

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of July 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Joseph Levesque, Matthew Saxton.

STAFF PRESENT: **In person:** Stephen Murrell, Police Chief; Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief (responded to a call just after the pledge); Darren Perlongo, Deputy Emergency Management.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: **In person:** Ben Howard, Rich Nalevanko, Marge Noonan, Barb Viegner, Judith Willis. **Google Meet:** Adam Martin.

GUESTS: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: The Board Chair called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed 1 Current Use application for M1 L1. Signed 1 2021/2022 timber cut report for 21-009-12-T (last outstanding report for the year). Re-signed 3 unchanged cemetery purchase orders. Signed Primex Property & Liability CAP agreement for 2023 (not to exceed +9% of previous year) and Workers Compensation CAP agreement (not to exceed +10% of previous year). Signed letter notifying the Quickbooks software vendor (a company called Intuit) of the change in primary contact for our licensed copy of the software. Signed pay rate sheet for new Vilas Pool employee. Signed Payroll & Payroll Liabilities manifests for 7/15 payroll. Signed AP manifest for 7/12 billing cycle.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of July 12, 2022; Minutes of July 12, 2022 non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c); Minutes of July 12, 2022 non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(e). Barb Viegner requested that a comment incorrectly attributed to her on page 2 of the public minutes be attributed to Marge Noonan. On a motion made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Levesque, ***the Board voted to approve the public minutes as corrected. The motion passed with 2 in favor and 1 absent.*** On a motion made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Levesque, ***the Board voted to approve the non-public minutes as written. The motion passed with 2 in favor and 1 absent.***

VILAS POOL PARK: There was confusion because an item for discussing park finances was prematurely added to the agenda by someone other than the Vilas Pool Park committee chair and the committee had not discussed the subject yet. The subject was tabled until the committee discusses the item. Agenda items will come from the committee chair in future.

SELECT BOARD: The Board discussed Abenaki Chief Bunnell's request to hold the 9th Abenaki Snow Snake Games on Millot Green on February 11, 2023. Matt read a description of the event - it is a family fun event not as extensive as Pow Wow, part of one day. After discussion the Board approved the event by consensus and signed the request.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: **Chief Murrell** reported that the department is back up to full strength with Corporal Rawling's return and the hiring of part time officer Jonah Merkle who also lives in Alstead. Mr. Saxton asked what the ticket percentage is and the chief responded that the department prefers to issue more warnings than tickets, like many towns in the area. There was additional discussion of the department's operating paradigm. In addition, the chief reported that study of the literature for the sign trailers has begun and they are learning how to use them. They will practice with them by advertising park events and gradually move to speed enforcement and highway project notice. The chief also commented on prior questions about how much data the trailers can capture. He noted that this will likely be the department's busiest year yet.

AMBULANCE: **Chief Moore** had to leave before reporting but there was discussion about how the ambulance team is also seeing what may be its busiest year ever.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Darren Perlongo reported about efforts to get special kits called "Stop the Bleed" kits placed in two Alstead schools to be available in the event of a traumatic incident. These are wall-mounted kits containing tourniquets, chest wound seals, clotting aids, and instructions. Darren is approved as an instructor and can provide the necessary training to school staff. Our schools are in an extended travel area; in the event of a traumatic event the kits can help trained staff work to extend the amount of time that a bleeding victim can wait until help arrives. There was additional discussion about whether there has been contact with the school district about getting the kits into the whole district.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Rich Nalevanko reiterated previous comments about Alstead Senior Housing. Adam Martin, attending on Google Meet, indicated via chat that he had a comment. Technical difficulties apparently prevented him from commenting successfully and the Admin invited him to comment in the chat. Mr. Martin repeatedly disconnected and reconnected to the meeting but the audio problem remained unresolved and he ultimately posted no comment in the meeting chat. Mr. Nalevanko asked what authority the board has to enter into a long-term contract. Mr. Levesque responded that the dollar limit is pretty low (maybe \$500) and the decision has to go before the public at Town Meeting for a vote.

INFORMATIONAL: The next regular meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Alstead will host the next Five-Town Select Board meeting on Friday August 5th, 2022 at 4:30 PM in the Town Hall at 9 Main Street.

On a motion made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Levesque, ***the Board voted by roll call (Levesque – y; McCarty – absent; Saxton – y) to enter non-public session at 5:47 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c) – Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board unless that person requests an open hearing.***

On a motion made by Mr. Levesque and seconded by Mr. Saxton, ***the Board voted to leave non-public session and return to public session at 5:50 p.m. The motion passed with 2 in favor and 1 absent.***

On a motion made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Levesque, ***the Board voted by roll call (Levesque – y; McCarty – absent; Saxton – y) to enter non-public session at 5:51 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e) – consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation.***

On a motion made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Levesque, ***the Board voted to leave non-public session and return to public session at 5:59 p.m. The motion passed with 2 in favor and 1 absent.***

On a motion made by Mr. Saxton and seconded by Mr. Levesque, ***the Board voted to adjourn the public meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion passed with 2 in favor and 1 absent.***

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator