

The Alstead selectmen met in open session on Tuesday November 14, 2017 at 6:30 at the municipal offices. Members present were Chairman Rock Wilson, Tim Noonan and Alan Dustin. Rock Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30. Tim led the pledge of allegiance.

Rock asked for the library to present first. Susan Norlander first thanked Bob McGuire for making temporary stairs. There was discussion on the cracks in the library steps and how to repair and who to go to. Susan said there needs to be a new foundation under the steps but they discovered there is a pit under there that is very large and deep. There is no support holding the steps up in the middle and a lot of silt. There was talk that the steps may have been damaged back during the flood. They talked to various people about repairing the steps but there are not a lot of choices of good masons around. They received a quote from Mike Gibbons for \$49,500 and feel confident that he would do a good job. Susan mentioned that there would be no access to the front for two to three weeks but that they could use the existing material for the temporary steps in front and make something in the back. Susan presented a proposal for two warrant articles that would help raise additional money to fund this project. There was some discussion on the articles. The board told Susan that if they were comfortable with the quote than go ahead. No exact date was discussed on when this would be done but that it would be before next June.

There was discussion on whether there would be a grant available to help with this. Susan said that they are concerned about time frame in doing a grant but that Joe Levesque is going to look into this.

Rock asked Jesse Moore from the ambulance to speak next. Jesse said they got the new computer up and running on Monday. That it took longer than anticipated. He purchased a new printer because the one they had needed a new cartridge which would have not been worth getting as new printer was \$300. Jesse went over his budget. Selectmen were satisfied with it. Jesse requested 4 rescue task force vest kits for the new members. Cost of 849.99 each and one bleeding control kit to put with the AED at school for \$885.00. Rock asked Jesse if he had spoken with the school to see if it something that they would order. Jesse said that he had but they said it was too expensive. Rock wants to wait until after the first full week of December to make a decision on this. Rock wants Jesse to get exact price of the vests and then they will make a decision on those.

Rock asked Kim Kercewich from the fire department to go next. He mentioned that he still has 3 sets of turn out gear to get (\$7,500) and 2 months of payroll. He presented quotes to BOS for the off-road rescue rig which can be used for both forestry and rescue.

After much discussion on Alstead having a volunteer fire department instead of paid, Rock asked Jesse how many members he had on the ambulance. Jesse responded 18 on the roster and 11 paid every month. That he has a couple new members that were taking classes to become certified. He indicated that they hadn't gone on any calls because they had to be certified first and he submits hours after completion of class. Rock asked Kim for the fire department and Kim's response was 16 active but usually only 7 show due to work schedule and availability.

The selectmen scheduled a budget work session on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m.

Ira Day brought up the fact that there is a sign on Pine Cliff Rd that says no trucks but trucks go through and would like for this to be enforced. Per Rock, this would be hard to do since there is no weight limit on the sign and "no truck" sign is not clear on what type of truck. Rock and Alan said the

sign should be taken down. After further discussion, Alan moved to have the sign taken town, Rock seconded, Tim abstained. Motioned passed to have the sign removed.

Glen presented the CIP plan.

Selectmen mentioned that next time the auditor is in they are planning to speak with him and that Glen can get involved with any questions he may have.

Rock went back to the library situation. He thinks there will be resistance from town people to raise new money and wanted to know why the library couldn't use the money they currently have for the stairs and ask for new money once the capital reserve is starting to deplete next year. Karn McShane explained that there is quite a bit of other improvements and repairs that need to be done that they will need the other money for. Rock again said that he thinks that if they approach it with a different strategy of going to the town next year and asking for money it would be better received. Karn will go back to the board and present this to them.

Jane Quaglin mentioned that Bob was waiting for edits from Kelly in order for him to complete the job descriptions.

Rock moved to approve the minutes as read, Alan seconded, motion passed.

Rock Wilson moved to adjourn, Alan Dustin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Charlotte Comeau***