

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes

July 18, 2016

6:00 PM

1 Monument Square

Alton, NH 03809

Approved: August 1, 2016

Cydney Johnson 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 members and staff were present:

Cydney Johnson, Chairwoman
Lou LaCourse, Vice Chairman
Philip V. Wittmann, Selectman
Virgil MacDonald, Selectman
John Markland, Selectman
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator

Cydney Johnson noted that there is a new format for the meeting agenda, which was approved after the advertising of the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM. The Board will allow the Hearing to take place as advertised then the Board will convene the regular meeting after its completion.

Public Hearing Rines Road and Stagecoach Road

The Public Hearing for Rines Road and Stagecoach Road was opened and turned over to Ken Roberts, Highway Agent for his presentation. The residents were asked when asking questions, approach the table, sign in and clearly state their name/address for the record.

Ken Roberts gave an overview of the work that will be done which included the following:

- Guardrail Work
- Drainage/Catch Basins
- Wetland Issues
- Bituminous Curbing (water guidance/runoff and saves from adding ditch lines)
- Ditch Lines/Culverts/Erosion
- Upgrade Gravel
- Roadway (Blockage of Section)
- Tree Cutting/Removal (if wanted, trees belong to the landowner, otherwise removed)
 - 10 trees on Rines Road
 - 5 trees on Stagecoach Road
- Grinding and Paving (Basecoat) (50' into both Rines and Stagecoach Road Class VI Section)
- Driveway Aprons

To sum things up it will be fifteen (15) trees to be cut, ripping up the roadway putting down the gravel, setting the six (6) drainage structures, culvert pipe underground then grind the pavement then basecoat with a two inch (2") basecoat for the first year.

Specific questions would be answered downstairs in the Heidke Room after the presentation and if someone wants to have a meeting it could be set up at that time.

General questions were taken and answered by Ken Roberts in regards to the timeframe schedule (approximately 4 weeks), inconvenience (as much as it can be, one lane open at all times, it will vary but will be passable every night) widening of the road (only for the bituminous curbing), stone walls (will remain, if stone falls on the road side it will be set back in place, otherwise no), traffic and speed concerns (cannot install speed bumps; it will be up to law enforcement), banking and crowning of the roadway on the corners (the intersection will be done to town standards, crown is 2%), paving of the intersection (will be done to the end up to the Class VI section) markings/staking of the roadway with a possibility of extending the pavement 400' beyond what is currently being proposed for paving. Also questioned was the use of ATV's/Recreational Vehicles and if there has ever been a study done.

These questions were brought forth by the following:

- Duane Hammond, 181 Rines Road
- Sandra Hammond, 181 Rines Road
- Bob Regan, 84 Rines Road
- Doug Swaffield, 40 Rines Road
- Wilson Breen, 250 Rines Road

Ken Roberts requested and questioned the Board about extending the pavement approximately 250' beyond the proposed pavement which would reduce some of the current problems in the corner area.

The meeting was turned back to the Board of Selectmen.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to allow extending the pavement 250' beyond what is currently being proposed to bring the pavement just beyond 250 Rines Road and Lou LaCourse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Approval of Agenda

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Cydney Johnson requested amending the agenda removing item #6 under New Business as it does not belong before the Selectmen, it is a Planning Board issue; it is on private property and the Board only has jurisdiction over Town owned property. Virgil MacDonald requested adding to Old Business #2 Speed Limit in Alton Bay and Old Bay Road and #3 West Alton Community Center.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the amended motion.

Appointments:

Tom Howe, NH Forest Society; Parking Area Reed Road

Russ Wilder, Tom Howe, and Wendy Weisiger were in attendance to present their request for a parking area off Reed Road.

Russ Wilder, Conservation Commission member explained that there is a 469-acre parcel of land off of Reed Road on the Gilford line that was purchased last year by the Forest Society. This covers from Reed Road to the ridgeline of Quarry Mountain to North Straightback Mountain. The Forest Society wants to put a parking lot on Reed Road to access that property. The reason for coming before the Board is Reed Road is a Class VI Road; where the pavement ends they are requesting that if the Board would be acceptable to the parking area on a seasonal basis. Both the Highway Agent and the Town Planner have been consulted.

