

The Alstead board of selectmen met in open session on Tuesday October 17, 2017 at 6:30 at the municipal offices. Members present were Chairman Rock Wilson, Tim Noonan and Alan Dustin. Tim led the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were read and Rock moved to accept the minutes as read, Alan seconded, motion passed.

**New Business:**

Trish Anderson, Tax Collector, Town Clerk presented her 2018 budget. She explained the changes in the wages lines, education lines, and tax program software. The Avitar tax program software conversion is complete and she explained this is also the same software used in the assessing department. She plans on continuing to attend the Tax collector's workshops and work towards being certified for both herself and her deputy. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, the town clerk will be going to a one check system for motor vehicles. This will be mandated in 2018 by the state. In early December she will be able to accept credit cards. The payment plans were reviewed. She reported most are paying consistently and some are not and recommended a reminder letter go out. The board agreed and Kelly will draft a letter.

DRA sent a preliminary tax rate of \$26.67 for the board to review. The breakdown includes the town portion is \$6.00, the county is \$3.58, the local is \$14.67 and the state is \$2.42. After discussion Rock moved to accept the tax rate in the amount of \$26.67, Alan seconded, motion passed.

Jodi Kercewich discussed the transfer station prices for cardboard and aluminum cans. Cardboard prices continue to fluctuate. Joe Ruggiero was not present to discuss the trucking charges for the 2018 budget. Once the board has these figures they will be able to present a 2018 budget. Jodi plans on looking into some grants for containers and will report back.

There was a brief discussion about the backhoe and replacing the valve and should the transfer station be responsible for paying for a portion of this. No decision was made.

**Old Business:**

The board reviewed the 2018 Rymes heating oil and propane contract and agreed to sign it. The Town locked in at \$1.69 for propane and \$2.04 for heating oil. Kelly reported she reached out to the school district a while ago and never heard back.

Bob Maguire reported the temporary library steps are almost complete.

Alan reported there have been several interested parties that would like to see the inside of the properties being auctioned off. He has agreed to meet with the interested parties.

Tim Moved to adjourn, Alan Dustin seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly N Wright*