

The Alstead board of selectmen met in open session on Tuesday July 10, 2018 at 6:30 at the town offices. Members present were Chairman Tim Noonan, Alan Dustin and Rock Wilson. Tim led the pledge of allegiance. Alan moved to accept the amended minutes, Tim seconded. Tim moved to accept the nonpublic minutes and leave them sealed, Alan seconded.

The board reviewed and signed payroll and payment manifests. After discussion the board decided not to sign one of the intent to cuts until further information was gathered.

The board received and opened 2 bids for the Town Hall renovations. The board agreed to award the winning bid next Tuesday July 17, 2018.

1. Bellows Construction- total of \$72,600
2. Griffin Construction- total of \$101,612.75

County Commissioner, Joe Cartwright gave the board an update of the county's projects and their progress. The Maplewood renovation have been delayed because the original contractor was let go for budgetary reasons. They hope in the next several weeks to have bids to review and get back on track. Maplewood had a federal inspection and they found zero defects in any aspects of the quality care, safety and or health of the facility. Joe stated the administration has done a great job working to keep things in order. The old jail has been demolished and the material has been removed. The daycare center has been demolished. Two new human resource positions have been filled to help take the pressure off the department heads. A new roof and new windows will be placed on the Registry of Deeds building. The county thru fund raising has raised \$100,000 and with a matching grant they are able to restore the windows in the old courthouse. The IT department is in the process of upgrading all the systems for better communication. Two union contracts will be discussed this year. The county has asked Professor Davis a specialist from UNH to collect data information for the geo thermal unit and evaluate if there is a cost reduction or not. Joe discussed the staffing shortage at Maplewood and management is working on retaining its employees.

Transfer Station department head, Jodi Kercewich reported the recent increase cost to the Town per ton on the comingle and mixed fiber. Comingle has gone from \$30/ton to \$55/ton and mixed fiber went from \$30/ton to \$45/ton. She has been working with Mike from NRRRA to see how to save money. The town will continue to recycle #1 & #2 plastics but Keene doesn't want #3 & #4 plastics. The paper and corrugated will need to be separated differently also. She plans to have 2 people working to help people put the recyclables into the correct bins. She hopes with this consolidation it will cut down to just one trucking per month. Glass is another area of concern. Jodi will look into having someone come in and crush and report back to the board. She has applied for the NH the Beautiful grant to purchase a new larger container. She is also looking for part time fill in help.

Highway department head, Prescott Trafton asked if the board would consider letting Springfield paving shim Bell Hill. After discussion the board asked Prescott to look at the cost of having it grinded. Tim moved to let Prescott decide on shimming or grinding Bell Hill, Rock seconded, motion passed. Culvert work will be done on Gilsum Mine Road Thursday 7/12/18. He is still waiting to hear back from Custom Crushing to confirm the start date.

Bobbie Wilson reported July 15th will be Vilas Pool Day and if the highway guys could clean the debris off the dam, screw down some of the planks and mow the parking lot and at some point, the pine trees may need to be addressed.

Tim reported he received an email from a resident concerned with the level of water coming out of Lake Warren and into the brook and surrounding streams. After discussion the board agreed to leave the stop blocks alone.

Tim reported Chris Rietmann has resigned from the Emergency Management Director position effective immediately. Tim thanked him for his service. After discussion Rock moved to appoint Brian Hughes as Emergency Management Director, Alan seconded, motion passed. Kelly will contact Brian.

Office Administrator, Kelly Wright reported \$1,500,000 in taxes have been collected. There is a remaining balance of \$323,167.85 from this year first tax bills. The delinquent taxes are \$383,965.10.

Rock Wilson moved to adjourn, Tim seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Next meeting is 7/17/18

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly N Wright