Tom Howe, Acquisition of Property for the NH Forest Society and Wendy Weisiger, Reservation Stewardship for the NH Forest Society were introduced.

The proposal is to purchase a 34-acre portion of the parcel owned by Jim and Jane Gregoire; they would retain 13.5 acres as a buildable lot. The proposed parking area would be located with frontage on Reed Road for a maximum of twenty (20) vehicles. Wendy's role would be to oversee the details of the construction and maintenance of the parking area. A larger map was provided to the Board for viewing, the addition would be considered a boundary line adjustment to the abutting Quarry Mountain parcel.

The specifics of the parcel were explained. What is being proposed is that there would be 200' of frontage on the Class VI portion of Reed Road. Town Counsel was consulted and replied that the road does not need to be upgraded to a Class V road due to it just being a boundary line adjustment. The proposed gravel parking lot is for outdoor recreational enjoyment and use of access to the Quarry Mountain Forest and the Belknap Trail System.

This is to inform the Board of the intentions of the Forest Society. This has been submitted to the Planning Board and Zoning Board for site plan review, boundary line adjustment and a special exception.

Virgil MacDonald questioned if this would alleviate any of the highway parking in the area of Mt. Major. Also questioned was the clearing further up on the roadway.

Wendy Weisiger responded that there are contracts in process to develop a pedestrian trail to connect the trails potentially in September however it was doubtful that this would direct traffic away from the highway. The clearing may be used in the future as a landing for logs and would eventually be closed, the road stabilized then be gated. The grade of the road becomes very steep so by having this parking area lower on Reed Road makes it safer. The entrance to the parking area would be just below the Bradley Woods area. This will be a gravel parking area with a kiosk with a map and directional signage, open from dawn to dusk and will be open for hunting and hiking.

Lou LaCourse questioned keeping people from the Gregoire property.

Wendy responded that the parking area will be surrounded by rock or it will be buried, so it will be delineated. Walking onto the property was referred to. There will be signage directing people to the trail. It will be possible in the future that there will be a trail directly off of the parking lot.

The Police and Fire Chiefs were called to notate their concerns.

Police Chief Ryan Heath voiced concerns of policing the area making sure that the property be easily accessible and have adequate lighting, suggesting downward dome lighting as a possibility for safety.

Lighting was one of the exceptions that the Forest Society is going before Zoning, being that it's a remote area. There are currently no plans for lighting but it can be discussed.

There currently is no plan to install a gate at this parking area but there will be one at the property boundary at the end of Reed Road heading to Gilford. We will be stabilizing the road to try and minimize the illegal camping in the area that is taking place. The lot is right on and very visible from the road.

Fire Chief Ryan Ridley voiced concerns of the distance to Quarry Mountain and the access for his department to get their ATV in the area, if necessary. Also mentioned was improving the marking of the trail system.

Again, the road will be improved and stabilized and a lock box has been discussed with the Road Agent. The trail system is actually and unfortunately not on the Forest Society's land. The trails community is aware of the issue of marking and blazing problems.

The Forest Society is looking for conditional approval of the Board for a special exception which is required for outdoor recreational use in a rural zone and waivers will be submitted for review for site design due to the nature of the project (not being a paved parking lot for a commercial establishment). Approval is needed from the Board to pending Planning and Zoning approval. Basically that the Board does not have a problem with a parking lot being put off of the Class VI road.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to allow the Forest Society to move forward with the parking lot on Reed Road.

Mike Amicangioli, 181 Reed Road resides at the end of Reed Road right in the middle of this whole project. He voiced that he is in favor and supports the project. His only concern is traffic past his property, the road is a very bad Class VI road and would like to see some upgrades all the way to the proposed gate; to at least a minimum standard to their property line.

Jeffrey Clay's opinion was that the abutters should be involved and have a voice in the discussions before rushing into this matter.

Cydney Johnson noted that the project still needs to go through both the Planning and Zoning Board's for their approval and that there will be a Public Hearing that abutters will have a chance to voice their concerns. This is to simply show the Board's support for them to move forward and it may not necessarily pass with the other Board's.

