

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Select Board
Approved Minutes for Meeting of December 1, 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; Mary Ann Wolf; Joe Levesque (in person)

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator; Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief; Steve Murrell, Police Chief; Prescott Trafton, Road Agent (in person) Bobbie Wilson, Ambulance member/SOC (on phone)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Gordon Kemp; Marge Noonan; Rodney & Heather Parrott; Judith Willis; 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:

OLD BUSINESS: Charlotte gave an update on the ceiling panels stating they were ordered and due to the material that was chosen, the price increased from \$5,100 to \$5,500. They will arrive in 2 weeks and Barry will install after Christmas.

Charlotte mentioned that she talked to both Kim and Jesse and they agreed to split the cost of the extractor under new equipment. Jack is going to look at what it would cost to hook up wiring.

The washer and dryer should be delivered this week and Jack will be back to put in the receptacles once they are in place. Joe asked how they would get a key to all the first responders to have access to the washer/dryer. Jesse suggested to get a keypad on that door. Prescott said it can be purchased at LaValley's and he could install it. All were in agreement with this.

Gordon Kemp looked in the LIBOR class action. He said he has reached out to Hans and waiting to see if he can get more information from him but doesn't think this is something we need to pursue.

Gordon talked to the current map provider to see how things were done. He said there is a possibility that Justin could do the maps for the town. His view on the digital maps is that he doesn't think the town needs to spend the money on this. He thought that the planning board could take the maps over from the mapping company and have Justin make the changes. We could keep it like it is for one more year then we would have to find someone else if we choose not to digitize. He mentioned that Avitar does mapping and assessing as well. He will look into the cost of this and report back Dec. 15. Prescott asked Gordon if he could look into maps that show all the culverts in town.

Gordon said the deadline for the broadband proposal went by with no response. They will discuss at the meeting how they plan to proceed and give an update next week.

There was much discussion on putting Fall Mountain Food Shelf/Friendly Meals in the annual report. Mary Ann stated that since Alstead spends \$2500 on propane and electricity for them, she thinks it should be in the report. Other people stated that this would be discriminating as there are other non-profit organizations in town that provide services that are not mentioned in the town report and are helping the community. Bobbie mentioned that you don't know if the numbers are accurate and the food shelf is in Langdon. Joe suggested it could be put in the report that we provide them with propane, electricity and kitchen. He volunteered to write it and Mary Ann and Rock were fine with that.

NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion on temporary mask policy for town owned buildings. Mary Ann had written up some temporary draft polices for buildings and employees for review. Rock read off the other items in the EO where a mask isn't required, which is a long list. Jesse noted that the Governor already has a mask mandate in place and this policy would be redundant. Joe didn't think we have allowed the Governor's mask mandate a chance to work yet to see if we would need a stricter town policy. Mary Ann asked Joe if he didn't feel it was his responsibility as a Select Board member to protect the town. Joe responded that he feels he does and he thinks the Governor is doing a great job of it. After much discussion, on a motion by Joe, seconded by Rock ***it was voted to go along with the Governor and not to have any stricter policies at this time. Mary Ann voted yes to a stricter policy. The motion passed.***

Charlotte mentioned that ServePro gave a quote of \$985 to clean the air ducts downstairs and asked for approval to have this work done. ***On a motion by Joe, seconded by Mary Ann it was agreed to have the work done. The motion passed unanimously.***

Jesse spoke on the Ambulance stating it had broken down and is in the shop to have a diode replaced and it will probably be around \$500 but he is not sure the cost.

Prescott spoke on the roads and that many were washed out last night due to the rain but they are back at 90%. Everything is passable it is just cleaning things up that is left. He spoke on the Western Star and that it had to go to the shop. It was throwing sparks behind the fuse panels.

Prescott said the backhoe from the dump is going down to Josh on the 8th. It's leaking antifreeze between the blocks.

Prescott asked to get some more salt. On a motion by Joe, seconded by Rock; ***the Board voted for Prescott to get salt.***

Prescott talked to Ben and Chris about the sand and gravel. They want to start around the middle of December. Chris will let us store it there and we can take it as needed and pay for it in March once the budget passes. Rock asked Prescott to get a contract for them to look at and sign.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of November 24: on a motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Joe; ***the Board voted to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The Board acknowledged Rodney Parrott. Rodney said he hasn't been able to do anything with his property due to COVID but also, he's been told he needs a driveway permit and he said he has one. Prescott told him that permits are good for a year and the ones he has have expired. Prescott has no problem giving him another permit and told him to come to the shop and he will issue him a new one.

Steve mentioned that Wendy and Penny have put lights on the tree and gazebo and are planning a tree lighting Friday the 4th at 6:00 p.m. Charlotte said Wendy asked if they could have a bonfire in barrels. Prescott said he has a couple drums at the shop they can use. The Board was fine with this.

Prescott mentioned that there is quite a bit of beaver activity at the bridge on Drewsville and Hill Rd. He would like to get in there at the end of this year and clean it out.

Some discussion took place on the CIP. Will go over more next week.

Charlotte asked what the Board what they would like to have in overlay. She proposed \$25k and the Board agreed.

INFORMATIONAL:

On a motion by Joe, seconded by Rock; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau, Office Administrator

The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m.