

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes

April 1, 2019

6:00 PM

1 Monument Square

Alton, NH 03809

Approved: April 15, 2019

Chairwoman C. Shapleigh convened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following staff members were present:

Cydney Shapleigh, Chairwoman
Virgil MacDonald, Selectman
Philip V. Wittmann, Selectman
Reuben Wentworth, Selectman
Paul LaRochelle, Selectman
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval

C. Shapleigh was advised that item #2 under Old Business, Discussion - Building Department; Excavation Operations has been postponed. R. Wentworth requested to add under Old Business #2, Default Budget. P. LaRochelle requested to add under Old Business #3, Discussion on Land Bandstand Completion Date and V. MacDonald requested to add under New Business #5, Budget Question.

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Reorganization of the Board

V. MacDonald made a motion to appoint C. Shapleigh as Chair; she declined. V. MacDonald made a motion to appoint P. Wittmann; he declined. V. MacDonald made a motion to appoint R. Wentworth as Chair; he accepted and C. Shapleigh seconded with all in favor of the motion.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to appoint V. MacDonald as Vice Chair; he accepted and R. Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Before turning the meeting over to the new Chair, C. Shapleigh apologized and welcomed P. LaRochelle as the newest member of the Board and welcomed back V. MacDonald. R. Wentworth requested that C. Shapleigh continue with the liaison appointments before turning the meeting over.

The following appointments were made with discussion transpiring in reference to the Belknap Economic Development Council and the Community Recreation Facility Committee. It was the consensus of the Board not to appoint a liaison to either Committee. Appointments as follows:

	2018	2019
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	Cydney Shapleigh	Reuben Wentworth
Board of Selectmen, Vice Chairman	John Markland	Virgil MacDonald
Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC)	Cydney Shapleigh	N/A
Budget Committee	Reuben Wentworth John Markland, Alternate	Reuben Wentworth Paul LaRochelle, Alternate

Capital Improvements Project (CIP)	John Markland	Virgil Macdonald
Community Recreation Facility Committee	John Markland	N/A
Conservation Commission	Virgil Macdonald	Virgil MacDonald
Cyanobacteria Mitigation Steering Committee (CMSC)	Phil Wittmann	Cydney Shapleigh Reuben Wentworth, Alternate
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)	Cydney Shapleigh	Cydney Shapleigh
Milfoil Committee	Phil Wittmann	Reuben Wentworth
Old Home Week Committee	Phil Wittmann	Phil Wittmann
Parks & Recreation Commission	Phil Wittmann	Phil Wittmann
Planning Board	Virgil Macdonald Phil Wittmann, Alternate	Virgil MacDonald Phil Wittmann, Alternate
Water Bandstand Committee	N/A	Paul LaRochelle
Zoning & Ordinances Committee (ZAC)	Phil Wittmann John Markland, Alternate	Phil Wittmann Virgil MacDonald, Alternate
Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)	Reuben Wentworth	Paul LaRochelle

R. Wentworth brought forth that he would like to see the Selectmen meet with each department head once or twice a month to interact with the departments, to keep informed and see what the needs of the department are for operating. This would give the department some insight to the Board and their expectations. Departments are Fire, Police, Highway, Solid Waste and Water others already have contacts with Board representation. This will allow the Selectmen to understand the different roles and responsibilities of each department. This could be assigned individually and rotated out mid-year. A once a month meeting with a report back to the Board. L. Dionne informed the Board that she planned to bring this forward under Town Administrator report that one (1)

department head attend one (1) meeting a year just like it is done for the Boards/Committees/Commissions with a status update for the department. Quarterly was mentioned.

At this time, the meeting was turned over to R. Wentworth as Chairman

Announcements

- Town road weight limits are in effect until further notice.
- 2019 Dog Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office and are due no later than April 30th. A rabies clinic is scheduled for dogs and cats at the Alton Central Fire Station, 65 Frank C. Gilman Highway (Route 140) on April 13th from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. The cost per shot is \$20.00 and microchipping is \$40.00. Dog licenses are available at the clinic for Alton residents only.

