

The Alstead Board of selectmen met in open session on Tuesday November 28, 2017 at 6:30 at the town offices. Members present were Chairman Rock Wilson, Tim Noonan and Alan Dustin. Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30. Tim led the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were amended and Alan moved to accept the amended minutes, Tim seconded, minutes approved.

The board reviewed and signed the winter parking policy. It will be posted on the website and in the newspaper.

Rock reported Jesse has scheduled a new ambulance to come to the fire station for a demo on Wednesday 11/27 at 6:00.

Benji Vanalstyne reported to the board that he had previously met with the Planning board about his concerns with his neighbors building variances and how their decision will affect the snow and ice buildup on the neighbor's driveways and safety of people walking on those right of ways. After much decision the board decided the board wants to review all the variances for the next 6 months. Alan Dustin will inform the ZBA of the boards decision.

The board reviewed the proposed 2018 warrant articles and how to fund them.

1. Paving Hill Road \$97,806 (UFB), and remaining \$77,194 from (SB 38 highway block grant)
2. Library Steps \$60,000 (CRF)
3. Walk Bridge changed from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to be raised by taxes
4. Fire Department ATV side by side BOS removed from warrant articles
5. Town Hall Renovation \$66,000 (UFB)
6. Fire Capital Reserve changed from \$20,000 (UFB) to \$25,000 to be raised by taxes
7. Highway CRF \$10,000 from (UFB) and \$50,000 to be raised by taxes
8. Bridge CRF \$25,000 to be raised by taxes
9. Library CRF \$15,000 from (UFB)
10. Road Project CRF (New CRF) \$10,000 to be raised by taxes

Total out of unassigned fund balance is \$188,806, \$60,000 library CRF, \$77,194 from SB38 highway grant and \$125,000 to be raised by taxes.

The board discussed the new road project capital reserve fund will include specific vocabulary so it will not limit the Town's ability to vote and appropriate its use. There was discussion about grant money being available to assist the Town if the Town met its criteria.

Rock reported he went to the fall mountain budget meeting and explained the reason the Town's monthly school bill went down is because surplus money was applied towards the taxes, but in 2018 Alstead school portion will increase. He went on to report the school board is reviewing doing away with counselors and disagrees with their initial cuts.

Rock reminded the board in 2018 the town can expect an increased county bill as well.

There was a lot of discussion about how the Town cannot continue to afford all the services the departments provide, including equipment, payroll and insurance expenses. The board is reviewing contracting out more work. No decision was made.

Alan moved to adjourn, Rock seconded meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kelly N Wright*