

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
December 16, 2019
Approved - January 20, 2020

Chairman R. Wentworth convened the meeting at 6:01 PM and V. MacDonald led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following staff members were present:

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

Agenda Approval

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and P. Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements:

- Town Office will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24th and all day on Wednesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday and closed on January 1st for New Year's Day.

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

Ray Howard addressed the Board stating that at the county level health and dental insurance is being negotiated with the employee unions. They are now contributing from 1.5% to 10% for their benefit package. It is not unreasonable or unusual to have employees participate with the insurance.

Ken Roberts addressed the Board with input regarding the health and dental insurance. He mentioned that step wages, merit and 2% COLA have been taken away from the employees and recalls when the 2% COLA was taken away the discussion included the fact that we had benefits which included insurance within that discussion. By the time all things are removed from a person's take home pay, it doesn't leave much. A lot of the employees came to work for the Town because of the insurance. There are no options or choices and urged consideration of more choices/options and compared to other municipalities and private businesses. It was noted K. Roberts was speaking as a department head for his employees.

Jim Beaudoin addressed the Board as the Fire Chief in reference to the health and dental insurance stating that there is very little time left with open enrollment closed so there is no option to switch and has closed for spouses as well; he urged the Board to consider this. D

Kellie Troendle addressed the Board as Parks and Recreation, Grounds and Maintenance and Cemetery department head regarding the health and dental insurance. She referred to the written statement provided in the prospective benefit summary given to employees. Within the summary is states the Town of Alton will pay 96.5% with the employee paying 3.5% of the health insurance costs. Employees work for the Town at a lower wage and are informed that benefits are part of their wages so they work for the Town just for the benefits; this has been portrayed to them during the hiring process. With the 2020 budget already being set her feeling is that there is no fiscal reason for this cut to the employees. In some cases the benefits were a deciding factor for an employee to accept positions with the Town. 42% of department heads have recently been hired within the last two (2) years; letters of employment were received by them and previously others from the Town specifying the health insurance in addition to their wages and work hours. K. Troendle feels that it is not fair to advertise benefits, recruit employees based on promised benefits and offer them in writing then change them without any discussion with the employees or without a commanding fiscal reason. The benefit decrease would absolutely decrease the overall wages of the employees. Reducing benefits will increase the employee's weekly costs for insurance and if the

deductible is increased then the employee will absorb additional costs. A fair compromise might be to change the health insurance policy for new hires effective in 2020 and grandfather the existing employees.

Appointments:

None

New Business:

1. Fire Department Purchase Request - IV Medication Pumps

Jim Beaudoin, Fire Chief addressed the Board with a need to purchase new IV medication pumps. The current pumps still work however they are not supported any longer. An annual inspection for certification is supposed to be done; currently no company is willing to do the inspection. The problem is the tubing, it is specialized to the current pumps and it has been back ordered for a considerable amount of time from several companies. By law certain medications are required to go through a pump and fear they are going to run out. The money is in the budget. Only one (1) quote was provided and explained that the quote provided are the same pumps that LRGH (our medical resource hospital) uses; they will provide free maintenance for them. The request is for three (3) pumps, one for each ambulance and a spare will be used in the command vehicle and used in the ambulances if needed during repairs or service. These pumps will more than likely be and remain supported unlike the current pumps as they are widely used in the area and are provided by a larger company. This is a required piece of equipment on an ambulance in order to keep EMS licensing. They are checked regularly during equipment checks and annually tested for certification.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the Chief's request for three (3) IV Medication Pumps for a total cost of 9K and P. Wittmann seconded.

Further discussion: V. MacDonald asked why this was not going before the residents to vote on as previously done. The question was irrelevant, previously it was the Air packs. This will come out of this year's ambulance new equipment line budget and will not affect the bottom line.

The vote on the table was called with all in favor of the motion.