Public Input I (limited to 3 minutes per person on agenda items only)

Sylvia Leggett spoke in reference to her concerns regarding the process for repaving of NH Route 28. She asked that no reinstallation of rumble strips be done in Alton.

Lael Paulson spoke in reference to his concerns of the reinstallation of the rumble strips on NH Route 28. He spoke of suitable replacements (sinusoidal type) to what is currently in place such as what has been installed in MN, CA and IN due to noise levels in residential areas. He urged the town to encourage the use of the sinusoidal rumble strips as well as larger intervals between the strips, reduction of strips, etc.

Robin Lane-Douglas spoke in reference to the rumble strip noise levels and the effect on property valuations and tax rates, deterioration of the roadway around the strips and dangers to motorcycles.

Loring Carr reminded the Board that ZAC is made up of two (2) Planning Board members, two (2) Zoning Board members and two (2) Selectmen not one (1) alternate. In addition, he heard of a letter being sent from the Planning Board endorsing the rumble strips; it is important for the town to work together. He thanked S. Leggett for her knowledge and support.

Ray Howard spoke in regards to two (2) recent hearings on a bill for reviewing the rumble strip installations. DOT testified twice that they would not reinstall any rumble strips until after they finished their review of the procedures for their installation. He urged the Board to request a copy of the approved reviewed process for installation prior to having a Public Hearing on the installation, anywhere in Town.

R. Wentworth requested R. Howard to return to the table to talk about the hearings that he attended and asked upon approval at these hearings was it stated, as Sylvia Leggett said, two (2) years ago, will they be holding Public Hearings within the communities that they are thinking of re-establishing rumble strips? DOT stated they would review their guidelines but did not make any specific details of what the new guidelines would be. We would hope that they would include Public Hearings. He has not seen the new guidelines yet.

David Countway spoke in regards to the impact of the sounds of the rumble strips beginning at 4:00 AM. Due to the hilly topography he feels it exaggerates the sounds and carries it to other corners of the Town. He recently testified at the Legislative Hearing and learned that our Police and Fire Chief have instructed the members of their departments not to drive dangerously/excessively trying to get to a scene in an emergency due to increased dangers of crossing the rumble strips. In addition, speaking as a realtor it does and has impacted sales and values in the area. He feels that there is a definite need to use the quieter type of rumble strips, if at all. The noise is excessive.

Sandy Hammond reiterated to the Board that there is and on a personal note, a definite impact on real estate values and sales.

Appointments:

None

New Business:

