

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of November 17, 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; Joe Levesque (in person)

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Kim Kercewich, Fire Chief, Michael Kercewich, Assist. Fire Chief, Jodi Kercewich, Transfer Station Supervisor; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Bobbie Wilson, Vilas Pool/Supervisor of checklist/Ambulance member; Matt Yeatman, Fire Dept. member (in person); Brian Hughes, EMD (on phone)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Glenn Elsesser; Gordon Kemp; Marge Noonan; Judith Willis (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: Payroll and bill manifest signed. After some discussion took place on the PO that Kim presented, it was approved and signed.

OLD BUSINESS: Kim mentioned that the extractor needed for their gear is a Milnor and the quote he received for delivery and set up was \$8,032. This does not include plumbing or electricity. Kim will check to see if there is enough room.

Charlotte showed fabric samples for acoustic panels to go on ceiling. Mary Ann and Judith will pick the color another time as well as which style and let Charlotte know so she can have Barry place the order.

Discussion took place on having a platform to use in addition to the conference call. Either Zoom or Google Meets. Charlotte mentioned we could get a TV and put it on the wall. Rock said if social distancing was the issue, they could have the meetings at the town hall instead of using either of these. Charlotte didn't think we could have just the laptop on the table but Gordon said that he does that with his laptop for their meetings and uses Google Meets as there is no time limit. We'll try that out for next time and not worry about a projector.

Charlotte told the Board that they will not be able to hold the deliberative session at the school. It was agreed to hold it at the town hall.

Charlotte told the Board that she is still waiting for the assessors to finish with the re-val. It will probably be another two weeks before they are done and tax bills can go out. She said we should probably be fine paying the county bill.

There was discussion on Bragg Lane and future uses for it. Mary Ann and Judith walked the property. Prescott says that in the past they have used the area to store material since the highway dept doesn't own any land. Judith said it a nice place for walking. Jodi said they use to have a community garden there.

Mary Ann showed a picture of a chair to replace the conference room chairs. They are \$105.00 each and support 400 pounds and can be washed down. Samples are being sent of the different colors.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian Hughes presented the Emergency Response budget. He sees no changes in the budget. Waiting to see if Keene dispatch is going up. Charlotte will move the US cell bill from supplies to phone. Brian says he doesn't use the tablet. Charlotte will check this out and since it is not being used, she will cancel it.

Gordon Kemp presented the PB/ZB 2021 budget. Wage line was increased to 4,500. Charlotte asked if 4,500 is enough as it is over now. It was decided to increase it to 5,000. Some discussion took place on cost of maps. Gordon said the Planning Board is looking to see if they can find another company to do our maps so we would not have to do the digital conversion. Charlotte recommend for Gordon to call Franco at CAI to get a better understanding of what they would be doing for the \$7,500.

Charlotte reviewed what she was given for elections by Bobbie. She is still waiting for figures from the Moderator. Bobbie said the reason the wages seem a little high is because next year is a purge year and it will take time to do this.

The Board wants the new AC unit for the offices to come out of building/maintenance and not a warrant article.

Jodi said that the 1992 and 1999 compactors will need to be replaced and they are between 20K and 30K each. They may be able to get another 3 years out of one of them but would need to start putting more into capital reserve to save for this. Jodi doesn't think putting 5k a year into CIP isn't enough. She also stated that the back wall of the concrete building for recycling is leaning and needs repaired in 2021. She is getting quotes.

Prescott presented the highway CIP he had prepared. Prescott mentioned that we are going to need to replace the backhoe which is mostly used by the transfer station. Asked if this could come out of some revenue generated by the transfer station. There was much discussion on the highway CIP, vehicles, bridges and roads.

Prescott mentioned that Fall Mountain Motors is going out of business and Dec. 6th is the last day. He would like to see if there is anything there that they could use.

Bobbie said that the winterization at Vilas Pool will be done by Thanksgiving.

Gordon gave an update on broadband. CCI and Comcast has responded. Someone else had sent an email asking to extend the deadline. He wanted to know if they wanted to extend the deadline or keep it the way it is. He said that if the extend it they may get one more bidder however, this could delay the project a year. After some discussion the Board agreed to keep it as is.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of October 27; on a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*** Minutes of November 10, 2020; on a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes. The motion passed.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

INFORMATIONAL: Town offices will be closed Thursday November 26th for Thanksgiving.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS): On a motion by Rock, seconded by Mary Ann; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Select Board members present were: Rock Wilson, Mary Ann Wolf and Joseph Levesque. Also present was Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvene public meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

On a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th at 6:00 p.m.