

The Alstead selectmen met in open session on Tuesday November 7, 2017 at 6:30 at the municipal offices. Members present were Chairman Rock Wilson, Tim Noonan and Alan Dustin. Rock Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30. Tim led the pledge of allegiance.

Penny presented applications for four grants the PD had applied for that needed signature and initials of two board members. Both Rock and Alan signed these.

### **New Business:**

Rock asked Bruce Bellows to present the cemetery budget. Bruce went through the line items and indicated that he didn't have exact numbers right now as there are still things unknown. Bruce would like to have until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December in order to know what interest is earned on funds as this may impact his numbers. However, Rock asked him to get them something sooner. Bruce asked for another week, Rock agreed and asked him to give the information to Kelly. Discussion took place on avoiding overtime for Mike. Bruce's thoughts were to pay Mike a stipend. However, no decision was made.

Rock asked John Mann to speak next. John expressed his concern with needing to get the duct work replaced at the town hall before doing anything else to improve the heating. Alan said they are working on it and have received numbers for cost of doing this and will be trying to get a grant to help with this.

Mike Kercewich discussed and reviewed the DPW budget. As they got to the logging inspection line it was agreed unanimously by the board that this line needs to be removed. After Mike presented the budget, Rock said he needs to cut back somewhere and asked Mike where he would cut? Mike didn't know. Rock recommended to cut ½ of culvert money and some of part time. Mike said he would go back and look it over again and rework it and come back to the board at a later time.

Mike brought up that he had heard talk that the DPW would be taking care of the trash at Vilas Pool. He said that he didn't have the manpower to do this and said that with the amount of money that is paid to the employees at Vilas Pool that someone there should be able to do this.

Jodi reviewed and discussed the transfer station budget.

The proposal for chains was not signed. Rock moved to wait until November 30<sup>th</sup> as the sale is good through December 1<sup>st</sup>, Tim seconded. Motioned passed.

Rock moved to wait until after December 15<sup>th</sup> to order culverts, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Proposal for new vendor for portable toilet at transfer station was reviewed. Rock moved to go with Best Septic Service, Alan seconded. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

Mike Kercewich gave input on which projects he felt needed to be done first for the shovel ready grant projects to give to Chris Rietmann. Chris was not in attendance but Mike discussed with the Selectmen and gave what he considered the top 6 projects that needed to be addressed.

Mike indicated he had not heard back about the snow pusher. Alan said he received an email from the person with the snow pusher and that it was sold. Selectmen asked Mike if he could look around to see if he could find one.

Rock discussed with Chris Hanson on the AABC about the USDA grant and if he would could give this to Joe Levesque to review. Joe is taking a grant writing class and may be able to work on this. Alan mentioned that he had a quote from Barry Bellows for the cost of this. Charlotte gave Chris the paperwork as well as the quote from Alan about doing the duct work.

There was discussion on whether this duct work project would go out to bid or if the town would use Bellows Construction. Alan said that it would go out to bid but that this was a quote to have as a starting point for writing the grant as he felt that the price he received would be fair and a good starting point.

The mini grant paperwork for the bell tower was signed by the Selectmen and given to Bobbie.

Rock moved to approve the minutes as read, Alan seconded, motion passed.

Tim Noonan moved to adjourn, Rock Wilson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Charlotte Comeau***