1. NH DOT, Paving on Route 28

Ron Grandmaison, William Cass, and Sally Gunn from NH DOT approached the Board to discuss the intended work on the Route 28 corridor, which encompasses four (4) different sections of the roadway. R. Grandmaison presented the details of the paving portion of the project; beginning at the traffic circle moving, north through Wolfeboro the various upgrades, signage, guardrails as well as the removal and reinstallation of the rumble strips. This all will be based on the draft guidelines they do have. We plan to do the sinusoidal pattern, which have been proven to be considerably less noisy. The only section that is planned for night work is the traffic circle; the rest will be alternating 2-way traffic. W. Cass addressed the rumble strip portion of this discussion. A lot of thought went into this with a thorough review of the guidelines. One of the prime elements of this meeting was to speak to the Board about the rumble strip reinstallation according to updated guidelines. They are looking at addressing the concerns and finding a balance while providing safety benefits. In passing areas/zones the sinusoidal rumble strips are planned. Intersections and set distances have been widened all with a goal of minimizing the noise levels. Wider shoulders areas would be a foot off the white edge line. Currently there have been two (2) installations of this type on Route 111 in the Danville area. This is considered to be a re-installation therefore no Public Hearing is planned. R. Wentworth inquired about how the rumble strips came to Route 28 in the first place. S. Gunn addressed the specifics of the noise and noted she did the research and the draft guidelines for the revised rumble strip. Rumble strips are considered to be a systemic countermeasure. The Federal Highway Administration who funds these projects recommends installing rumble strips proactively and systemically. The input has been listened to, as a result, we have stopped putting them in systemically until the research and guidelines were reviewed. Our new design is modeled off the MN design and greatly decreases the outward noise at roughly 5 decibels opposed to the current 20 decibels. V. MacDonald requested that a Public Hearing be held. As part of the initial decision to install the rumble strips, it was a joint decision and prioritized by several routes that had similar characteristics in different areas. There was further study into who would benefit best, crash history was factored, previous statistics were brought forward and the crash history did not remotely match any of our history. R. Wentworth called the meeting to order announcing that we will be asking for a Public Hearing for the residents to voice their concerns. C. Shapleigh stated that it appears that no matter how many public inputs there might be DOT is going to do what you are going to do, the best we can hope for is you will listen and install the quieter rumble strips and maybe forgo the ones on the sides. W. Cass stated that could be considered, there has been a great debate internally while revising the guidelines. There has not been a town that we have walked away from and not done an install or had this much feedback. The install is based on the speed limit being 40+ MPH or greater, pavement width 28 feet or greater, pavement for shoulders is 6 to 7 feet. We are choosing to use these to prevent fatalities. On Route 111 between Hampstead and Kingston there is an install of the sinusoidal rumble strips, reflector type installs have somewhat gone by the wayside. R. Wentworth as Chairman requested that DOT consider having a Public Hearing to allow the public to address those concerns, we will host the meeting for you at a different venue to listen to the concerns. The audience was encouraged to take a ride to Danville. This Board is most interested in what is best for our community and citizens. There are no statistics on motorcycles. R. Wentworth hopes that NH DOT will come back one more time, contact the Town Administrator for a Public Hearing as this was not the venue for tonight's meeting; the Board was in agreement. W. Cass hopes that a balance could be agreed upon.

2. Approved Warrant Article #32, Jones Field Upgrade; Fence Quotes - Approval

Nobody was present to discuss this agenda item. R. Wentworth asked who would be overseeing this project; it was noted that D. Pappaceno will be overseeing. L. Dionne stated that the Parks and Recreation Department is involved as well as assistance from other departments as needed. This is not technically a town project; it is a private project on town property. L. Dionne does not have a recommendation. R. Wentworth would like to postpone this until D. Pappaceno is available. The Castle Fencing pricing seems to be the best pricing and the best explanation of the project.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to award to Castle Fencing and V. MacDonald seconded.

C. Shapleigh amended the motion to award to Castle Fencing in the amount of \$17,550.00 and V. MacDonald seconded. The vote was 4 approved, 1 opposed, R. Wentworth.

Further Comments on Jones Field: C. Shapleigh wanted to clarify after seeing some very negative comments on social media stating that the Selectmen stole money from the Warrant Article that was specifically approved for the upgrades to Jones Field; it had to do with the fixing of the bridge. It is social media with a lot of misinformation. Before a field can be safely upgraded, there has to be a safe way to get to the field. It was not specifically stated in the Warrant Article that the money can only be used for the field, fencing, dugouts, etc. Without fixing that bridge the field may have had to be shut down until funding was obtained. Nobody stole money; the Selectmen are the agents to expend the money and there was previously a lengthy discussion on the matter. This is to set the record straight! In addition R. Wentworth noted he voted against this tonight and welcomes anyone to ask him why. It is not because he was against it but because the representation was not here tonight.

3. Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions

Community Recreational Facility Committee 1 year appointments

Everett Clark (Incumbent)
Kelly Sullivan
Hunter Taylor
Beverly Valeriani (Incumbent)
Patricia Williams
Rev. David C. Williams

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve as presented to the Community Recreational Facility Committee and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Conservation Commission 3 year appointment (appoint 1)

Earl Bagley (Incumbent)

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve as presented to the Conservation Commission and C. Shapleigh seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Levey Park Trustee 3 year appointment (appoint 1)

Jonathan Downing

V. MacDonald made a motion to appoint as presented as Levey Park Trustee and P. Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Milfoil Committee 1 year appointments

