

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes

February 22, 2017

6:00 PM

1 Monument Square

Alton, NH 03809

**Approved: March 6, 2017**

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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; Excused Absence  
Philip V. Wittmann, Selectman  
Virgil MacDonald, Selectman  
John Markland, Selectman  
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator  
James Sessler, Town Attorney

**Approval of the Agenda**

John Markland made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Public Hearing:**

**Ambulance Billing**

Cydney Johnson asked that Chief Ryan Ridley approach the table to make his recommendations for Ambulance billing. In 2015, we had some residents that voiced concerns that they were being sent to collections so at that time all collections were suspended. There have been several meetings addressing the issue of Ambulance billing. A written proposal of recommendations was provided for the Board and outlined for the public that was in attendance; as follows:

1. Sign new contract with Comstar (Ambulance Billing Company) for a three-year period. Comstar has proposed a 2% rate decrease from 7% to 5%. This proposal will be to continue with Comstar for one contract cycle of 3 years.
2. Adopt new 2016/2017 rates for ambulance billing.
3. Collect Ambulance Transport Fees from insurance carriers (Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance Companies).
4. Continue to send three invoices for ambulance transport services for the balance not paid.

5. Send one Collection Letter Notice prior to sending anyone to Collections or to a Credit Bureau.
6. Write off the balance of unpaid invoices for residents/taxpayers and/or non-residents/taxpayers.
7. Adopt Hardship Policy for residents that cannot afford to pay for ambulance service.
8. Send unpaid balance to Collection and report to Credit Bureau.
9. Write off all debt that is older than 366 days, every three months/quarterly. Approval by the Fire Chief, Member of the Board of Selectmen or All Selectmen and the Town Administrator.

Ryan Ridley does not feel that he should be the only one signing off on this unless there is a clear-cut policy.

At this time, Cydney Johnson noted that anyone who wishes to speak during public input of the Public Hearing approach the table, state his/her name for the record. There will be a limit of three (3) minutes per person until all interested parties have had a chance to speak once then you can speak again.

Jeffrey Clay approached the table voiced irrelevant concerns to the Chair and was asked to speak on the subject matter. He questioned the Chief about the recent purchase of the new Ambulance; was it a competitive bid process and was it the lowest bid and if not why? Ryan Ridley responded that three (3) bids were received and the one chosen was not the lowest bidder; he felt that it was the best vehicle to suit the department's immediate needs. Mr. Clay feels that this is a violation of New Hampshire state law concerning competitive bidding process. Chief Ridley will leave that to the Board. Mr. Clay then asked why there is no procedure or policy in place by this Board in regards to this topic. Virgil MacDonald called a point of order; we are on Ambulance billing not purchasing the Ambulance. Mr. Clay continued that if we are going to bill someone then we have to figure out who owns the Ambulance first. The Town pays for the Ambulance we are paying for it as taxpayers and now we are going to charge you to ride in it. Then, if you are poor in this Town and you have no insurance and you can't afford it, this person (referring to the Chief) will begin the collection procedures. Why has there not been a policy before this point?

Ruben Wentworth approached the Board voicing that he understands that nothing has been found regarding a policy dating back to approximately 2005. This was when the AVAS donated their Ambulance and building to the Town. At that time a policy was instituted to charge insurance companies with an understanding that whatever was not paid by the insurance companies would not be collected on the unpaid balance from any residents or taxpayers. Unfortunately, no motion has been found on that policy. He voiced that he hopes when the Board makes a decision on which way to go and if this goes to collections that the letter be signed by the Board, not by a company that nobody knows from contracted service. Medical bills are what hurt a person's credit. Mr. Wentworth suggested that the Board get a hold of the State Reps, when it comes to communities using federal dollars to try to get the dollars back.

Believing in the Capital Reserve funds he would like to see at least 50K put into this fund each year.

Roger Nelson approached the Board questioning when insurance pays when there is money left unpaid on average how much has that amounted to over the past couple of years, in total on an annual basis.

Rick Martin, Comstar Ambulance Billing Services (owner) was called upon to answer. Mr. Martin did not have those figures available but could easily extract that information and report back. The numbers that have been reported as uncollected is an accumulation of ten (10) years. The collection rate is approximately 90% with the majority paid by the insurance companies. There is a growing group of people who are fully insured however 100% of their bills are going to the high deductibles so it is 100% self paid. The dynamics of insurance are changing. In gross charges approximately 470K is being billed. There are different mandatory contracts that reduce the billed amount down to what is allowed, Medicaid/Welfare pays about one third of what Medicare pays; total allowed charges after the contractual allowances is approximately 260K. Mr. Nelson voiced that with some of the other dollars spent within town he felt that this is a moot point.

Bob Witham, Retired Deputy Chief, Alton Fire Department approached the Board. As far as he knew in his time with the Department, they never billed or collected any money from Town residents but occasionally would receive donations to the Fire Association. No charge to Alton residents was common knowledge for years. Fire Department services in Alton was free and never paid even a passerby person was not charged. The Ambulance is just another service provided by the Fire Department. There is no policy, everyone has been searching for one and there is none of record however the procedure you are currently using is the policy based upon principle, with the policy now being not to collect anything. He gave a brief history of the Ambulance.

