

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Approved Minutes for Special Select Board Meeting to Review Candidate Resumes
October 27, 2023 at 5:15 PM
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: In person – Joel McCarty, Chair; Matthew Saxton, Vice Chair; Gordon Kemp, member.

GUESTS: None

STAFF: In Person – Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator. **Google Meet** – none.

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

CALL TO ORDER: After a moment for the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. McCarty called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:14 PM.

The Board reviewed and discussed resumes for five candidates. After debating various interviewing options, it was decided that Ms. Schoppmeyer should contact the five candidates, schedule interviews for next week in the 10 AM-to-noon or after five PM time windows. Any additional resumes received after this meeting will be immediately forwarded to the Board for evaluation.

MINUTES: No minutes were presented for approval at this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Simmeck matter – Mr. McCarty contacted the abutter that requested an update on the status of the 2006 DES Administrative Order associated with property M34 L8 and requested a narrative describing observed violations, which he received and forwarded to Concord. A response from Concord is expected by Monday October 30. **Debris** – Mr. Saxton raised the issue of debris piling up against obstacles in Darby Brook, shown in photos provided by a Comstock-Road-area resident. Mr. McCarty suggested turning to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for advice. **Lot adjacent to Town Hall** – Owner indicates that no Phase I evaluation or soil testing has been done on the property. The cars are observed to be gone. Mr. McCarty will enquire of DES for advice about what kind of soil testing the municipality should do before deciding whether to acquire the property. Meanwhile, Mr. Kemp researched the tax side of property donation. Mr. McCarty would like Mr. Kemp to urge the owners to initiate a soil assessment process with the understanding that the Town would undertake to repay the cost in the event that the property is donated. **Paving warrant article** – Mr. Kemp requested that the 2024 paving warrant article be placed on the 11/1 agenda and agreed to ask the Road Agent to be ready to talk about it. **Elected officials' budgets** – Mr. Kemp received advice from New Hampshire Municipal Association that does not agree with what the Board has customarily believed to be true, which is that the Select Board cannot ask an elected official to modify their budget request. The board asked that Mr. Kemp make his research available to the Admin so that copies of this advice can be made for the meeting table at the 11/1 meeting.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn from Mr. McCarty that was seconded by Mr. Kemp, **Mr. McCarty adjourned the public meeting at 6:05 PM.**

INFORMATIONAL:

Next regular Select Board meeting:	Wednesday, November 1 st , 2023 @ 6:00 PM, Town Hall, 9 Main St.
FM School Board meeting:	Monday, November 12 th , 2023 @ 6:00 PM, High School.
FM Budget Committee meeting:	Wednesday, November 15 th , 2023 @ 6:00 PM, High School.
Next 5-Town Select Board meeting:	TBD -- reschedule in progress

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator