 30th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Joel McCarty Gordon Kemp, Matthew Saxton

STAFF PRESENT: In person –Misty Gratacos, Office Administrator; Mary Schoppmeyer, Administrative Consultant; Jesse Moore, Director of Sanitation, EMS and Grounds; Stephen Murrell, Chief of Police; Penny Gendron, Police Admin; Steve Reynolds, Director of Emergency Management; Bobbie Wilson, Supervisor of the Checklist & Ambulance Lieutenant; Ben Kercewich, Fire Department. **Google Meet** –

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: In person –Judith Willis, Joe Levesque, Barbara Viegner, David Smith, Nancy Wasowski, Deborah Dunnell, Deborah Reynolds, Jim Howard, Henry Moncrief. ****PLEASE NOTE **** several in attendance did not sign in. **Google Meet** –

GUESTS: Jeff Mclver & Greg Povey, Consolidated Communications, Broadband Department.

CALL TO ORDER: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Select Board meeting is called to order at 5:02 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of January 9, 2024 & January 16, 2024. On a motion made by Mr. McCarty that Mr. Kemp seconded, ***the Board voted to accept both sets of meeting minutes as amended.***

Presentation: An informational presentation regarding town wide fiber optic broadband services was presented by Jeff Mclver & Greg Povey, representatives from Consolidated Communications. Mr. Mclver described the purpose of the project and what his timeline looked like. Mr. Povey discussed how a resident can receive services and how residents could track the progress of the project via their fidiumfiber.com website. Mr. Mclver will provide Mr. Kemp with bi-weekly progress reports. Mr. Mclver reported that the project is well under way. Mr. Mclver stated that “you will see my guys in the area.” He reported that his workers will have credentials and most will have information on their trucks in case there is any question.

Mr. Povey talked in length about services offered, plans available, their costs and what a customer can expect. Mr. Povey encouraged the audience to pre-register for services to enable as much advanced work as to be done as possible. Mr. Povey assured townspeople that there is no contract, that they can keep existing emails and existing phone numbers.

Both gentlemen left their contact information for anyone to contact them directly with questions, concerns, or additional information. They also encouraged the audience to contact selectboard member Gordon Kemp, as he has been working on this project for several years. Both Mr. Povey & Mr. Mclver thanked Mr. Kemp for the extent of his work and dedication to this project.

The board thanks Mr. Povey & Mr. Mclver for their time and work on this project.

The full slide show presentation can be found on the towns website.

Mr. McCarty recessed the meeting at 6:50pm to allow the presenters to exit.

Mr. McCarty called the back to order at 7:00pm

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was discussed this evening.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Department: Chief Murrell requested board permission to speak with the towns attorney regarding an agreement to turn tower equipment over to the county. Chief Murrell reported that the county is willing to pay the attorney fees. Permission was granted by Board Chair, Joel McCarty.

BOARD REPORTS – Mr. McCarty reported that he had upcoming meetings with NH DOT, DOJ and DES in the near future.

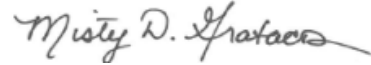
QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

INFORMATIONAL:

Next regular Select Board meeting:	Tuesday, February 6 th , 2024 @ 5:00pm, Town Office, 15 Mechanic St.
2024 Town Meeting Deliberative Session:	February 3 rd , 2024 @ 10 AM, Town Hall, 9 Main Street
2024 Town Meeting Voting Day:	Tuesday, March 12 th , 2024, 8 AM to 7 PM, Town Hall, 9 Main Street
FM School Board meeting:	Monday, February 12 th , 2024 @ 6:00 PM, High School Library (2 nd Monday)
FM Budget Committee meeting:	Wednesday, February 21 st , 2024 @ 6:00 PM, High School (3 rd Wednesday)
FM Deliberative Session:	Wednesday, February 7 th , 2024, time TBD

On a motion made by Mr. McCarty and seconded by Mr. Saxton, the Board Chair adjourned the public meeting at 7:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Misty Gratacos
Office Administrator

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