

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Select Board**  
**Approved Minutes for Meeting of February 15, 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; Stephen Murrell, Police Chief; Prescott Trafton, Highway Department; Bobbie Wilson, Ambulance Lieutenant.

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS: In person:** Glenn Elsesser, Gordon and Hollie Kemp; Mark Mastrocinque; Rich Nalevanko; Marge Noonan; Matt Saxton; Barbara Viegenger; Judith Willis.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mark 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 the Assessing Officials' Response to Application for Veteran Tax Credit form for resident Bell. Signed Prorated Assessment for Damaged Buildings for resident Boucher.

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** Minutes of February 8, 2022 meeting; and Minutes of non-public sessions on February 8, 2022 and February 15, 2022: No changes requested. On a motion made by Joe and seconded by Joel, ***the Board voted to approve all sets of minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mary Ann opened the floor for reports from the board and from department heads.

**HIGHWAY DEPT:** Prescott informed the group that a vendor engaged by the power company wants to close Route 123 for 5 hours at some point to perform tree maintenance, and wants information about an alternate route. He will follow up to see if they can avoid closing the road completely because alternate routes for tractor trailer can be challenging. Prescott also reported that he is rescinding the culvert purchase order that the board signed last week because prices have doubled. Charlotte/Mary are instructed to shred the PO. Joel noted that culvert replenishment is the Board's next highest priority after the AED project, and asked for a full list (2 truckloads of culverts per year is the usual annual consumption rate and our supply is exhausted).

**ADMIN:** Charlotte reported that the Fire Chief researched getting an independent adjustor to evaluate the fire truck damage. He contacted Frontier, who recommended Glenn Elsesser for the job. The Fire Chief wondered if this was a conflict of interest in any way. After some discussion, the board decided that it is not a conflict and agreed that Chief Kercewich should continue to pursue getting the damage estimate from Glenn through Frontier. Glenn asked if we can find a copy of the estimate for the last fire truck damage event and Charlotte/Mary will locate it. Charlotte requested that we hold the second select board meeting in March on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> instead of Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, because Tuesday is voting day and the Town Hall will be otherwise occupied at the usual time.

**SELECT BOARD VICE CHAIR:** Joe informed everyone that at yesterday's school board meeting, Lori Landry announced her retirement from the school district, effective June 30.

**SELECT BOARD CHAIR:** There has been some confusion at the Transfer Station about an informal policy that has developed, whereby town employees have been allowed to dump their Construction & Demolition debris free of charge. After some discussion it was decided that anyone who dumps C&D debris must pay for it as usual and Mary Ann will draft a policy.

**AMBULANCE SQUAD:** Jesse noted that the Wellness Committee will be seated Wednesday night to encourage the public to take ownership of the AED project. The goal is to have as many people as possible trained in CPR AND how to use an AED; to have no-one in Alstead living more than a mile from a defibrillator; and to increase the odds of anyone surviving a cardiac arrest event from 6% to 97%. Mary Ann reminded everyone that any Alstead resident can purchase an AED for their home for the state cost (contact Jesse (Ambulance Chief) or Steve Murrell (Police Chief).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Rich Nalevanko commented that we could adjust the quantity of culverts to purchase based on priority to minimize the impact of inflation on the expense. Glenn Elsesser asked for an update about the unpermitted

driveway on Walpole Valley Road. Gordon reported that the planning board found no permit for either the house or the driveway, and that it seems like an enforcement issue for the Board. Mary Ann will draft a letter to the property owner. Rich Nalevanko asked for an update on the road maintenance complaint about Bennet Road. Charlotte explained that it is on the town attorney's list after the Gilsum Mine cease & desist order, which has just been completed and must be posted in the newspaper for four weeks since all parties could not be served. There was additional discussion about where the notice might be posted.

**INFORMATIONAL:** The next regular meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 5 p.m. at the Town Hall.

On a motion made by Joe and seconded by Joel, ***the Board voted to adjourn the public meeting at 5:31 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Schoppmeyer, Office Administrator (incoming)