Jeffrey Clay does not blame the Ambulance service but blames the Board for their incompetence as Selectmen with a lack of policy or directive. Without instruction from the Board to this person (referring to the Chief) how does he pick a number to charge, would this be fraud, can he just pick a number. Will you be putting liens on people's homes that don't pay. He suggested that it might be best to sell the Ambulance and let a private company take over and man it 24 hours a day; we wouldn't have this problem. He further stated that the Board won't come up with any policy as they lack the desire to correct your bad behavior, you just don't care. You are not getting good legal counsel.

Ruben Wentworth voiced that he appreciates the job the Board does whether he agrees or not with their decisions. In listening to Rick Martin from Comstar, the average revenue is 160K, he went back to 2006, the numbers are close with the

exception of one year the collection was 82K in 2013. Expenses have gone up drastically. If you do send people to collection you are affecting their credit for seven (7) years even if they do pay off that debt. He urged the Board to take a second look at this. He asked of the uncollected balances, how many people were residents, taxpayers, non-residents or out of state folks. Reports can be run based on their home address however, there will be some that are two (2) home owners that we cannot identify. He hopes that that the Board would reconsider not writing off the bad debt, it would be charges that the insurance companies did not pay. If you do go to collections he hopes that you would stop and recreate this whole policy so we have it set in stone and have it on record.

Cydney Johnson stated that this is the intention of the Board, to have a policy and get this on record for the future.

Jeffrey Clay had questions regarding the monies collected, if any of the money is returned directly to you (Fire Chief) or to the Fire Department. Ryan Ridley responded it goes to the Ambulance Revenue account, which is managed by the Town Treasurer. Annually if the taxpayers choose to fund the service and passes the Warrant Article for funding the money is deducted out of the Ambulance Revenue account. Right now Comstar gets 7% of the total collected billable dollars. Mr. Clay directed a question to Rick Martin from Comstar regarding personally going after those who do not pay. Mr. Martin responded that his company sends bills then a collection letter is sent. Then it becomes a decision point and a request for disposition is sent to our client (the Town), asking them what to do next. We follow the direction of the client and would have documentation from the client.

Jeffrey Clay stated under the Right to Know Law he is requesting to see any documents or policies submitted to this company regarding billing and going/taking people to collections.

Bob Witham voiced that the Ambulance is a free service provided by the Town. With our tax base and the revenue that the Town generates we can afford to continue to provide this service. Mr. Witham continued with the history of the Ambulance.

Loring Carr questioned the Board as to what questions is the Board trying to get answered.

Cydney Johnson stated that when this was brought to the attention of the Board a few months ago the Board directed the Chief to immediately stop all collections until we could look for the policy that was being referenced. Not being able to locate such policy we discussed it with the Chief and ourselves and determined that it would be fair to have a Public Hearing to see how the townspeople wanted to move forward with this. The meeting will give direction as to how the final policy will be written so that this question does not come up again in the future. Mr. Carr questioned if it was

specifically to residents that don't have insurance verses residents that do have insurance. Cydney clarified that it is to adopt a policy that addresses whether or not we are going to ask people to pay the difference between what their insurance will pay and what they owe for the Ambulance service. There is a hardship that can be applied for, same guidelines as Welfare, uninsured people would be able to apply for that hardship. There is also an opportunity to do a payment plan to collect the money, whether any uncollected balance should be sent to a collection agency and whether or not we treat residents any different than we treat non-residents. Part of the research was asking the surrounding Towns how they handle finding only one surrounding Town that does not charge their residents for Ambulance services because of the changing costs. The Ambulance is not funded the same as the Fire Department.

Cydney Johnson stated that the Board has agreed that a decision will not be made tonight, valid questions were brought forth and they would like to receive information from Chief Ridley before making such a decision.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:36 PM.

#### **Announcements:**

- The Department of Motor Vehicles has postponed their upgrade of the renewal and registration process.
- The next election will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the lower level of St. Katharine Drexel Church, 40 Hidden Spring Road.

#### **Appointments:**

None

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

Jeffrey Clay approached the Board.

Mr. Clay: I think that you folks are without a doubt that this Board are the most reprehensible, incompetent collection of Board of Selectmen that I have ever known.

Cydney Johnson: Do you have something to speak to on the agenda items.

Mr. Clay: That is saying a lot because

Cydney Johnson: Mr. Clay this is your first warning.

Mr. Clay: I have known some really bad Selectmen before

Cydne Johnson: This is your first warning Mr. Clay is there something on the agenda item that you would like to speak to.

Mr. Clay: There is something else that I have to say you are incompetent.

Cydne Johnson: I will give you two (2) more warnings and then you will be asked to be removed.

Mr. Clay: that is what I am talking about you being incompetent, reckless, careless

Cydne Johnson made a motion to recess as Mr. Clay is impeding the Board's ability to continue this meeting and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion. The Board will resume in five (5) minutes.