Lou LaCourse further questioned the road improvements that were brought forth by Mr. Amicangioli.

Wendy Weisiger stated that some improvements would be made for seasonal access if the parking area is further up Reed Road and this parking area is several hundred feet below the gate and the improvements are planned to the Class VI portion of the road to the parking area; traffic is not planned to go beyond the parking area in the flatter portion of the road.

Jeff Clay further questioned if the 450-acres would be taken off of the tax role? The answer was "no".

The motion on the table held and Lou LaCourse seconded to allow the temporary waiver pursuant to the granting of the special exemption by the ZBA and the Planning Board approval with all in favor of the motion.

Ronald Grandmaison, NH DOT; Rumble Strips

Cydney Johnson noted that this was a requested meeting from the Board of Selectmen and it is not a Public Hearing; it is for NH DOT to explain to the Board how they plan to rectify the rumble strip situation. After hearing their comments if the Board is not satisfied with the outcome then the Board would be willing to schedule a Public Hearing.

Ron Grandmaison, Project Manager for the rumble strip project and William "Bill" Cass, Assistant Commissioner were present and approached the Board on behalf of NH DOT regarding the rumble strip concerns.

The following proposals were presented:

Route 28 South

- Mill and fill the center line rumble strips from the circle south to Hamwoods Road which did not meet the installation guidelines.

Route 28 North

- Mill and fill the shoulder in bypass areas for left turning traffic
 - Lily Pond Road ~ remove 500' immediately across from road
 - Gilman Corner Road ~ remove roughly 500' (300' in advance; thru intersection and 150' beyond)
 - Chestnut Cove Road ~ remove approximately 500' across from road

- Roberts Knoll Campground ~ remove 300' in advance of the driveway southbound; 150' beyond and 500' across (treat as commercial drive)
- Gravel Pit/Drew Hill Road area ~ remove 500' (south of the opening and 300' in advance (extended section) 500' across

Virgil MacDonald questioned taking the rumble strip completely off the white line. The audience cheered and were in favor of this comment.

Bill Cass, Assistant Commissioner addressed the improved safety and noise concerns, passing zones and the reasons for the installation of the rumble strips, both center line and shoulder, turning traffic etc. To prioritize, "center line rumble strips are the ones that DOT would pretty much stick to their guns on". These are intended to address the horrific accidents.

Cydney Johnson asked if the Police Chief or the Fire Chief were consulted in regards to accidents, how dangerous of an area this stretch of road is and whether the majority of the accidents were center line opposed to sideline accidents. We are a tourist community on a lake we have a lot of recreational vehicles being towed and the trailers don't always track behind the motor vehicle which sways and hits the white line, a lot. We also have the issue of people not wanting to pull into the breakdown lane to make a turn because they are riding the rumble strip. Were our safety officials spoken to, to talk about how serious an issue this really is or was this just done?

Ron Grandmaison responded "no" this was not done with either official. A letter was sent to the Town, Cydney Johnson noted the letter was received in April 2015, it did not specifically state, it simply stated that DOT would be looking into doing rumble strips but it was not specific as to when or where, centerline and sideline installations. Mr. Grandmaison further stated that Public Hearings are not required, however in speaking with Chief Heath, after the fact, he stated that of all the communities you have dealt with you have never dealt with one quite like Alton, they will be more than willing to come out and speak. Understanding that DOT is taking a systemic, opposed to a statistical approach, trying to find the areas that have the most problems. Route 28 was one of the corridors that DOT came up with while determining the need of addressing.

Cydney Johnson stated that it has been reported that the depth of the rumble stripes is much deeper than the regulations call for. Mr. Grandmaison stated that that is not a true statement; his construction crew has gone out and checked them, they are within specifications, typically between 3/8" to 5/8". Ms. Johnson further questioned if DOT would be agreeable to removing the white line/sideline rumble strips altogether and keeping the centerline strips. DOT could not commit to that tonight but would take it back to Concord for consideration. They wanted the feedback from the town and the community first then they would entertain it. It has been spoken about in length; we do stand by the decision to install rumble strips; they are a very cost effective, safety improvement measure that has very proven results. They are also reviewing the white line strips and contemplating whether moving forward if there is a need for some adjustments to them referring to putting them directly on the white line; if it is too close.

