

Board of Selectmen

The Alstead selectmen met in open session on Tuesday April 5, 2016 at the municipal offices. Chairman Chris Rietmann called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Correspondences were reviewed and signed. Rock Wilson made a motion to accept minutes with corrections and Tim Noonan seconded, and motion was passed.

Highway department head, David Crosby had six paving quotes. The selectmen opened bids from:

1. Vermont Road Works
2. Bazin Brothers
3. United Construction
4. Pike
5. Lane
6. Brox

After reviewing the bids the selectmen awarded the bid to Bazin Brothers. Jeff Marsden from Bazin Brothers was present. The selectmen reminded Jeff the paving was a Warrant Article that passed and the town cannot exceed \$252,000.

David Crosby reported on the highway's projects the last month. The new culverts have arrived, all the DPW and FD and Ambulance vehicles are inspected and maintenance has been done on them. He was working on getting gravel and paving bids. He is working with Glenn Elsesser in getting the old equipment trailer ready to sell on municibid. He will be requesting one more load of salt this year. This will give him 3-4 loads in the fall. The new equipment trailer is working very well. He reported they will start ditch work this month. He explained part time wages are always higher in the winter months and then the hours will decrease. The selectmen and David reviewed each budget line items with some discussion but no concerns of overspending.

David reported on the transfer station and explained the port a potty misuse from non-employees. Starting on Wednesday there will be lock on them and the transfer attendants will have the key.

There was discussion about how to collect unpaid transfer station fees for those individuals that do not pay in a timely manner. The selectmen decided to pass two different procedures. Tim Noonan made a motion effective May 1, 2016, to make it mandatory anyone dumping C+D will need to pay by check that day. Chris seconded the motion and the motion passed. The second motion was made by Rock seconded by Chris effective April 9, 2016, that anyone with an overdue transfer bill need to pay immediately by check before dumping any more C+D.

The selectmen with the help of David Crosby are reviewing the cost of having a free dump day. More information is needed before they set a date.

Road side mowing was discussed and it was decided that David will write up the RFP with the exact mileage and other specifications required. Rock asked if the town could rent equipment to do the job. David will also look into writing a RFP for lawn and landscape mowing.

David reported on the Class VI signs. He is going to start with 100 signs and posts. He will give the selectmen a quote for the labor, signs and posts.

Chris reported the selectmen decided to do anyway with the TS sheets. David has volunteered to change how he fills out the time cards and write down exactly what work is done and where it is done.

Chris asked Kelly to renew the satellite phone with Blue Cosmo.

A complete review of the budget was done. There were some concerns with high negative percentages in some departments. Kelly explained these has to do with 2015 department orders during the last several days of 2015 but the invoices coming in and being paid in 2016. We will check to see if the auditors can put them in the correct year.

Tim Noonan reported about ADU's Accessory dwelling units and how this it will affect the town. Kelly will pass this information along to the planning and zoning officers and board.

The selectmen are currently working on updating the job descriptions and will be performing employee reviews.

The nonpublic was postponed until next Tuesday April 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Tim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rock seconded, motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.