

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of June 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602
Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Rock Wilson; Mary Ann Wolf; (in person) Joe Levesque (on conference call)

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool committee and Ambulance member (in person)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON CONFERENCE CALL: Marge Noonan; Barbara Viegener; Judy Willis (on conference call)

GUESTS ON CONFERENCE CALL: Bob Brown, Mill Hollow Heritage Assoc; Fred Blais, Realtor from Keene

CALL TO ORDER: Rock Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: At 6:00 p.m. Rock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS: Signed: bill and payroll manifest, intent to cut M. White, read mail

DISCUSSION: The Board acknowledged Bob Brown. Bob stated that they are no longer operating the mill on a working basis but they are doing tours and would like to show the operation of the turbines running when the weather allows and pond is filled. They have a generator system they use to demonstrate the making of electricity. He asked if when doing these tours, they can be allowed to fill the Mill pond from Warren Brook by lifting a couple of the stop logs long enough to fill the pond. This would be an ongoing request in the summer during operation hours to be able to have the tours. He didn't believe the quantity of water released would be noticeable. Joe asked if he had notified the Lake Warren Association. Bob said that he planned on getting on their agenda to discuss any concerns they may have. The Board had no issue with his request. Prescott said there is currently no water going over the dam. He asked the Board if he could open the locks to get an inch of water to keep the water flowing to the brook. On a motion by Rock, seconded by Mary Ann, ***the Board voted to allow Prescott to open the dam to allow an inch from Warren Lake to go into the brook. The motion passed unanimously.***

The Board acknowledged Fred Blais. Fred told the Board that he was approached by New England Specialty Soils who purchased the Blanchflower Lumber property on Library Ave. They are considering selling this and have Fred as the realtor. He wanted to know what the Board thought the best use for the property would be other than a saw mill. Not sure what the zoning is and what might be allowed there. Mary Ann suggested that perhaps the planning board may have some ideas. Rock stated it is zoned for commercial/industrial land. The notes on the property card states village commercial. Rock said there are certain restrictions within the zoning laws but he would have to look them up. Rock gave Fred his number to contact him tomorrow after he looks into it more.

Discussion took place on Susan Norlander's letter requesting PPE for the elections. After some discussion, Joe stated that he would get in touch with Brian Hughes to see if he can order PPE.

Charlotte mentioned that Mary Lou provided the information we requested for the Friendly Meals.

Charlotte asked if the Board would agree to send in some money to help support the FreeConferenceCall.com that we use. She stated the Planning/Zoning Board has been using it as well as the Conservation Committee. She stated that she likes the recording capabilities as it helps with the minutes. On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Rock, ***the Board voted to pay \$15.00/month. The motion passed unanimously.***

Mary Ann brought up the fact that she has read that every town should have road files. She asked if Tina would have time to put this together. Prescott said the problem is that all the files were damaged in the flood. They would have to go to Cheshire County Registry of Deeds and look through all the deeds to see what roads have right-a-ways. He has talked with other towns and he said you could spend thousands of hours coming up with information. There is a good resource in Concord but it's a two-hour round-trip drive. He said when he first started, he started road by road GPS mapping of all the

culverts. Once a year he walks a road and checks every culvert and puts a GPS on them. Another problem with road files is that we don't have established road width on many of the roads. The hard part is finding information. He was wondering if it is something that the Historical Society may have information on or planning board. Tina is not against doing anything but this could be very time consuming.

Prescott said they are almost wrapped up with the culvert on Main St. they just have to fine tune a drain. They may have to remove the top and put a steel plate in and cover it so the water drains into the catch basin.

The Highway Dept. started on Lake Warren and took one pipe out and will put another one in tomorrow. The pipe has gone from a 3-footer to 42 inches. He is hoping to be done ahead of schedule.

The boards on Bell Hill bridge are dilapidated from plowing and driving. There were some concerns that nails are poking out but there are none. They have a quote of \$350 to redo the wear surfaces. They will have to get nails as well. They will repair the wear surfaces on one side and do the other side in the fall. He stated that its not something you can use pressure treated wood due to the fact that it will become slippery. They plan to start on it by the end of next week.

Rock wanted Prescott's thoughts on the culvert on Pine Cliff. Prescott says they are taking time to let things settle.

Prescott mentioned that the flooring at the pavilion on Bragg Lane is rotting away. He asked if he should get quotes from contractors to fix the floor. The Board agreed for him to get quotes. He will bring them to the next meeting.

Prescott mentioned that the Friendly Meals is taking their cooking oil and dumping it on the grass and killing it and this could potentially attract animals. He was wondering if they could get an ICB tote or something to put it in or dispose of it properly at the transfer station. Charlotte will call Susan and Mary Lou and let them know.

Because it's been so dusty, Prescott requested a 1000-gallon horizontal water tank so in the dusty areas they can water the road after they chloride. It would set them up so they can use a liquid chloride which is safer to use. He presented 3 quotes and the best deal was with Bascom's for \$1,320.00. He thinks this is a good long-term investment. He presented a purchase order for this which was signed.

Charlotte gave an update on the broken window from the library. She said that Prescott brought it to Tory Hill Glass for repair and the cost will be \$97.80 but it will not have a top coat. The glass will be replaced, and re-glazed then the window will be sanded and primed. She is waiting to hear back from Alyson to see if there may be paint at the library and if we could get it, when Prescott picks it up, he could paint it. If not, he will try and match and purchase a small amount of paint.

Prescott asked if they could apply for a Home Depot card since they purchase items here a lot and this would help free up using the credit card. Plus, the Home Depot card has a 10% discount for a commercial account. On a motion by Rock, seconded by Mary Ann; the Board voted to apply for a Home Depot card. ***The motion passed unanimously.***

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of May 19, 2020: On a motion by Mary Ann Wolf, seconded by Joe Levesque; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.***

Joe mentioned that there is hazard pay reimbursement from both FEMA and GOFFER for non-emergency employees that we can pay money to them for working through COVID. Joe thinks it is something to consider for employees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

INFORMATIONAL:

On a motion by Mary Ann; seconded by Joe, ***the Board voted to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00 p.m.