Virgil MacDonald voiced his displeasure that DOT is looking at accidents and not considering what they are doing to the properties, the people, the taxpayers. DOT is here now to listen to the people and is willing to make changes. It is not their preference to remove the rumble strips because they believe there is proven value in the white line rumble strips but they are certainly sensitive to the feedback that they are hearing.

It was noted that from the Lee traffic circle all the way, the rumble strips have been placed directly on the white line.

DOT was hoping that the proposed changes would be sufficient.

Cydney Johnson stated that given the feedback from the townspeople nothing less than eliminating the white line/shoulder rumble strips would be acceptable on Route 28 North and that the Board is in agreement with that request. The audience cheered. A timeframe was requested and a proposal to hold a Public Hearing in order for the people to have an opportunity to come in and speak. It was also mentioned that this will give DOT an opportunity to re-think this, get their approval; it may not be necessary to hold a Public Hearing. The Town's position carries and helps DOT in making their final decision.

John Markland questioned the particular statistical data in regards to accidents in that area for example: snow removal/icy roads, DWI, falling asleep, texting, deer, center line crossings, drugs/alcohol, driver inattention etc. The data was from 2002-2014 and would have been helpful prior to this meeting. This is a DOT issue but reflects and becomes a Board issue. Mr. Markland is still trying to figure out why passing zones have rumble strips. A correction to the timeline was noted, it was actually from 2005-2014 there were 194 accidents with at least two (2) fatalities. Rumble strips in his personal opinion have not been proved at all. State and National statistics show installing rumble strips reduces horrific/fatal accidents between 40% to 60% of the time on roads similar to the ones in question. The 194 accidents spans from Route 28 North to the Ossipee line.

Police Chief Ryan Heath pulled statistics, he noted that the DOT data probably includes State Police responding to crashes. His department pulled from 2010 to current and physically went through the files; 75% were deer related, two (2) centerline crashes specifically due to falling asleep, drug and alcohol impairment and a good portion are failures to yield to a right of way. This is just Route 28 North crashes.

Cydney Johnson asked if the Town could have an answer from DOT by the end of the week on a decision for removal of the sideline rumble strips and the passing zone rumble strips. The answer was "yes". A timeline was requested for the removal of the rumble strips on Route 28 South. DOT is in the process of sub-contracting and is hoping to have an answer any day; once obtained they will get the information to the Town.

If the answer does not come back in a favorable manner, then the Board will be requesting another meeting with DOT that would be a Public Hearing and we would request that the engineers that made the decision to install these rumble strips be in attendance to answer the questions. If necessary, DOT was open to another meeting.

Ron Grandmaison suggested visiting the DOT website and contact him; his contact information is on the site. He noted that all communications will be answered however anything that has escalated to someone else that he has not responded to, as he does not want to step on anyone's toes. Any communications will be cc'd to the Town Administrator as well as an answer by Friday.

DOT will be available in the Heidke Room for further questioning.

Cydney Johnson announced that a Non-Public Session was scheduled and inadvertently skipped. She recommended that it be placed immediately after New Business. It was the consensus of the Board to move it.

Announcements:

- As a reminder, the State Primary on September 13th will be held at the Pearson Road Senior/Community Center from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. This is a change it will no longer be held at Prospect Mountain High School.

Selectmen's Committee Report

John Markland: None

Virgil MacDonald met with the Planning Board; they discussed the design review for the Blake Building.

Phil Wittmann met with the Parks & Recreation Commission the meeting began at Roberts Cove Beach then proceeded to Echo Point, there is room to launch a boat but nowhere to park. The photo calendar contest was discussed, Barbershoppers Agreement has been signed and it has been requested to develop a program to address the needs of the AVAS facility storage office space and the Tennis Court screen was discussed. The Director of Parks and Recreation was appointed as the Department Head for the Cemetery Department. Several other topics of discussion were mentioned. The Old Home Week Committee met and discussed the ad booklet which is ready and also all the events that will be taking place during the week. The Milfoil Committee met noting that the herbicide is normally applied the 2nd/3rd week of July but due to rain it hadn't been applied. The Lake Host update is that the Town received a grant for \$1,500.00 with \$190.00 of that being spent to date.

