

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of August 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Joseph Levesque, Joel McCarty, Matthew Saxton

STAFF PRESENT: In person: Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator. **Google Meet:** None.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: In person: Gordon Kemp, Rich Nalevanko, Marge Noonan, Mark Mastrocinque, Judith Willis. **Google Meet:** Kenyon Nesbitt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

CALL TO ORDER: The Board Chair called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed Zoll Medical software support agreement. Reviewed the MS-1 report. Reviewed the MS-434 report. Reviewed the MS-535 report created by the auditor. Reviewed the 2020 Assessment report.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Minutes of August 23, 2022: Gordon Kemp requested that “Y-Valley” be changed to “WiValley”. On a motion made by Matt Saxton and seconded by Joel McCarty, ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.***

SELECT BOARD REPORTS: Cobb Hill tower teardown: Mr. Saxton asked why the newly donated tower can't be raised in a different spot and the current tower left where it is. Jesse Moore answered that there are actually three towers – the WiValley tower with internet equipment on it and US Cellular tower, both on the same property; and another one on another property across the street on the east side of Cobb Hill Rd. from the first two. This “tower” is actually a telephone pole with radio equipment on it. It is the telephone pole tower that would actually be replaced with the donated tower. The radio equipment should be placed as far away as possible from the y-Valley tower to avoid microwave interference with the radio signal. **Fuel oil assistance info:** Mr. Saxton reported that because of the increasing costs of fuel oil there is concern building about the hazards of the various ways that people use to try to ease their heating cost. He wants people to know that Landry Oil has an anonymous donor who stands ready to help with fuel bills when a need is made known. **Demolition progress:** Mr. McCarty reported that Catamount has begun asbestos remediation at the house next to the Fire Station. **Dam water release:** Another small release was performed to support a Chase Mill event, with no detrimental effect noted on the lake water levels. **DES Meeting on 9/1:** There will be a meeting at East Alstead Church hosted by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES), community attendance urged. The new sign trailers will be moved to advertise the event. Mr. McCarty asked if one of the other two board members could attend the meeting and Mr. Levesque agreed to attend. **Sign Trailer feedback:** Chief Murrell reported that the town of Marlow is pleased to see Alstead signs being used to advertise community events, safety, and road work and not just speed enforcement. **Fireworks strife:** Chief Murrell reported that the department is organizing a community meeting to work toward addressing a neighborhood's complaints about fireworks use. **Well Hill:** Mr. McCarty reported that a state-licensed mobile home installer has been contracted to design the sites needed for 3 new mobile home installations at the community in the near term. **Bridge engineering projects:** Mr. McCarty was pleased to report that Bill Blaiklock has volunteered to assist with scheduling guest visits for each of the 4 contractors who have submitted design and specification bids, so that they can make brief presentations and answer questions. **Grant news:** Mr. Levesque reported that he was notified that FEMA was declining to fund the SCBA equipment grant application for the fourth year in a row. He plans to work with EM Director Steve Reynolds to improve the narrative in hopes of achieving the goal. **2020 Assessment report:** Mr. McCarty reported that the state provided its report of our assessors and that the evaluation was satisfactory. It is available for review.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Murrell reported that he responded to a parking complaint on Pine Cliff Rd. There was further discussion of the parking issues in that area, with the current consensus being that there is not currently a problem severe enough to require a municipal response at this time because the community is successfully resolving issues on its own.

AMBULANCE SQUAD: Chief Moore reported that the new radio repeaters arrived and are now installed and functioning beyond expectations. He described the signal range. The Cheshire County Ham Radio Club is preparing to host a session

to assist new enthusiasts with applying for their licensing. Chief Moore will provide dates for the sessions, and the town web site and the sign trailers will be updated to make the opportunities known.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Marge Noonan volunteered to coordinate opening and setting up the church for the meeting on Thursday 9/1. Mr. Levesque expressed the Board's gratitude and will be there to assist. Rich Nalevanko asked for an update to his request for preliminary Fall Mountain enrollment numbers. Mr. Nalevanko also asked about the progress of the court case about Bennett Rd., which is continued until November 4th. Mr. Levesque explained that the legal team sent Prescott some questions to answer; Joe will follow up with Prescott to see if he requires assistance with answering them. Chief Moore asked if there was any progress with purchasing Stop the Bleed kits for all the schools in the district. Mr. Levesque will follow up at the next school board meeting. Chief Moore was happy to learn that Acworth school already has some of these kits. Mr. Saxton indicated that he had a question after reviewing the payroll and decided to take it up with the Admin offline. Mr. McCarty reported that Wednesday is the first full day of school. Gordon Kemp asked whether the NH DES agreed to pay for any of the postcards we mailed out to advertise the Lake Warren meeting; Mr. McCarty indicated that the question was asked but there was no answer. Mr. Levesque asked whether it was cheaper to mail a postcard than a flyer. Mr. McCarty indicated that he would share the web site URL where he could find that information.

INFORMATIONAL: The next regular meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

On a motion from Joel McCarty that was seconded by Matt Saxton, ***the Board Chair adjourned the public meeting at 5:45 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator (incoming)