2. Grounds and Maintenance Department - Town Hall Boiler Repairs

K. Troendle, Grounds and Maintenance Director addressed the Board to discuss the necessary repairs to the Town Hall boiler. An inspection was ordered by Primex who hires an outside company to perform the inspection which took place on November 20, 2019. They found three (3) problems and the Town has thirty (30) days to repair the problems; an extension may be requested with a plan in place. The inspector was informed that it would be going to the Board with recommendations for having the work done. Five (5) contractors were contacted with only one (1) response, Spartan Mechanical who are our current vendor. An estimate was provided for \$5,479.28 and K. Troendle asked that the work be done as presented. Further she recommended that if any money was left in the Grounds and Maintenance budget that it be encumbered for this expense. The work will not be warranted because it is a used boiler. The age of the boiler was questioned and asked if a used boiler was initially installed. As far as she knew the boiler exploded and it was rebuilt with sections replaced. J. Dever, Code Officer joined the discussion. Confusion on the age was clarified and discussed; 2012/2016 and noted that any warranty would be long gone. The work needs to be done regardless.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the repairs.

Further discussion: The boiler is used as a backup for the most part to the HVAC System until it gets really cold however it is used for the radiant heat for the Handicap Accessible Ramp. It might be time to look at a replacement that would be more efficient and serviceable. Research was previously done and a Warrant Article was going to be done when the boiler blew up in the fall. A substantial amount of money was spent for repairs. This was dropped at that point.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the repairs to the Town Hall boiler for \$5,479.28 and encumber the funds if available from the Grounds and Maintenance budget and P. Wittmann seconded.

Further Discussion: V. MacDonald asked about using money from the Clough Morrill Fund for Town Hall maintenance. C. Shapleigh couldn't see using that if the money was within the budget. V. MacDonald felt using taxpayers money opposed to Trust Fund money should be used because it is for the maintenance of the building. L. Dionne was allowed to speak in reference to the repairs, encumbrance and other options as noted. R. Wentworth stated that the money could be approved tonight but for the Town Administrator to say use the Clough Morrill Fund could not be done as it has not been approved by the Trustees of Trust Funds. This would hold up the repairs and could be a couple of weeks out. L. Dionne could contact the Trustees. V. MacDonald still feels it should not come out of tax dollars and should come from the Trust Fund. In defense of the employees, C. Shapleigh noted that the extra money that was found this year by the departments was money that was included in the Default Budget that we had no control of them having. It is not that they all "padded their budgets" it was uncontrolled. Mentioned was using Clough Morrill for major catastrophic expenses is the best use of the funds.

The motion on the table was called with 4 approved and 1 opposed, V. MacDonald.

3. 2020 Encumbrances

Three (3) encumbrances were provided to the Board, two (2) for Grounds and Maintenance and one (1) for Tax Collector.

K. Troendle, Grounds and Maintenance Director spoke on behalf of her requests:

- a. \$5,479.28 - Town Hall Boiler - Discussed and approved in the previous agenda item.
- b. \$4,531.50 - Jones Field Dugouts (2)

R. Wentworth suggested purchasing the concrete blocks from Middleton Lumber obtaining them at the same time that the lumber is delivered for convenience and saving staff time. K. Troendle was unsure of what funds would be available so this is to ask for funds for two (2) dugouts explaining that there is really no place to store them and if there are no funds to do these was considered. The lumber will be stored at the Highway Department. This is just a proposal for tonight's meeting for providing costs. Middleton Lumber and other small businesses contribute to the community.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to encumber \$4,531.50 for the two (2) Dugouts at Jones Field from the Grounds and Maintenance budget and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Tax Collector

- a. \$942.00 - 14,000 Tax Bills

R. Wentworth questioned if there was no money in the budget to replace next year's tax bills. L. Dionne was sure she did however there are four (4) elections in 2020. It was noted that there were no major cuts to that budget. Various lines were looked into and noted that she may not have enough money in her budget therefore the request.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the \$942 encumbrance request from the Tax Collector line and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