Lou LaCourse: None

Cydney Johnson noted that ZAC will be meeting on August 23rd.

Town Administrator's Report and Updates by Liz Dionne

Cemetery documents are in the reading file for viewing and/or signing. It will be handled this way moving forward.

In the reading file there are documents from DOT and DES; the Board was urged to look at them.

In the reading file there is a memo in regards to the Lakes Region Tourism Association. They are currently using the Alton Bay Community Center, there is no formal agreement with them which is currently being worked on as well as them obtaining insurance coverage. There have been issues in the past with staffing and I worked with their Director to correct; they have been resolved.

The Old Home Week Committee is looking to see if the Board will be participating in the parade; it is a 1.5-mile route it may be walked or you may ride in a vehicle. Schedules need to be checked, Virgil MacDonald will participate.

The street light has been fixed on the corner at the Gilman Museum which significantly lights the intersection. At this time, Liz recommends not installing the decorative light pole at the museum.

We are approaching the 2017 budget season. Preliminary direction is being sought in order to give the Department Heads direction in regards to the letter received from the Budget Committee. Does the Board want to have the Department Heads submit what they need or with the 5% cut; how does the Board want to proceed? Virgil MacDonald believed that the Department Heads are doing a good job and should be presenting a budget that they need then they come before the Board to defend it. The Department Heads needs to make proper judgement. It was the general consensus of the Board to present a budget that is absolutely what is needed then they can have a separate list of what they might want. We need to rely on the Department Heads to make that proper judgement.

There is a tax deeded property at 36 Scott Drive that sits on stilts. The Code Enforcement Officer has looked at it and would like someone who specializes in that type of work to secure it.

In the Bay area there is a proposal to erect a gazebo to showcase the history of the Bay just to the left of Pop's Clam Shack. Between the Historical Society, the Road Agent and myself a meeting was scheduled to discuss the project. In order to continue with the project, the Historical Society wants to start fundraising. We will need to set up an account similar to the B&M Park, donation money will be held by the Treasurer and the Town Administrator will be the agent to sign for expenditures on behalf of the Selectmen.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to allow the Historical Society to fundraise for the historical gazebo in the Bay, setting up the fund to be used and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

There was a request from a resident for parking signs in the bay for 3-hour parking. The Highway and Police Department does not support this nor does Liz recommend it. This should be alleviated once the additional 42 parking spaces are added. She also requested removing

the garbage receptacles in the Bay; having it be a carry in/carry out just like the state parks. The town empties them daily and there are currently no problems.

The NHMA Legislative Policy Process, the Board can vote on the proposed changes or someone can be appointed to represent your vote in Concord. The Board has until the next meeting to read them over and decide on whether to support them. This will be brought back to the Board at next meeting.

In regards to the Items on the agenda and the format of the agenda. Liz is recommending that the format be changed around to make it more efficient also adding the consent agenda. It was noted that this would make it better for the public and for the Board. An example of the new format was provided to the Board.

Lou LaCourse made a motion to accept the new format of the agenda and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

The surplus items in the basement received no bids. The items are in very rough shape. Approval is needed to either take the items to the Swap Shop or dispose of the items. Liz is also requesting that this be carried forward year to year for the disposal of the items.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to allow for the disposal of the surplus items and allow it to be carried forward each year to dispose of the items after the bid process and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

The NH Humane Society contract was received in the amount of \$800.00 year and needs to be signed by the Town Administrator. A discussion ensued in regards to some of the stipulations of the contract. This is a renewal and is in the Police Department's budget.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to renew the contract for the NH Humane Society in the amount of \$800.00 allowing the Town Administrator to sign and John Markland seconded. The vote was 3 approved; 2 abstentions Lou LaCourse and Virgil MacDonald.