Gregory Barsanti (Incumbent)
Henry "Ted" Carl (Incumbent)
David R. Gould (Incumbent)
William Mannion (Incumbent)

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve as presented to the Milfoil Committee and P. Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Home Week Committee 1 year appointments

Robert B. Regan (Incumbent)
Leslie Rentel (Incumbent)
Roger Sample (Incumbent)

V. MacDonald made a motion to appoint as presented to the Old Home Week Committee and P. Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Parks & Recreation Commission 3 year appointment (appoint 1)

Kristin Thomas (Incumbent)

C. Shapleigh made a motion to appoint as presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Parks & Recreation Commission 2 year appointment (appoint 1)

Jonathan Downing
Megan Stanley

V. MacDonald made a motion to appoint Jonathan Downing to the Parks and Recreation Commission and P. LaRochelle seconded. The vote was 2 approved, 3 opposed. Motion fails.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to appoint Megan Stanley to the Parks and Recreation Commission and P. Wittmann seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 2 opposed. Motion passes.

4. **Approved Warrant Article #14, Rock & Asphalt Crushing; New Riverside Cemetery & Rines Road Pit**

Ken Roberts was called to the table to obtain clarification from the Board as to how they wanted the money spent. K. Roberts feels that the Cemetery is a special project; he would rather put the 50K towards maintenance by crushing everything and putting it in the pit, which would allow the department to have all the gravel they would need. R. Wentworth questioned what could be done in the Cemetery around the Columbarium to make it look better. K. Roberts explained and discussed the necessary measures that need to be taken. R. Wentworth would like to see a long range plan put in place. Before the next budget season there should be discussion on a procedure for this and just how the Board wants to proceed whether to dedicate the Highway Department for the project or bid it out. Decisions need to be made for how this will be approached and handled. Gravel has been hit hard this year with a bad mud season; the Highway Department was thanked and acknowledged for their hard work.

V. MacDonald made a motion to allow the Highway Department to crush everything we have and C. Shapleigh seconded with all in favor of the motion.

5. **Budget**

Virgil MacDonald voiced concerns regarding the Legal Budget; being under the Selectmen he feels that nobody should be able to use it unless it comes before the Board first with an explanation of what is transpiring. The Board controls the Legal Budget. It is one thing to seek the advice of Legal Counsel under the retainer but another to file papers. V. MacDonald was adamant that this needs to come before the Board and stated it in the Ordinance books and NH Law books. C. Shapleigh would like to see this at the next meeting for review. R. Wentworth believes that the Board should be made aware of things before legal action takes place. The Board was in agreement to postpone this until the next meeting to allow V. MacDonald to provide the information.

V. MacDonald made a motion to seal the default budget for emergency spending only. R. Wentworth stated this goes hand in hand with his request to discuss the Default Budget (#2 Old Business) to some degree. The Board agreed to allow this discussion at this time. Beth Varney, Budget Committee member, forwarded over something in reference to the Default Budget from NHMA, NH Town and City, A Few Legislative Changes for Town Meeting. Loring Carr has been speaking about this during the School and Town Budget discussions. Copies were made and provided to the Board. The Default Budget has been questioned with the 2% COLA and the holding of 60K in the Superintendent's budget carry over in the Default Budget. From reading, this today R. Wentworth's interpretation was that he believes COLA cannot be applied this year because of the Default Budget. He would like to see the Default Budget again so he can go back to last year's budget, highlight the line items that are over from last year's budget to see if it is actually legal. He would like to have the Municipal Association's opinion, our own Attorney's

opinion and if they don't agree then he would like to go to DRA to find out the legality of this; not wanting to get halfway through the year to find out this is not legal then scramble for money so that we don't over expend. With increased health expenses this year he sees that we can only use last year's budget and make up these differences somewhere else within the budget. He is unsure if this is right or wrong but wants to get a legal opinion on this and hold off on any COLA until a legal opinion is obtained. He wants to see the Default Budget in full by departments for comparison to last year's budget; if this is not legal then we need to take it out and readjust the numbers. The concerns are valid and ultimately fall on the Board of Selectmen. Overview: See Default Budget in hand, Legal Opinions (NHMA and if there are two (2) conflicting legal opinions then an opinion from NH DRA and V. MacDonald is looking to seal the budget for emergency spending only. Board consensus was to have the legal opinions on COLA and any contracts which would be the health insurance and waste management.