4. 2020 Default Budget

R. Wentworth questioned particular lines within the Default Budget which was explained by L. Dionne, Town Administrator.

- a. Building line - 4192-015 - Part Time Wages - \$13,000 (position eliminated)
- b. Police line - 4210-209 - Fleet Lease Purchase - \$39,900 (contractual)
- c. Fire line - 4220-019 - Shift Stipend - \$92,820 (contractual)

Discussion ensued on the questioned lines with the elimination of a position verses contractual lines, current existing contracts, revolving fund, reopening the proposed budgets and changing them (not in this year's budget, only in the default) possibility to freeze the questionable lines. L. Dionne feels freezing the lines is the better choice. The money in these lines could be used for other things than what it was intended for which becomes an issue with a Default Budget. You can eliminate the lines but when it goes to DRA they potentially will say you

cannot do this. The feeling is those lines should be reduced to \$1.00 and see what DRA comes back with. This should be done by December 31st so that the Warrant Articles may be presented and voted on at the January 6th meeting. The Default Budget dollar amount will be within the Operating Budget Warrant Article. The intention is to have all the Warrant Articles set before the next meeting.

R. Wentworth made a motion to reduce the Police Department line 4210-209 Fleet Lease Purchase from \$39,900 to \$1.00 and Fire Department line 4220-019 Shift Stipend (not used any longer) from \$92,820 to \$1.00 and V. MacDonald seconded.

Further Discussion: C. Shapleigh feels this goes against the RSA of a Default Budget and understands that the Default Budget will be higher than the proposed budget so it shouldn't be a concern. You cannot change contractual items, they have to be included in a Default Budget. We could vote it down and get a legal opinion from Attorney Sessler. Keep in mind if this is the Boards choice the Warrant Article for the Operating Budget will not be complete when it is to be approved on January 6th. L. Dionne noted that all wage lines are carried over by RSA unless it is a position that is being eliminated. If this goes to DRA and is rejected then the Warrant Article will need to be changed and re-voted.

The motion on the table was called with 4 approved, 1 opposed, C. Shapleigh.

5. Special Events Applications - Castleberry Fairs

The same procedures as last year will be followed for this year's events; same map, same locations.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the Special Event Applications for Castleberry Fairs and P. Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

1. Highway Department - Bid Award - Lily Pond Road Survey

K. Roberts, Highway Manager addressed the survey for Lily Pond Road noting that the low bidder White Mountain Survey was chosen with a cost of 9K. A set of plans will be provided of where the existing road is today within the ROW which is only 30' wide. K. Roberts feels that the stone wall may be one of the boundaries. The plan will show if the walls are within the ROW, outside of the ROW or they are the ROW. Steel pins were asked to be placed for identification. No further deeds were found only what is in the Clough reports. The surveyor will do research.

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the survey for Lily Pond Road funds from Road Reconstruction Fund 9K and R. Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. Health and Dental Insurance

R. Wentworth voiced thanks to both L. Dionne, Town Administrator and L. Parker, Finance Manager for the research that went into this providing several options. In addition, to answer the departments concerns, no one ever stated that they were going to make the employees pay 6K each per year. It is something we are looking into as the residents of Alton are paying this as taxpayers. Many residents are paying this and more and do not get any reimbursements from their employers. They are paying 25% to 30% for their health insurance along with deductibles. If they have families they are only paying for the employee and are no longer paying for the family members just the individual. Department heads pay nothing for their insurance and the Town covers 80% of the deductibles. He feels that the employees have more than what they think they have. The Town has not made any decisions yet and are not looking to take away the health insurance and may ask for the employee to contribute a little more than they currently do. There will be no decision made tonight, there is a lot to digest, there will be no vote tonight. C. Shapleigh is glad that there will be no decision tonight and hopes that the rest of the Board feels the same. Good points were made tonight and feels the responsible thing would be to make them for next year. We are not competing with the private sector, we are competing with other municipalities and feels it is very important to look at what other municipalities are doing, who they are using for health insurance, what they are asking their employees to contribute towards the insurance. In addition she feels that private insurance needs to be looked into. Feeling a committee should be formed with various members from different sectors that takes charge of this, sets deadlines, looks at what other towns are doing and possibly regionalize with other towns or

with surrounding towns if allowed; this is the responsible thing to do. A decision cannot be made hastily. This will be brought back in 2020.

