

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of
January 22nd, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
Town Offices 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Joel McCarty, Gordon Kemp, Matthew Saxton

STAFF PRESENT: **In person-** Kim Kercewich, Fire Chief.; Jesse Moore, Director of Transfer Station, EMS & Grounds; Steve Murrell, Police Chief. **Google Meet –**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: **In person –** Joe Levesque. **Google Meet –** None.

GUESTS:

CALL TO ORDER: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Board Chair called the Select Board meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS: The members present today had a brief discussion of the special bridge block grant.

The board voted unanimously to request Bruce Bellows, Trustee of the Trust Fund to immediately withdraw \$45,033 from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The intent of the Board is to apply that amount to the 2023 bridge expenses.

In depth discussions happened regarding warrant articles as they were reviewed one at a time. Light modifications were made to 3, 15, to fit regulatory language and the amounts were adjusted.

On a motion made by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. McCarty, *The board voted unanimously to raise the Town credit card limit for the Road Agent for the next 30 days to allow the purchase of a flail mower, funding will come from the Highway Block Grant.*

On a motion made by Mr. McCarty, seconded by Mr. Kemp, *the board voted unanimously to accept the Default Budget calculations as \$1,746,782.10*

INFORMATIONAL:

Next regular Select Board meeting:	Wednesday, January 24 th , 2024 @ 10:00 AM, Town Hall, 9 Main Street
2024 Town Meeting Deliberative Session:	Saturday, 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 12th, 2024 @ 6:00 PM, High School Library (2 nd Monday)
Next 5-Town Select Board meeting:	TBD – Reschedule in progress
FM Deliberative Session:	Wednesday February 7th, 2024, time TBD.

On a motion made by Mr. Kemp and seconded by Mr. Saxton, *the Board chair adjourned the public meeting at 12:02pm.*


NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS: On a motion made by Mr. McCarty and seconded by Mr. Kemp *the Board voted by roll call (Mr. McCarty– y; Mr. Saxton– y; Mr. Kemp – y) to enter non-public session at 12:03 PM:* Pursuant to regarding RSA 91-A:3,II(c) Matter which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board. *On a motion made by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Saxton, the board voted unanimously to leave non-public session and return to public session at 12:20pm.*

The board chair recessed the public meeting to reconvene later today.

Returned to session at 1:26pm at which time Mr. Kemp, Mr. McCarty and Office Admin, Misty Gratacos reviewed revised warrant articles and assisted in uploading the warrant articles to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) portal and to Town Counsel.

On a motion made by Mr. McCarty, seconded by Mr. Kemp, ***the board chair adjourned the public meeting at 4:47pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Misty D. Gratacos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Misty Gratacos
Office Administrator