There has been a request for a porta potty at Roberts Cove Beach; there is an appropriate spot within the easement. The lease is not specific as to this being allowed. A letter was sent to Robert's Cove Inc., they are in favor of one being placed, with proper maintenance. A price for this is unknown at this time due to Kellie Troendle being on vacation. There may be complaints from others in the area and nothing has been finalized. It was the consensus of the Board to check the cost involved and to poll the surrounding neighbors then bring it back to the Board.

Public Input I (*limited to 3 minutes per person; subject matter ~ agenda items only*)

It was noted that the Town Attorney and the Municipal Association were both consulted regarding the first session of Public Input addressing agenda items only and the 3-minute time for speaking.

Jeffrey Clay questioned who would be timing his 3 minutes as he wanted his full time. Cydney Johnson will be timing. Non-Public Sessions are on the agenda and he accused the Board of hiding behind the law with the foolish Public Participation Policy. In his opinion both Attorney Sessler and the Municipal Association are wrong in regards to Non-Public Sessions and the policy. Mr. Clay was insistent, more than once, that his 3 minutes be restarted because he was interrupted. Again he stated that the laws were being violated that he came before the Board on June 20th and that the Board is right back to doing it again. Mr. Clay voiced *inappropriate language* and Cydney Johnson told him that using profanity is unacceptable and he needed to speak with respect however he continued then stated that she should resign and if the other members couldn't follow the RTK laws then they should resign too. At this time Virgil MacDonald called for a 10-minute recess and a point of order (note: there was no recess and Virgil left the meeting). Mr. Clay continued regarding Non-Public minutes and stated that he would take all of the Board to court for not wanting to follow the law. His time limit ended.

Raymond Howard approached the Board to discuss what the State had to say in regards to the rumble strips being installed to their specifications. On Route 28 North if you look at the rumble strips you can see old paint from what appears to be 2 asphalt applications ago; that's how deep they have been cut. He further stated that we have community rights and he doesn't think personally saving one life is worth destroying thousands of others and that's what they are doing to the residents of this Town. On another note he hopes that the Town Departments use a zero based budgeting like private industries. As far as Animal Control, when dog licensing was originally set up it was to reimburse farmers due to damage done by dogs. Now the licensing money just goes into the general fund. There was a bill before the house this year to eliminate licensing; it is like a hidden tax and that money should be looked at to see how it is spent. Maybe something could be set up in Town for some sort of daycare for the wayward animals.

George Feeney approached the Board as a member of the Pearson Road Building Committee and Meals on Wheels driver regarding the pool table donation which is at no cost to the town. It was noted that this issue will be voted on shortly.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

June 20, 2016

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session I, June 20, 2016 as written and Cydney Johnson seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 1 abstention; Lou LaCourse. Note: Virgil MacDonald was not present.

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Non Public Session, June 20, 2016 as written and Cydney Johnson seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 1 abstention; Lou LaCourse. Note: Virgil MacDonald was not present.

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session II, June 6, 2016 as written and Cydney Johnson seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 1 abstention; Lou LaCourse. Note: Virgil MacDonald was not present.

June 22, 2016

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Workshop Session I, June 22, 2016 as written and Cydney Johnson seconded. The vote was 4 approved. Note: Virgil MacDonald was not present.

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Non Public Workshop Session, June 22, 2016 releasing everything and Cydney Johnson seconded. The vote was 4 approved. Note: Virgil MacDonald was not present.

Note: At this time Virgil MacDonald returned to the meeting.

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Workshop Session II, June 22, 2016 as written and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

Town Hall HVAC System; Electrical Quote

The quote for the electrical portion of the HVAC System was received. Between the original amount for the HVAC System and the electrical quote, there are sufficient funds to cover the project and it is within the budgeted amount. The total amount is \$126,931.00.