Selectmen Reports

P. LaRochelle had nothing to report.

P. Wittmann had nothing to report.

C. Shapleigh had nothing to report.

V. MacDonald had nothing to report.

R. Wentworth met with the Budget Committee last week working on finishing the budgets with one (1) remaining. R. Wentworth asked the Board if they would entertain meeting jointly with the Budget Committee at the January 6th meeting to hear the Warrant Articles ahead of time when the Board discusses them. They can listen and possibly be a part of the discussions. This would be a regular meeting of the Board; it was the consensus of the Board to only hear the Warrant Articles at the January 6th meeting with the Budget Committee in attendance. In addition, R. Wentworth noted that at the last Budget Committee meeting he was not in attendance nor was the alternate. In the past as the representative he has gone in and fought for the Selectmen's budget whether he agreed or not to certain issues with the budget. He did not feel that this happened while he was gone then referenced when it came to the 7K for the Highway Department because the Selectman that represented the BOS voted with the Budget Committee to put it all back in the budget, it did go back in the budget with the 7K getting voted out again not out of the line items but out of the gravel fund as long as the Selectmen agreed to put the contractual amounts back to those line items and take the 7K from gravel. Disappointment was voiced.

R. Wentworth made a motion for the Selectmen's budget for the Highway Department budget to replace the full line items that was requested for the contractual items (\$500 each) and take 7K from the gravel line and C. Shapleigh seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Town Administrator Report by L. Dionne

Fiore Property - Depot Street

L. Dionne requested that Richard Fiore Jr., owner and John Dever, Code Officer be allowed to approach the table to explain the request. L. Dionne explained that the request came to her after the deadline for the agenda. It was questioned if it had come before Planning and Zoning with an affirmative answer for ZBA but not Planning. ZBA is waiting for a decision by the Board of Selectmen on the ROW off of Depot Street as to whether they are okay or not okay with use of the ROW from Depot Street onto the Fiore property for a proposed business. A packet was provided in reference to the business which is for boat repair and storage. A problem was raised in regards to bringing this forward due to previous requests that required appointment requests for consistency feeling it might be unfair. This was brought forth due to the deadline for the next ZBA meeting. It was noted that it has come before ZBA twice and was voted that it needed to go to the Board of Selectmen for approval; there was confusion and misunderstanding with ZBA which is why it took two (2) meetings. V. MacDonald voiced he has a problem with allowing a business to use a Town ROW for commercial use. Due to the confusion the Board decided to move forward with discussion and allow Richard Fiore Jr., owner and John Dever, Code Officer to address the Board. J. Dever noted that all applicable departments have given their input. This is an unusual case with the Town owning the road. The ROW was established to give access to a residential property. ZBA wants Board input. The request is for two (2) things, a Special Exception to operate a business on the property when necessary (allowed in the zone) and a Variance to operate a boat storage facility (currently not allowed in the zone). Moving on they previously requested permission for access on Route 28 which entails State permission, requires an appraisal both now and when the access is in place and is a process that can take a long time and is very expensive. It is to turn the property into a commercial property. Recommendations were provided by L. Dionne and Attorney Sessler. A lengthy discussion transpired with concerns raised regarding the narrow access, possible bonding, looking into the future, opening the door for further expansion, amount of travel to and from the property and monitoring, costs, encouraging small businesses, impact in the area, discussing at a future meeting additions to and change of use

