TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE Select Board

Minutes for Meeting of January 11th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Town Offices 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602

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

STAFF PRESENT: In person – Misty Gratacos, Office Administrator; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Kim Kercewich, Fire Chief.; Jesse Moore, Director of Transfer Station, EMS & Grounds; Bobbie Wilson, Supervisor of the Checklist & Ambulance Lieutenant. **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 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS: During this budget workshop the Select Board and Department Heads discussed in length strategies and tactics for completing a prudent budget to present to voters at the January 16th Budget Hearing.

The Office Administrator was tasked with contacting Bruce Bellows, Trustee of the Trust Funds, for the Capital Reserve Fund balances and for The Trust balances.

The Road Agent was tasked with researching the cost & pros/cons of leasing equipment.

The department heads stayed in session with the Select Board to discuss PTO for salaried employees, further discussion is needed.

INFORMATIONAL:

Next regular Select Board meeting:	Tuesday, January 17 th , 2024 @ 10 AM, Town Office, 15 Mechanic St.
2024 Budget Hearing:	Tuesday, January 16 th , 2024 @ 5:00 PM, Town Hall, 9 Main Street
2024 Town Meeting Deliberative	February 3 rd , 2024 @ 10 AM, Town Hall, 9 Main Street
Session:	
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, January 8 th , 2024 @ 6:00 PM, High School Library (2 nd Monday)
FM Budget Committee meeting:	Wednesday, December 27 th , 2023 @ 6:00 PM, High School (3 rd Wednesday)
Next 5-Town Select Board meeting:	TBD – Reschedule in progress
FM Budget Hearing:	Wednesday, January 10 th , 2024 @ 5:30pm, High School Library
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 11:04 a.m.

Budget workshops will reconvene on January 12th, 2024 @ 10:00am at the Town Hall 9 Main Street, Alstead, NH

Respectfully submitted,

Misty D. Gratacis

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Office Administrator