The motion on the table was called for emergency spending only. There was no second. Motion fails

R. Wentworth requests that all department heads from the Town Administrator down, be conscious of how they are spending their budget until we obtain the legal opinion on the Default Budget. The Board was in agreement. L. Dionne will make every attempt to have something for the next meeting. R. Wentworth would like everything in written correspondence, if possible.

Old Business:

1. Discussion - Highway Department; Repairs, 2007 Case Backhoe

Ken Roberts was called to the table to discuss the Case Backhoe repairs, which went out to have the ring and pinion fixed. It was sent to qualified mechanics, everything was fixed they ran it outside and found that it had a transmission issue which will cost 22K. It was K. Roberts opinion that it was worth the ring and pinion repair but not the transmission repair. Low end cost 14K high end 31K. Milton CAT appraised the machine at 22K, if fixed. K. Roberts sat with CAT and was offered three (3) different options: purchase outright at 83K (don't have that money) purchase a used machine (Ken does not recommend) it would be almost as much as a new machine or a lease/purchase agreement at 83K for a brand new machine through Milton CAT. A quote was received today from Beauregard Equipment who would absorb the cost of the repair and give a trade in value for a machine at a cost of 118K. K. Roberts suggested that the Board allow him to enter into a lease/purchase agreement. The other machine will be brought back to the garage. It has a trade-in value of 5K. The backhoe is necessary for loading. R. Wentworth is not in favor of buying used equipment and would like to see at least three (3) different quotes before moving forward. Scenarios of reputable vendors was discussed as well as warranty. It was the consensus of the Board to allow K. Roberts to continue and obtain three (3) quotes. K. Roberts believes he will have enough money left over in the Capital Reserve to cover the first payment; this will bring us into the next year under the Highway budget under lease/purchase. It was noted that the money that was approved this year was slated for a truck purchase. Questioned was could that be held for one (1) year and use part of that money for the backhoe. There currently is about 51K in that fund. The 6-wheeler is what is to be replaced this year. The truck was hit this year (a couple of months ago), it has a trade-in value of 5K, there is approximately 13K in repairs. He planned on coming to the Board when the 13K comes in. K. Roberts was not planning to put that money back into that vehicle. The specifics on the vehicle should be provided to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion - Building Department; Excavation Operations

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

2. Default Budget

This item was discussed previously in conjunction with the Budget Discussion #5 New Business.

3. Land Bandstand Completion Discussion

P. LaRochelle inquired about the completion of the upgrades/repairs to the land bandstand. K. Roberts has been involved and provided information. All the side rails have been built and are ready to be installed; they are currently waiting on the weather to improve to do the necessary trim work trying to match the existing water

bandstand. Lights are being looked into. P. LaRochelle mentioned the lights that were left over from the water bandstand however according to K. Roberts they had not been seen; P. LaRochelle stated they were in the attic of the water bandstand. The deck has already been pressure washed, it needs to be sealed, the outside needs to be pressure washed and sealed. The Garden Club may be approached to see if they will do the outside of the bandstand for now with a better look down the road for ADA accessibility with a ramp. At one time, the water bandstand committee offered to do the work. There is currently no completion date; K. Roberts does not feel it will be a problem getting the work done before the June 22nd date for the dedication of the water bandstand.

K. Roberts voiced that he feels that meeting with the Board once a month is a fantastic idea.

At this time, V. MacDonald questioned painting the Gilman Museum this year. This should be brought up at the next meeting.

Selectmen Reports

P. LaRochelle reported that the ZBA has been running very well and normally. They have a good Board. Most of the cases have gone smoothly with a few exceptions that needed to be changed. The Water Bandstand Committee has not done much recently due to the winter and will proceed with the lighting that has not been completed.

