

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday November 15, 2016 at 6:30 at the municipal offices. Chris Rietmann, Rock Wilson and Tim Noonan were present. Tim led the pledge of allegiance. The minutes were read and accepted as read.

Forest Bell, a Southwest Regional Planner consultant joined the group and reviewed the Lake Warren watershed management plan. He explained how the water quality, plant life, water depth, and dust all affect the Lake quality. In order to reach an optimum goal and help preserve the Lake it would be a 15-year progression. There was a lot of discussion about the different ways to help protect the Lake quality and help erosion issues. Recently plants were planted by volunteers and member of the Lake Warren Association. Paving Pine Cliff Road was discussed and Lisa Murphy with SWRP will contact us once she hears about the pre-proposal grant the Town agreed to have her submit. Questions were answered.

Two of the Marlow selectmen reported their Ambulance captain will be retiring as of March 2017. The board asked if Alstead would be interested in joining and or helping them during this interim. Jesse Moore volunteered to help in any manner and capacity he could to help recruit new members to the Marlow ambulance service, so it can continue to service its community.

Jesse Moore, ambulance department head reviewed his potential 2016 purchases with the BOS. He recently bought a TV for the fire station and would like to purchase paint. He and the ambulance squad are willing to paint the inside of the station. The Board moved to accept Jesse's offer and purchase 15 gallons of paint and paint the inside of the fire station. The selectmen asked Jesse to get three quotes for the LED lights. Chris Hansen from the AABC asked if Jesse has any maintenance or repairs he feels needs to be addressed. Jesse answered the outside of the building and the eaves needs to be painted.

There was some discussion about the Tax Collectors/ Town Clerk's 2017 budget requests. Kelly said she had given Gloria and Trish their revenues reports to justify their increased workload and increased monies they have brought into the Town. After a lot of discussion about changing their budget it was decided that Chris would call the LGC for clarification.

Kim Kercewich fire department head reviewed his remaining 2016 purchases. He has scheduled the maintenance for the air compressor to be done this year. He estimated this would cost \$800.00. He reported the new fire truck should arrive in early December. The new truck will need a radio and headsets for the crew. In 2017 Kim proposed an \$4,000 increase in the Forest Fire Department and \$1,000 increase in the Fire Department. He plans on applying for a 50/50 grant to purchase 2 sets of backpack leaf blowers and 7 sets of nomex gear. The question was asked about if Kim has an inventory of turn out gear and Scott packs and when they need to be replace. He answered yes and after 10 years the state will not pass them. He gave the BOS and AABC 2 quotes. One quote for the side by side with the necessary equipment for \$35, 000 and the other one was for fire alarms. The cost of these was approximately \$16,000 per building. The selectmen asked if there was another affordable option.

The selectmen received one quote for the Parks and Recreational RFP. They opened the quote from Connecticut Valley Yard Works. The quote was for \$18,000. The selectmen did not make a decision to accept this. They asked if anymore would be coming in, Kelly answered the deadline was November 8, 2016 and she didn't feel there would be at this time.

Kelly gave the BOS the 2017 Library proposed budget. They asked if one of the trustees would come and discuss the increases at a meeting. Kelly will call and schedule this.

The selectmen discussed who they would like to invite back from the Bridge Engineering Firms interviews and discuss the expenses. Their first choice was Dubois & King, 2nd choice was Tanner and Hoyle and 3rd choice was Eckman Engineering. Kelly will set up this meeting,.

Rock made a motion to adjourn, Chris seconded and meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly N Wright