

The Alstead board of selectmen met in open session on Tuesday October 3, 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. Alan moved to accept the minutes as read, Tim seconded.

Joe Ruggiero was present to review the current agreement in trucking trash. The board has asked Joe to prepare a contract for 2018 to truck the Town's cardboard, co-mingle, mixed paper, C&D and MSW. Kelly will email Joe the tonnage amounts. No decision was made they will revisit this at October 17, 2018 board meeting.

Highway department head Mike Kercewich presented an initial 2018 budget. He explained there will be an increase in the health insurance line and once the board makes a decision about the transfer station he will have to adjust part time wages for both transfer and highway departments. He gave the board quotes for the purchase of a plate compactor for \$4,541.00, a tiger side mower package for \$26,130.00, a back-hoe pusher for \$5,249.00 and tow behind 9 in sweepster for \$17,256.25. The money would be coming out of the additional highway block grant fund. The remaining would be \$25,953.00. He would like to apply \$25,953.00 to an additional \$150,000 for the 2018 paving. In 2018 he plans on paving Drewsville Rd all the way to 12A, and Hill Rd, but he plans on leaving Bell Hill out. After some discussion the board decided to wait before agreeing to spend any money. Mike reported DPW will start putting up winter sand next week and requested any remaining money from sand he would like to purchase next year's culverts. Mike reported he is looking into working with Walpole on projects for next year. This has worked successful in the past. He reported the Town barn is painted but the brackets are not done and salt shed haven't been painted. Mike recommended that a man lift would be needed to paint the roof. He hopes to have some road striping done this year. This year the Town contracted the road side mowing and to date 9 roads were done in the amount of \$7,800.00, the price is based on the hours off the tractor. This is only one third of the Town.

Jodi Kercewich discussed the transfer station 2018 budget. She reported once the board decides on the trash trucking the only lines that will change are the wage, health insurance, FICA & med. She is looking into a new company to take the electronics. From the preliminary numbers she feels this will be a savings to the Town. She is looking into requesting a grant through NH Beautiful to purchase a new container. The cost to buy one is \$5,600.00.

The board asked Mike to open up the Vilas Dam in several weeks, weather permitting. Vilas Pool has another wedding this weekend and then it will be closed for the season. Mike will let Kelly know so it will be posted on the website.

Rock asked about paving the 2 culverts on Gilsum Mine Rd. Mike answered he plans on paving them next week and Pine Cliff Rd will be graded again.

Glenn discussed the CIP plan but no decision was made and it will be revisited in several weeks.

Rock discussed there is still one more appointment to the Planning Board, and feels Peter Rhoades is a valuable resource. Alan Dustin moved to re - appoint Peter Rhoades to the Planning Board, Tim Noonan seconded. Motion passes, Kelly will notify Peter.

Many residents attended on behalf of the board's previous decision to not allow the Fall Mountain Food Shelf to use the Town Hall/ Fire Station this year for the Thanksgiving baskets. The board

stated this was just for this event and Friendly Meals would still be able to use the Town Hall for their meals twice a week. The board went on to state they don't have any authority over Friendly meals and it isn't a Town run organization. After a lot of discussion, the board agreed to discuss their decision at next week's meeting with the Ambulance Captain and Fire Department's Chief. The board has agreed to allow the Fall Mountain Friendly to use the Town Hall/ Fire Station this year only, if the 2 department heads are comfortable with this.

School Board chairman Gabe St. Pierre was in attendance and asked if the selectmen what the Town's concerns were. The main concern is the school bill. Tim Noonan stated both Walpole and Alstead, are both in Cheshire county will be faced with a 14-million-dollar county nursing home project. The other 3 schools are in Sullivan county. Gabe reported the school budget is underway. He continued to say the middle school principals have made some initial cuts but they haven't seen the initial numbers. Gabe reminded the board of the upcoming meeting in November to discuss the pros and cons of a District Middle School. Chris Rietmann asked if the school board would be having a meeting with select boards and school board to voice their concerns about the budget. Gabe answer yes and it will be a sited based meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly N Wright*