R. Wentworth reported on the recent Cyanobacteria meeting. In the Mills Pond area, it is best not to fish or swim in until further testing is done; signage is in place. The high levels of Cyanobacteria stayed through the freezing process. In addition, he noted that a sad situation happened a few weeks ago in town. It was reported on in the Laconia Daily Sun who did an interview with our Police Chief; he was very proud of his comments regarding the community, the situation, his men and it was one of the best interviews he has seen from a department head, again he was very proud!

P. Wittmann had nothing to report.

V. MacDonald reported that the Water Department has a problem with the Letter S Road pump which is pitted and tearing up the packing's; this needs to be fixed however before they can do that they need to do some electrical work at Levey Park for a generator. The shaft needs to be replaced with hopes of having that done before the summer season begins.

R. Wentworth inquired about the recent fire on Friday evening; the Fire Chief stated on Channel 9 there was a lack of water, people stated that the hydrants were not functioning properly, was there a problem with pressure from the hydrants? The response was "no". The water department was there and turned the pressure up and went to the hydrant that was 2 inches that they couldn't adapt to. They could have backed up and pumped right out of the river. There were three (3) other pumps in the area. Rumors spread and we have to defend the actions of our employees. There is a bad hydrant at the end of Letter S. Road. C. Shapleigh stated that out of respect the Fire Chief should be able to address/defend the actions of his department. Social Media referred to the bagged hydrant in the area and it is more the intent to focus on finding fault and criticizing than being pleased. People tend to focus on the bad rather than on the good. R. Wentworth would like to see a report from the Fire Department.

C. Shapleigh had nothing to report.

Town Administrator Report

L. Dionne asked for clarification on the department heads coming before the Board by either them coming to the Board or the Board visiting each department individually.

L. Dionne provided the Board with an overview regarding the necessary measures for having the summer concerts on the Water Bandstand and dock usage. The biggest concerns are liability. The insurance company was previously consulted. They cover town property for damages, town land for damages, town employees and committee members and town volunteers. At this time, this is for informational purposes and will need further action. This should go through the Parks and Recreation Department. The purpose of the Water Bandstand Committee has changed from what was originally approved by Warrant Article; it will need to be revisited in the near future.

Approval of Minutes

March 14, 2019; Workshop

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of Workshop Session, March 14, 2019 as presented and P. Wittmann seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 2 abstentions; C. Shapleigh and P. LaRochelle.

March 18, 2019; Public Session

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session, March 18, 2019 as presented and P. Wittmann seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 2 abstentions; V. MacDonald and P. LaRochelle

March 18, 2019; Non-Public Session

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the minutes of Non-Public Session, March 18, 2019 divulging all as presented and P. Wittmann seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 2 abstentions; V. MacDonald and P. LaRochelle

March 21, 2019; Workshop

P. Wittmann made a motion to approve the minutes of Workshop Session, March 21, 2019 as presented and R. Wentworth seconded. (Note: there were only 3 members of the Board at this time) The vote was 2 approved, 3 abstentions; C. Shapleigh, V. MacDonald and P. LaRochelle

Approval of Consent Agenda

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and P. Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. 2019 Veterans Credits Approval

Ruthanne Barnet	128 Old Wolfeboro Rd	Map 12 Lot 56	\$750.00
Richard Kent	204 Heron Point Road	Map 9, Lot 14-204	\$750.00

2. 2018 Timber Warrants

Thomas Fry	Map 8 Lot 52-1 Ehlen Way	Operation #18-011-21 T	\$889.27
Rodney Stockman	Map 8 – 53 Suncook Valley Road	Operation #18-011-23 T	\$418.00
Ryan Heath	Map 11 Lot 21-2 Rand Hill Road	Operation #18-011-15 T	\$607.16
Robert & Christine Cleary	Map 5 Lot 37 Coffin Brook Road	Operation #18-011-12 T	\$788.27

Public Input II (limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business)