would be a fresh start and it would have to go back to the various Boards and/or Committees. K. Roberts was called upon voicing concerns with the granite wall and the culvert that doesn't flow correctly. There is only one (1) way in and one (1) way out by the bank. The road is skewed, not built for an intersection and needs to be upgraded, wetlands has been consulted but it is not a priority and DES needs to give their input. The road needs to be widened to at least 20' with the possibility for a closed drainage system to benefit everyone involved. To allow the use as it is now would be questionable. P. LaRochelle questioned the location of the water line, R. Wentworth is not ready to make a decision on this tonight, C. Shapleigh would like more research done before making a decision. It was the consensus to table this item until the second meeting in January. Timing is essential and will need to go back to the ZBA and be continued as necessary.

Road Reconstruction Draft I Plan

A Draft I Road Reconstruction Plan was provided to the Board for informational purposes. Once the March vote occurs there will be more discussion between the Highway Manger and Board of Selectmen. R. Wentworth asked if there is a document in the files that lists all of the Town roads with dates for replacement such as a 10-year plan. It was mentioned that there was always one dating back to the 1990's. K. Roberts was called upon for the discussion stating that there was at one time, noting that the reason there is no report now is because the report contained dates then finding out when roads were scheduled and didn't get done it became an issue. A numerical system was devised then the Selectmen decided that they wanted to inspect the roads and make changes. It was decided to not go out a length of time bringing it back closer to what the money was being spent on. The provided list contained roughly eight (8) years of work. Several of the roads have been previously discussed. In 5 to 7 years crack sealing will need to be done, 10 to 12 years shim and overlay, 18 years a rebuild. There is not an actual history or outline which is being worked on. At one time an RSMS was done and paid for but not continued. Basically the Selectmen were making the decisions which roads were to be done due to deterioration values and dirt roads were brought into the plans. R. Wentworth asked if there was any way to provide a list of the roads that have been done (paved, rebuilt, and reconstructed). Specifically, Roberts Cove Road was discussed with the original plans in K. Roberts' possession. K. Roberts offered to get the list to the Board. It was noted it can wait until he returns from his medical leave. K. Roberts suggested to the Board to have the surveys done on School Street and Church Street with a big controversy from School Street to Route 140. Plans were provided to the Water Department in reference to the 8" water main.

Staff Report - Selectmen Fill-ins for Representative Positions

A staff report was provided to the Board in reference to fill-in positions for Selectmen's Representative positions. Concerns were recently raised at a Budget Committee meeting and noted that after consultation with Legal Counsel advised that nothing illegal occurred. In order to put this to rest it was recommended that 2 motions be made.

1. C. Shapleigh made a motion to ratify Selectmen R. Virgil MacDonald serving on the Budget Committee as a Selectmen's Alternate Representative for the Budget Committee meeting of December 5, 2019 and P. Wittmann seconded. The vote was 4 approved, 1 abstention, R. Wentworth.
2. C. Shapleigh made a motion that in the future, any Selectman may fill in as the Selectmen's Alternate Representative seat on any Board when the designated Selectmen Representative and Alternate are unable to attend, and that concerning the Budget Committee, the Selectmen's Alternate Representative will vote the position of the majority of the Selectmen at all times and R. Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Educational History Packet

An educational history packet was provided to the Board for previous Town employees for informational purposes and not for discussion tonight.

Winnepesaukee Marine Quote

A quote from Winnepesaukee Marine was provided to the Board in reference to a project in the Bay which has previously been discussed. There will be a Warrant Article for this item; the quote provides costs. P. LaRochelle spoke on behalf of this quote noting it pertains to the work in the Shibley's At the Pier Restaurant area for redoing

the decking replacement with a connection walkway to the existing docks with a finger dock. The quote was broken out separately with costs. The banking is not included in the cost estimates.

Approval of Minutes

December 4, 2019 - Regular

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2019 as presented and P. LaRochelle seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 2 abstentions, R. Wentworth and C. Shapleigh.

