

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday September 20, 2016 at 6:30 at the municipal offices. Christopher Rietmann, Rock Wilson and Tim Noonan were present. Chairman Chris Rietmann called the meeting to order at 6:35. Tim Noonan led the pledge of allegiance.

Glenn Elsesser (GE) presented the prices for compactor and C&D contracts for two and three years for two different vendors, Casella and Naughton and Sons. It showed that Naughton and Sons would be less expensive.

GE then discussed the price for hiring out to haul the trash and C&D in order to free up highway crew. In his price comparison the cost to hire vs the town hauling was about the same. Selectmen will discuss with David at next meeting whether to accept Ruggiero for the trucking. Glenn suggested that if it is decided not to go with this, to do away with summer hours then they will have 3 days to work on the roads and 2 days to haul.

Chris moved to instruct David and Jodi to sign a two year contract with Naughton and Sons. Tim seconded. All approved.

The hauling part Chris said that they should wait and talk with David to ask if there would be a savings on the other side. GE felt there would be more productivity if David had crew there every day.

GE then talked about roadside mowing. Said he spoke with a man named Chris who mows in Acworth. He said he could mow in Alstead in 3-4 weeks. It would be \$350.00 charge to move the mower over here and then \$85.00/hour. Since it is in the budget, GE asked if they could go ahead and proceed with mowing. Said the mowing could be done in two weeks. Rock wanted to know many miles of road. GE said that it was explained to him that if he could be on a road that is not scenic, and not a lot of trees sticking out he could do quite a bit. GE said David could direct him on where he would want to use it. Chris said that he would want to know where David would intend to use it. Greg mentioned that the time is limited. Chris wanted to know if they wanted to talk with David about it and GE said they talked with David last time he was in there. Rock motioned to have them come in for 2 weeks, Chris seconded. All in favor.

Glenn asked about the land up on Newell Pond. Recommended we contact a lawyer. Linda said she contacted LGC and asked them about it and they said they think because of the deed and the way the deed came out, it would be better that the town have it surveyed before selling it. Selectmen agreed to find out how much the surveying costs would be.

Mary Lou Huffling wanted permission to put together Thanksgiving boxes at the fire station on Saturday November 19th. Setting up Friday the 18th with the help of the road crew. Chris said that the concern that came up last years is whether the truck was blocking the fire truck door. She already has spoken with Kim and Jessie and they thought they could work it out. Chris said he had no problem with it.

Jim _____ wanted to know about the Greenway lots. If the town was coming into possession of them Linda said that the town wasn't.

Linda spoke about the recent situation with the computer in the Selectmen's office that crashed. She felt that the Select board were very unprofessional regarding an emergency order for a computer for the Selectmen's office. An all-in-one had been ordered by Charlotte through Greg, who services the computers on Thursday. Chris didn't feel we needed to spend the cost of an all-in-one so called Greg, spoke with him and cancelled the order, which at that time was for two computers that Linda called Greg about on Friday. Chris ordered one tower instead of the all-in one, as both he and Tim had only agreed at the time to replace the one that crashed and not both. There was a savings of \$180.00 by changing the order but as Linda mentioned, now we are left with a 10 year old monitor that may go on at any time. Charlotte mentioned the video card may not even be compatible with the monitor. Chris hoped that Greg would know this. Linda mentioned that if we had ordered both computers at the same time we would have saved \$450.00 if purchased the same time. Linda told the Selectmen that she felt they were very unprofessional by not letting the staff know about this change except via email which they wouldn't get until Monday. Furthermore that by making the change it delayed getting the shipment another day and that now Greg can't come in with it until Friday which means that Charlotte has to come in to let him in. She also stated she felt they treated their employees with disrespect.

Chris responded that his 1st response that it was an emergency. That he spoke with Charlotte and said that we could get computer hardware into tomorrow morning, and hooked up and on the network, that he does know a bit about computers, been 27 years in IT managing 3000 desktops. He felt that the computer that was specked out was a 23 Lonovo think center which is a 23" flat screen touch screen, which Charlotte and Linda corrected him that it was not a touch screen. He said the amount is 999.00 and an equivalent machine with 12 GB of ram meeting all same specs could be had for something less than that. Chris wanted to only get what we needed. After emails back and forth Tim told him that we needed to go through Greg in order to facilitate that relationship and Charlotte mentioned that she had also spoke with Chris and asked him to call Greg and gave him both office and cell phone numbers. Chris said he is not going to watch us spend money just because a vendor recommends something, his goal is not to make a vendor happy. That his first goal responsibility is to save money for the town. Chris' comment was "we should never question the vendor?" Charlotte's response was "we did" and Rock's response was the same.

Rock asked Chris if he spoke with Kelly about this, the one they hired. Did you speak with Linda about this? Chris said he spoke with Kelly, Linda said that Kelly had given you the full number and all the information and all her contact information and you never called her to let her know the order was cancelled. Chris confirmed he did not. Chris mentioned, in the end the order was placed for the all in one and also for a second. Linda agreed, yes, this to save 450.00. Rock said he sent an email saying he agreed to order 2. Charlotte did say she had mentioned to order one when she had talked with Chris but that now her concern is that the video card on the newer computer may not work well with the old monitor. Chris had two issues. We were buying much more than we needed and the order doubled on something he wasn't made aware of. The decision to spend the money wasn't made with him knowing it. Chris asked who instructed her to order two. Linda said she read the email and Kelly talked to Rock and Tim.

Charlotte mentioned at this point, the specs on the tower are the exact same as the all-in-one so getting the exact same thing except we are missing a monitor.

We wanted the other computer because the other one is a piece of junk laptop. Chris agreed.

Rock said there is a reason we don't want you as an IT guy. As a Selectman you should not be an IT guy.

Chris is concerned that

The minutes were read and approved as amended.

Rock moved to adjourn the meeting 8:05, all in favor. Meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly N Wright