John Markland made a motion to approve the electrical quote for Greg Brooks Electric in the amount of \$23,950.00 for the HVAC System and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Speed Limit; Alton Bay

The speed limit is 30mph in the Bay however coming down from New Durham it is 25mph. Ryan Heath and Ken Roberts were asked to approach the table to discuss the issue. Ken Roberts stated that the Board of Selectmen can set the speed on any road. It was explained that the 25mph is an engineer design speed and instead of marking just a portion of the road at that speed they marked the whole road at that speed. It was never changed halfway through the roadway. These can be changed in those areas by the Board of Selectmen. Cydney Johnson mentioned her recollection was that back when New Durham Road was paved and the Public Hearing was held, there were a lot of concerns regarding speed. At that time, enforcement was if you did over 15mph you would get a ticket if under that speed you would just get a slap of the hand. The Police Chief made it known that there is no set standard for that and there is much more consideration with a traffic stop. The design speed can be changed by the Board on any road. Previously, everything was changed to 30mph except what

was already at 25mph remained at that speed. If desired, this would be a decision that the Board would need to make.

West Alton Community Center

It was questioned if John Dever got back to Liz Dionne regarding the roof. It was her belief that photos were in the reading file of both inside and outside. Virgil felt that this needs to be addressed now or before winter. This issue will be put on the next agenda.

Virgil MacDonald also questioned whether Kellie Troendle was getting additional help due to the Cemetery Department being placed under her. Lou LaCourse noted that it had been previously discussed but a final decision was never made. Liz Dionne noted that she currently doesn't have the money in the budget and she has spoken to and asked Kellie to track what additional work is being asked of her. The current staff is continuing to do what they have always done; it is just in her oversight, once there is enough information gathered for whatever she may need. It was Virgil's opinion that Ken Robert's should go take the gravel from the back of the Cemetery for road reconstruction at a cost savings and to straighten out the valley out the roads in where the new section is. Liz Dionne recommends that this be an agenda item for a future meeting with Kellie, the Cemetery Sexton, the Highway Agent and anyone involved, for them to be present at the meeting for making that decision.

New Business:

Pool Table Donation; Pearson Road Senior/Community Center

Virgil MacDonald voiced his concerns of having a pool table at the Pearson Road Center. You are not just going to be able to move a slate pool table. His opinion is it is a Senior Center and it is used quite well, by putting a pool table it will crowd the building and it will change the whole atmosphere at the Center. Cydney Johnson explained to Selectman McDonald that while he was out of the room it was explained that this was geared towards an increase of activity for some of the male seniors whose are in favor of it. This is a donation by the Alton Senior Association and there is no cost to the Town. John Markland spoke with the Town Moderator who voiced that they are in the trial stages of using the Center for voting and that he needs all the available room possible for the voting that is forth coming. The Moderator would not be in favor of this. It was suggested that this be held until after the election to see how things get set up, see the flow of things. The moving of the table was brought up again and the possibility of this damaging the floors. Captain Evan Turcotte, Fire Department, Fire Safety Inspector, added that when you add more to the area you actually decrease the amount of people that can be put in that area so based on the size of the table it might decrease the amount of the people allowed in the entire center. According to Mr. Feeney, the table will be in a separate room not in the general area that is utilized.

Lou LaCourse stated based on the information presented; it is a nice gift and if it does turn out to be a problem, it can always be given back.

Lou LaCourse made a motion to accept the pool table donation for the Pearson Road Senior/Community Center and Phil Wittmann seconded. The vote was 4 approved; 1 abstention, John Markland.

Land Use Items as recommended by the Tax Assessor

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to approve the 2015 Timber Warrant for Map 8-3-2+3 Operation 15-011-11-T for \$889.35 and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to approve the 2015 Timber Abatement for Map 10-31 Operation 15-011-12-T for \$66.86 and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Property Use by Highway Department on Woodlands and Route 11D

Ken Roberts approached the Board in regards to the property at the corner of Woodlands Road and Route 11D. This has previously been before the Board for discussion. We cut trees on this lot sawed them, made lumber and used them for rebuilding a couple of trailers. We have been dumping sand there and Ken would like to know what the future plans are for the parcel; he would like to go in cut some trees, pull the humus and loam back and bring in good fill. The thought is to make this a decent usable lot. The dimensions of the lot are questionable; Tom Sargent is working on this but 400 feet is workable. The Highway crew is getting ready to move to Woodlands Road and does not want to truck materials all the way over to the church for dumping product and would he like to use this property. In any case, this would be a usable lot when the Highway Department is done with it and would like to know how to proceed. Another key note is the wood will not be delivered to anyone, it will be left in lengths for possible utilization for sideboards or for the trailers rather than give it away. Potentially a logger could be contacted to purchase the load which would need approval of the Board. It could be put out for bid for removal with a specific date set. The timeline is Places Mill will be finished in a couple of weeks then Rines Road will be completed, then move onto the top of Bayhill Road, then move over to the Woodlands Road/11D area which can be worked on even during the frost season, if the Board approves the usage of the lot. Abutter's have not been contacted yet and will be once it goes to Public Hearing.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to allow the Highway Department to use the lot at Woodlands Road and Route 11D and Lou LaCourse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Request for Bid Tree Removal; Rines and Stagecoach Roads

