

TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Select Board

Approved Minutes for Meeting of February 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM

Town Offices, 15 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Joel McCarty, Chair, Gordon Kemp, and Matthew Saxton.

STAFF PRESENT:

Name	Position	In Person	Google Meet
Misty Gratacos	Town Office Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shelley Steuwe	Recording Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Reynolds	Dir Emergency Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jesse Moore	Dir of Sanitation, EMS & Grounds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: **In person:** Barbara Viegner, Joe Levesque, Marge Noonan, Judith Willis; **Google Meets:** Kenyon Nesbitt

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. McCarty called the Select Board meeting to order at 5:02 PM and then proceeded with leading the agenda-based discussion.

GUESTS:

ACTION ITEMS: Review & sign Payroll Manifest (\$30,558.57); review & sign Bills Manifest (\$276,407.39); review & sign Tax Liability manifest (\$6,108.13)

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: 2/11 meeting minutes were reviewed, amended and approved as amended by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Washed-out glass** – No updates.
- B. **Thayer Brook bypass** – No updates.

- C. **Bridge projects** – Mr. McCarty reports that the Board received a notice from NHDES that the Wetlands Permit for the Hill Road project has been accepted. He also reports that they received a packet from Hoyle, Tanner and Associates with preliminary plans, which are also being sent to Concord for review.
- D. **Dams** – No updates.
- E. **Status of property at M11 L2 (abuts Town Hall)** – No updates.
- F. **Model T MOU** – No updates.
- G. **Fire Dept Policies** – No updates.
- H. **Pine Cliff Rd info/updates** – No updates.
- I. **210 Gilsum Mine Road land merger talks** – No updates.
- J. **Complete Streets Information** – No updates.
- K. **Ambulance Revolving Fund** – No updates.
- L. **Department & Board**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McCarty says that he recently met with NHDOT regarding the project on 123a by Vilas Pool. It came up that the driveway right in front of the pavilion at Bragg Lane doesn't belong to the Town, it belongs to the State. There are two parcels on the river side of 123a by Vilas Pool Park that amount to 864 square feet by Vilas Pool that NHDOT would like to obtain from the Town via a permanent easement for the purpose of accessing culverts for maintenance. NHDOT and the Town need to pitch to the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources that we'll exchange the land at Bragg Lane for the land on 123a. The Board unanimously agrees to proceed with this plan. Mr. McCarty says there will be a Public Hearing in April to finish the contours of this deal, including a "finding of necessity".

OTHER ITEMS:

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Emergency Management – Director Reynolds reports that he met with Matt Cahillane from Antioch on 2/17. Mr. Cahillane told Director Reynolds that he received the info he needed, minus the Letter of Intent. Mrs. Gratacos said it was emailed to Mr. Cahillane today and Director Reynolds was copied.

Transfer Station, Ambulance, and Parks –

Director Moore reports that:

- **Ambulance** – The engine in Ambulance 2 has been repaired. Mr. McCarty asks if warranty questions have been addressed, and Director Moore says yes, there is a 2 year unlimited mile warranty. He says they found that the old motor is worth nothing, which has resulted in a \$3,500 Core Charge. The current invoice is \$13,002.11, and we have paid \$12,556.20 to date, which means the total cost is \$25,558.31. We had acquired \$15,000 in anonymous resident donations, and \$10,000 in ARPA funds. The Board asked Mr. Levesque to earmark another \$558.41 of ARPA funds, which he will. Director

Moore asks Mr. Levesque if we still have an additional \$10,000 of ARPA funds earmarked to purchase Ambulance 3. Mr. Levesque thinks he only earmarked \$10,000 for the ambulance group, not two \$10,000 amounts for individual vehicles. He will need to check on this once he has access to his records and will report back.

Director Moore reports that they have received 45 calls to date.

Mr. McCarty says he received some complaints about the sidewalk leading to the library not being properly cleared of snow and ice. Mrs. Gratacos says she received a complaint that the stairs at the library were icy for 3 days.

- Parks – No updates.
- Transfer Station – No updates.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Kemp – Asks Mrs. Gratacos to cancel the Comcast internet service at the East Station. He also asks Mrs. Gratacos to get Kim Kercewich's credit card back and to issue one to Mike Kercewich.

Mr. McCarty – The Town Clerk has hired a Deputy Town Clerk and Clerk.

He met with the Town Moderator and Town Administrator, reviewed the ballot and fixed some issues. Mrs. Gratacos is sending a draft to Silver Direct for the 2024 Annual Report, and they will prepare a proof which the Selectboard will then review and return with any corrections by 12 noon on 2/24.

Mr. Saxton – Heard from Mr. Lampiensi regarding the property at 52 Mechanic Street. Mr. Lampiensi reiterated why it would benefit the Town to abate the taxes. Mr. Saxton informed him that there is a process the Town needs to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

INFORMATIONAL:

EXECUTIVE SESSION/S: RSA 91-A:3, II (a) & RSA 91-A:3, II (a)

On a motion made by Mr. McCarty and seconded by Mr. Saxton, ***the Board voted by roll call (Joel – y; Matt – y; Gordon – y) to enter non-public at 5:46 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a).***

On a motion made by Mr. McCarty and seconded by Mr. Saxton, ***the Board voted by roll call (Matt – y; Gordon – y) to enter non-public at 6:09 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a).***

On a motion made by Mr. McCarty and seconded by Mr. Saxton ***the Board voted to leave the non-public session at 6:17 PM. The motion passed unanimously.***

On a motion made by Mr. McCarty and seconded by Mr. Kemp *the Board Chair adjourned the public meeting at 6:19 PM.*

Important Upcoming Events/Meetings

Date/Time	Subject	Location	Notes
March 10 at 6:00 pm	FMRSD School Board Meeting	High School	2nd Monday of each month
February 25 at 5:00 pm	Selectboard Meeting	Town Offices; 15 Mechanic Street	
March 11 8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Town and School Voting Day	Town Hall; 9 Main Street	

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Steuwe

Recording Secretary