

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602

To attend via Google Meet, access code is <https://meet.google.com/hnr-zuns-igp>

Conference call: (978) 990-5000, access code 539083#

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Rock Wilson (in person) Mary Ann Wolf (via phone); Joe Levesque (via Google Meet)

STAFF PRESENT: Richard Berringer, Fire Dept. member Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent (in person) Susan Norlander, Moderator (phone)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ben Duffy-Howard; Glen Elsesser; Justin Falango; Laurence Howard; Gordon Kemp; Marge Noonan; Barbara Viegner (in person)

GUESTS:

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

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

ACTION ITEMS: Signed bill and payroll manifest, timber cut, appointment for zoning officer, CNP assessing contract, Ambulance write-offs

OLD BUSINESS: Gordon and Justin still hadn't heard back from Avitar regarding their price on maps. Discussion took place on having Justin take over doing the maps. Charlotte reviewed the various things that is done by mappers. Also mentioned this could be a liability to the town if there is an error which causes litigation. Charlotte recommends to stay with the mappers they have. The Board asked for them to continue looking into what the cost is from Avitar.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan addressed the Board about holding a virtual deliberative session. She wanted to start thinking of virtual meeting rather than in person. She still does not have a clear answer. On January 9th she will be attending a meeting on how to conduct a deliberative session. She feels that she will be better informed after the meeting.

Budget and warrant articles were reviewed and discussed. Article 6, purchase of a new truck will be discussed again next meeting. Article 9, purchase of a bailer & equipment, the Board asked Charlotte to have Jodi come to the next meeting to present the financial plan for this. Article 15 whether to raise \$9,500 by taxes or take from capital reserve. All other articles the Board unanimously recommended. Gordon mentioned that there may be a zoning ordinance warrant article.

The Board agreed to skip a meeting for the 22nd and have the next one on the 29th.

Charlotte mentioned that she has emailed everyone that she needs the articles for the town report by January 15th.

Prescott showed a flyer he created to put on car windshields that are parked on the side of the road during a snow storm which would include a fine. Charlotte asked if this could be put in place without having an ordinance. Steve said he would look into it. Charlotte will look into what the town policy is now.

Charlotte asked if she could close the office on Thursday the 24th. The Board was fine with this.

Prescott said he has ordered salt from KL Jack. It's the company we use to buy to salt the parking lots, transfer station and fire station. The cost would be \$1,750 and the freight would be reduced. He asked if there is enough in building maintenance for this and highway would pick up the cost of the freight. There is enough to cover this cost.

Prescott mentioned that Dave and Dom have jury duty on the 23rd. Charlotte stated that she called and wasn't able to have them excused. Rock said he writes letters for his employees and they bring it with them. Charlotte will write a letter.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of December 8: on a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

INFORMATIONAL:

On a motion by Joe, seconded by Mary Ann; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 29th at 6:00 p.m.