December 4, 2019 - Non-Public

P. Wittmann made a motion to approve the minutes of Non-Public December 4, 2019 releasing #1 and P. LaRochelle seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 2 abstentions, R. Wentworth and C. Shapleigh.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. 2019 Administrative Abatements

Paul & Linda Mertz	730 Rattlesnake Island	Map 78 Lot 13	\$1,595.00
Paul J. Kroon	23 Roger St. #6	Map 54 Lot 11-6	\$ 33.00
Virginia M Dore Trust	69 Main Street	Map 27 Lot 15	\$ 250.00
Gwyneth R DeJager 1982 Trust	57 Roberts Cove Road	Map 18 Lot 26	\$ 250.00

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

Bob Holt addressed the Board stating he is not sure if he is speaking as a Budget Committee member or as a taxpayer. He noted at the Budget Committee meeting of December 5th; he had issues which were brought forward tonight but does not understand what was done and asked for an explanation. R. Wentworth clarified. B. Holt noted he wanted to know if the Selectmen had appointed a third member to represent the Board and was told no. He called an attorney who specializes as a municipal attorney and was told he should have been appointed as a third alternate. He receives the opinion of the Town’s Attorney and did not agree with it. In turn he called NHMA explained the situation and was affirmatively told that the Board must appoint another member. He does not want this to happen again. Explained was the ratification vote tonight was to affirm that all Board members can serve as an alternate. B. Holt has an issue with this and feels the Town Attorney represents the Board. R. Wentworth stated that the Town Attorney not only represents the Board, he represents the Town and can be called at any time. His five (5) minutes was called.

William Nims addressed the Board in reference to Hazlett Road to make a few statements regarding this situation. He wanted to point out the circumstances of the intended work that was completed on the road. He was spoken to by K. Roberts on the required work that needed to be done. A contractor was contacted however he strung him along for approximately one (1) month before informing him that he was not able to perform the work. Another contractor was contacted who would perform the work however it would be close to the deadline and was completed the week after the deadline. He spoke with K. Roberts to tell him that he would be doing the work, keeping the lines of communication open. The project was completed and communicated to the Highway Department. There was plenty of time to inspect the road prior to the meeting on November 18th when the road was discontinued for winter maintenance. He felt that he acted in good faith and feels that no precedent would be set by reinstating his road for winter plowing which has been happening for over twenty (20) years. He is asking for

fairness and reasonableness as an Alton taxpayer. Roughly 10K was spent to fix the road, it was one week late for being completed and it was communicated to the Highway Department. He asks for rectification of the situation by restoring his road to the winter plowing list. Time was called.

Loring Carr addressed the Board in reference to the discussion on the Town Hall boiler noting that it was replaced with a new unit when he was on the Board and feels that 6 or 7 years is ridiculous and the warranty should be pushed. He feels a legal opinion should be sought. L. Carr referenced the Default Budget with merit being put into it; he feels that they are not following the law urging the Board to contact the person that wrote the article he referenced. He feels the ruling from the Town Attorney is a very poor answer. He wanted to know when the public would hear about the Warrant Articles before the meeting and asked that the public be able to look at them ahead of time. R. Wentworth noted that the Selectmen never hold a Public Hearing for the Warrant Articles and clarified the purpose of the Budget Committee sitting in on the discussion of them. In addition he addressed the boat storage discussion and he already sees that boats are stored on the subject property and it needs a variance. Years ago there was boat storage on that property by Parker Marine. Mentioned were the Planning Board Articles that are to be presented to the Planning Board, if approved they will be Zoning Ordinances unless they are defeated by vote; one has to do with boat storage. His opinion is he doesn't want to see boat storage in that field. When the Selectmen came before the voters to not elect a Road Agent there was a big discussion and it was the Selectmen that the Board would take responsibility of what roads would be done moving forward. A bond issue was mentioned. Time was called.