Bob Holt wanted to recognize and thank the Board for the work that they do which is a thankless job. As far as the backhoe is concerned when it broke down, it was towed back to the Highway garage and to the best of his knowledge is not supposed to be towed, as it will cause a problem with the transmission. Earlier in the meeting quotes were spoken about in reference to another backhoe. These need to go out for sealed bids; you are not getting the best deal for the town by obtaining quotes, he stressed it needs to be sealed bids. R. Wentworth

clarified that it will be spec'd out brought back to the Board then sent out for sealed bids. B. Holt noted that if it is a lease/purchase be cognizant of the buyback. In addition, regarding the recent fire he will be meeting with C. Mitchell tomorrow to find out exactly what happened. Not knowing what protocol is they should have hooked up to the river along with the hydrant. All of the hydrants had plenty of flow and pressure. The Budget Committee is looking into the problem with the Default Budget.

R. Wentworth mentioned to B. Holt that he should speak with K. Roberts for further information regarding the backhoe issue.

Loring Carr approached the Board noting he appreciates the Board looking into the Default Budget issue. There has been a court case which he previously provided to the Town Administrator and questioned the procedure for this. He wants to know how the information will get to the Board. He was told it could be emailed, dropped off to the Selectmen's Office or brought directly to a Board member. L. Dionne stated that it was old litigation that was given to her secretary with instructions that it be given to the Town Administrator then forwarded to the Town Attorney. C. Shapleigh noted that her recollection was that the Board had a meeting with the Town Attorney regarding this and was given an opinion by the Town Attorney; his opinion is it is a very different situation than ours. In addition, as far as quotes are concerned they don't have the same standing as a sealed bid. Other machines should be looked at besides CAT. He believes the rumble strip issue is political; it is time for Legislature to say there have got to be guidelines. It is people living next to that road versus safety.

Ray Howard approached the Board recollecting that we are paying 1K a year for fire hydrants and hopes that it is not the case with the one that does not work. He feels that the rumble strips caused the tragic death of Ms. Kinney when she lost control of her vehicle. At the meeting with DOT Representative St. Clair inquired about motorcycles accidents due to the rumble strips and received an answer of "yes, there were incidents"; he was one of the members who voted to create a study committee to look at these rumble strips. According to R. Howard, there is a simple answer to the rumble strips, which would be the State Constitution and read an excerpt and referred to Part 2nd Article 5 of the NH Constitution.

Steve Parker approached the Board to welcome P. LaRochelle as the newest member and congratulate V. MacDonald on his re-election.

Discretionary Action on Requests for Appointments (No discussion, majority vote required to allow/not allow appointment)

None

Non-Public Session:

R. Wentworth made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e) at 9:08 PM and C. Shapleigh seconded. The Board was polled in the affirmative by roll call with all in favor of the motion.

P. LaRochelle, yes
P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, yes
C. Shapleigh, yes
R. Wentworth, yes

R. Wentworth moved at 9:16pm to exit nonpublic session. P. Wittmann seconded. Roll call vote:
C. Shapleigh - yes V. MacDonald - yes
P. Wittmann - yes R. Wentworth - yes
P. Larochelle - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Shapleigh moved to "not divulge" the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. P. Wittmann seconded.
Roll call vote: C. Shapleigh - yes

V. MacDonald - yes P. Wittmann - yes
R. Wentworth - yes P. Larochelle - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously.

V. MacDonald moved at 9:17pm to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,a. P. Wittmann seconded.

Roll call vote:
V. MacDonald - yes C. Shapleigh - yes
P. Wittmann - yes
R. Wentworth - yes P. Larochelle - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously.

R. Wentworth moved at 9:29pm to exit nonpublic session. V. MacDonald seconded. Roll call vote:

C. Shapleigh - yes V. MacDonald - yes
P. Wittmann - yes R. Wentworth - yes
P. Larochelle - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Shapleigh moved to “not divulge” the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. V. MacDonald seconded.

Roll call vote:
V. MacDonald - yes C. Shapleigh - yes
P. Wittmann - yes
R. Wentworth - yes P. Larochelle - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously.

P. Wittmann moved at 9:30pm to adjourn. V. MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis

Mary K. Jarvis
Recording Secretary