After the Public Hearing for Rines Road and Stagecoach Road and in speaking with the residents another 5 trees have been added for a total of 17 trees. Approval is needed to send this out to bid as soon as possible.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to allow the bid for tree cutting on Rines and Stagecoach Roads and Lou LaCourse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Waiver of Fee Request Alton Bay Community Center

John Markland made a motion to waive the fee requests dated July 7, 2016 for the Alton Bay Community Center on July 20th and July 29th, 2016 for the Alton School District and Virgil MacDonald seconded. Discussion transpired with Virgil MacDonald questioned if they were taking care of the cleanup. John Markland amended the motion to include the cleanup and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the amended motion.

Special Event Application - American Legion Concert

This item was previously withdrawn from the agenda as it belongs before the Planning Boards for a Site Plan Review.

Non-Public Session: Vote to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3, II (a) through (k) as deemed necessary.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) and Virgil MacDonald seconded. The Board was polled in the affirmative with all in favor of the motion.

The Board vacated the room at 8:42 PM for the convenience of the public.

The Board returned from Non Public Session at 8:47 PM.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

- Promotion Approved- Evan Turcotte to Deputy Fire Chief
- Resignation Accepted- Jeff Roberts, Lead Mechanic, Highway Department

Public Input II (limited to 5 minutes per person; subject matter -any Governmental/Town Business)

Ray Howard approached the Board noting that over the years the taxpayers have spent over 300K at the Pearson Road Center for expansions due to the lack of space. Now that space will be cut down by a pool table and/or large pieces of furniture. This is defeating the purpose of the expansion.

Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney approached the Board, he voiced his appreciation for all of the work that the Board of Selectmen does. He was in attendance mainly due to the rumble strip issue that was being discussed. He spoke of a Public Hearing that took place in Plymouth regarding the same issues, they share the same animosity and the same complaints. From the input he heard from the town tonight, he will take the message of the people regarding the white line rumble strips back to Concord to the Commissioners; he will strongly work on behalf of the concerns that were voiced and he will continue to do so until there is a solution to the situation. Councilor Kenney takes this very seriously and stated that DOT

needs to do this the right way. Hearing that there was no requirement for a Public Hearing regarding rumble strips he has asked DOT that anytime in the future that there is any project with DOT that comes into the 234 communities that a Public Hearing be held. Public Input is different in all communities. Virgil MacDonald mentioned the passing zone removal. Councilor Kenney understands and will take the message back to Concord.

Jeffrey Clay approached the Board to review minutes that were just approved this evening referring specifically to the June 22nd minutes. He read from the minutes then stated the need for a roll call votes. He voiced many concerns of the meeting particulars as to the conduction of such. He believes that the Board is trying to continue to usurp the spirit intent of the RTK Laws and he will not have any part of it. The Board represents him and he considers himself to be a man of integrity and honesty and he will not tolerate anyone that will not follow the laws. Again, he reiterated the sealing of Non-Public items in accordance of the law, stop it is not legal. He read an excerpt from RSA 91-a:3.

Larry DeLangis, owner of the Inn on Newfound Lake commented on the rumble strip issues and his concerns of bicycling around the lake on rumble strips. His concern was that DOT is trying to save some lives however they are endangering others.

Lou LaCourse questioned the Town Administrator, are we breaking the RTK laws as being described by Mr. Clay? Liz Dionne stated "I do not believe so".

The August meetings are August 1st and August 15th.

Lou LaCourse made a motion to adjourn and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis

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Recording Secretary