Ray Howard approached the Board in reference to a question that was brought up at a prior meeting regarding tax dollars that was spent on the Community Recreational Facility project and the All in for Alton. He appreciated the email response of December 2nd however it has brought up further questions of which came first. He is still confused about which committee came first. L. Dionne noted that the Recreational Facility Committee was formed in late 2016 or early 2017 when a previous Selectman that was on the Board asked if it would be okay with the Board of Selectmen forming a committee for that project. It took a long time to get members on the committee. There was a survey done through the Planning Board on behalf of the All in for Alton with \$2,500 budget for such then they merged. L. Dionne offered for R. Howard to contact her and she will pull out her files.

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

- William Nims - Hazlett Road

R. Wentworth voiced concerns that Mr. Nims called a week in advance and if Keri Gordon had recollection of the conversation and asked K. Roberts if he had recollection of the phone call that was being referenced. K. Roberts was called to the table for discussion. When this first came up the reports were to be written and inspected on October 31st as directed by the Board with the report given to them. Many of the roads accomplished what was requested of them with three (3) not meeting the requirements. Deadlines were set, it was inspected on the deadline and waited until the very last day, inspecting every road on the list and wrote his recommendations. He did not go back and re-inspect after the fact. K. Roberts noted that Mr. Nims did call on several occasions. C. Shapleigh understands what is being said however the information was not provided at the time the road was reported on that there was someone attempting and was in contact and trying to get the work completed. Deadlines were set, we are a community, there are homes on that road that are taxpayers in this Town and they did what was asked of them, they didn't meet the deadline referring to the West Alton Community Center roofing done within the timeline because people didn't show. Drawing a hard line in the sand is not the way to go. These are taxpayers and would like the road to be re-inspected. Mr. Nims stayed in contact and was attempting to get the work done. K. Roberts stated it is not his call, it is the Board's call. R. Wentworth noted that within Mr. Mims letter he stated he had been in contact with his department; K. Roberts confirmed he was. The other two (2) road residents have not been in contact. The work was done the week after the deadline with issues that the contractor couldn't get it done by the deadline. R. Wentworth would like to see the road re-inspected and if it meets the requirements then the Board needs to look at it a bit differently. K. Roberts will not be there to re-inspect voicing that if one of the Selectmen wants to go out with TJ Place or Matt Troiano to do this; R. Wentworth offered to do this. P. LaRochelle already went and looked at the road which was after the fact and asked K. Roberts if he called Mr. Nims back after the phone call was made telling you that the work was being done and that they were a little behind. K. Roberts responded "no he wrote a report and all the dates were October 31st and is what was expressed all along and if you want to release deadlines then all contract deadline should be released". C. Shapleigh voiced

this is not fair a citizen of this Town called you and you didn't return their call and she will not sit and hear of disrespect for a citizen of this Town she will not defend that. Interrupted dialogue transpired. R. Wentworth reiterated that a valiant effort was made for this road with the others not doing the same. Unfortunately a phone call was not returned and requested that the Town goes up, looks at the road to see if it is done to the satisfaction of the Highway Department with P. LaRochelle accompanying M. Troiano and report back for approval or disapproval. The Board was in agreement. L. Dionne will contact M. Troiano and P. LaRochelle to set up a time to re-inspect Hazlett Road.

Non-Public Session:

R. Wentworth made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 8:32 PM and P. LaRochelle seconded. The Board was polled in the affirmative by roll call with all in favor of the motion.

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

Adjournment:

R. Wentworth moved at 8:53pm to exit nonpublic session. P. LaRochelle seconded. Roll call vote:
C. Shapleigh - yes V. MacDonald - yes
P. Wittmann - yes P. LaRochelle - yes
R. Wentworth - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously

R. Wentworth 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, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective. C. Shapleigh seconded. Roll call vote:
C. Shapleigh - yes V. MacDonald - yes
P. Wittmann - yes P. LaRochelle - yes
R. Wentworth - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously

R. Wentworth moved at 8:53pm to adjourn. V. MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis

Mary K. Jarvis
Recording Secretary

