

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of February 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Mary Ann Wolf; Joe Levesque; Joel McCarty

STAFF PRESENT: In person: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator (outgoing); Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator (incoming); Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Reynolds, Emergency Management. **Google Meet:** Bobbie Wilson, Ambulance Lieutenant.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: In person: Gordon and Hollie Kemp; Marge Noonan; Matt Saxton; Barbara Viegenger; Judith Willis. **Google Meet:** Glenn Elsesser.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Marge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER: Mary Ann Wolf called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed additional pages of the piggyback agreement for CAD ambulance software that were missed at the last meeting. Signed the payroll and bill manifests. Signed a Highway Department purchase order to replenish the storm pipe supply, which was depleted by flooding repairs performed last year.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of February 1, 2022: No changes requested. On a motion made by Joel and seconded by Joe, ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.*** Minutes of February 5, 2022: No changes requested. On a motion made by Joe and seconded by Joel, ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Steve Reynolds explained the Town's options for implementing a Hazard Mitigation plan (on its own vs engage a contractor). Steve recommends the latter, and the Board concurs. Steve suggests forming a committee consisting of the Emergency Management director, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Ambulance Chief, one Select Board member, and the Road Agent; and to engage Southwest Regional Planning as the contractor. Joe volunteered to serve as the Select Board member on the committee. Steve will follow up with the planning contractor to develop the contract.

SELECT BOARD CHAIR: Mary Ann attempted without success to determine who was voluntarily clearing pathways at the Town Hall. There was a rollover accident at the intersection of Route 12A and Chartier Lane during which our police cruiser was damaged by a Town of Walpole emergency vehicle; repairs will be needed. That intersection is a frequent accident site; Mary Ann will contact NHDOT to discuss signage there.

SELECT BOARD VICE CHAIR: Joe reminded everyone that the school deliberative session is Thursday 2/11 at 6:30 at the high school. He noted that there is an article in the school board warrant to form a statutory budget committee. Joe also recommended that people inform themselves about a new House bill, 1195, concerned with the rules regarding the time for open commentary at meetings held by any public body.

SELECT BOARD MEMBER: Joel reported that he is continuing to work with the Well Hill cooperative mortgage holder, and that he has begun researching the details of the Vilas Pool trust in order to better understand it.

AMBULANCE SQUAD: Jesse noted that the additional AED units have not been received, and wondered if we have paid the vendor's first invoice. Charlotte or Mary will follow up. Jesse is working with multiple partners - such as Cheshire Medical Center, the American Academy of Resuscitation, and Liberty Utilities - to develop a new "Power to Save a Life" program that is intended to promote the installation of AED units in the wider community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Barb Viegenger expressed dismay with the low attendance at the deliberative session and suggested that we put a sign outside the municipal building. It was noted that we once did a mailing but postage for that was cut from the budget several years ago. Bobbie Wilson reminded us that the Meet the Candidates session is scheduled for February 15th at 5:30, immediately after the next Select Board meeting. Candidates will introduce themselves and answer questions. Barb wondered how the building at the Transfer Station is heated. The answer is with waste oil, supplemented by fuel oil when necessary. Some discussion ensued about the cost of waste oil heat infrastructure and local people who use that method.

INFORMATIONAL: The next regular meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5 p.m., followed immediately by an opportunity to meet the candidates running for Mary Ann's soon-to-be vacated Select Board seat.

On a motion made by Joel and seconded by Joe, ***the Board voted by roll call (Mary Ann – y; Joe – y; Joel – y) to enter non-public session at 5:47 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-1:3, II(a).***

On a motion made by Joel and seconded by Joe, ***the Board voted to leave non-public session and return to public session at 6:31 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

On a motion made by Joel and seconded by Joe, ***the Board voted to adjourn the public meeting at 6:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator (incoming)