Cydne Johnson resumed the meeting stating that we are under Public Input I, which is to speak on agenda items only, if there is something in reference to the agenda, something that is on the agenda she will welcome you to speak.

Cydne Johnson: Mr. Clay you have been warned twice, if you persist to speak

Mr. Clay: I will not listen to any warnings from you because you know what

Cydne Johnson: If you continue to speak about non-agenda items, you will be asked to leave the building. Do you have something to speak about

Mr. Clay: you can act in any manner you wish; you go ahead and make any mistakes that you want to make.

Cydne Johnson: Mr. Clay, please leave the building.

Mr. Clay: "No".

Cydne: Mr. Clay I am asking you to leave the building so we can continue with our meeting.

Mr. Clay: You gave me three minutes, I am going to take my three (3) minutes and use them.

Cydne Johnson: This is your last warning; you are impeding our ability to continue our meeting by refusing to step away from the table and leave the building.

Mr. Clay: My three minutes, my three minutes, my three minutes.

Cydne Johnson: Could I please have some assistance in removing Mr. Clay from the building he is no longer welcome at this meeting.

Mr. Clay: I have my three minutes.

Cydne Johnson: No

Mr. Clay: Yes, I do.

Cydne Johnson: we have closed.

Mr. Clay: No

At this time Mr. Clay was approached by a Police Officer

Officer: Mr. Clay you have been asked to leave the building, you have been asked to leave, you have been asked to leave.

Mr. Clay: I have my three minutes, I am going to use my three minutes

Cydne Johnson: Made a motion to recess

Mr. Clay: Am I under arrest, am I under arrest, No

Officer: You are being detained, you are being detained for an investigation of disorderly conduct

Officer: you're being detained. You don't

Mr. Clay: No, no

Officer: You're being detained,

Mr. Clay: No, I have three minutes to speak,

Officer: you don't want to resist, you're being detained

Mr. Clay: I am not being detained, listen, I have three (3) minutes to speak

Officer: You don't want to resist, if you resist you're being detained

Mr. Clay: Listen, I am not being detained

Officer: I am telling you right now

Mr. Clay: If you're arresting me

Officer: If you resist

Mr. Clay: are you arresting me

Officer: Submit to the detention

Mr. Clay: Are you arresting me

Officer: Submit to the detention

Mr. Clay: No, I want you to arrest me if that's the case

Officer: you are under arrest for disorderly, for resisting

Mr. Clay: okay, good, there you go, I have my three (3) minutes, go ahead and smile  
Cydney Johnson

At this time Mr. Clay was handcuffed.

Mr. Clay: This is the most corrupt Town in the world, absolutely corrupt, Sessler you are a disgrace to the profession, you really are if the microphone is still on and the camera is still on Attorney Sessler is a disgrace, a disgrace to the attorney profession and these two nitwits

Cydney Johnson called the previous motion to vote to recess and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

At this time Mr. Clay was removed from the meeting.

Cydney Johnson re-opened Public Input. There was no further input.

The Public Input was closed.

**New Business:**

**Special Event Application; Paint a (?) Contest/Exhibit**

John Markland made a motion to approve the Special Events Application submitted by the Alton Centennial Rotary Club for August 19, 2017 and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion. Note: Virgil MacDonald was not present for this vote.



### Special Event Application; St. Katharine Drexel 5K Race

John Markland made a motion to accept the Special Events Application submitted by St. Katharine Drexel Church for St. K's 5K/10K Race scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

John Markland questioned the State Permit signature approval.

Virgil MacDonald amended the previous motion to include authorizing Liz Dionne to sign the state permit application and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

### Special Event Applications; Castleberry Fairs & Festivals

John Markland made a motion to approve the Special Events Application submitted by Castleberry Fairs for July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to approve the Special Events Application submitted by Castleberry Fairs for September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

### Assessing Contract, Cyclical Update Work - Ralph J. Cutting

This is an annual contract for the part-time vendor to go out to do the data collection on properties; there are no changes and it is within the budget with no increase.

John Markland made a motion to approve the professional appraisal services agreement between the Town of Alton and Ralph J. Cutting for Assessing duties approving the Town Administrator, Liz Dionne to sign the contract and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

### Annual Fireworks Contracts; Atlas PyroVision Entertainment Group, Inc.

Cydney Johnson noted that this item will not be heard tonight as the contracts were not received in time for this agenda. This will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

### Police Department Retrofitting Current Lighting in conjunction with NH Coop Roof Project; Approval

Cydney Johnson noted that this item will be moved to the end of meeting in anticipation of the Chief return. It was the consensus of the Board to move this item.

### Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG); Approval

John Markland made a motion to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) with the Town of Alton as presented in the amount of \$4,500.00 to update Alton's Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) with the Town responsible for a 50% match of \$4,500.00 for a total of \$9,000.00 and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

John Markland requested amending his previous motion to further add to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the grant and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the amended motion.

At this time the Chief returned to the meeting and the Board revisited item #6:

### Police Department Retrofitting Current Lighting in conjunction with NH Coop Roof Project; Approval

Chief Heath stated that when the energy efficiency study was done the Coop had also spoken about the lighting in the Police Station to retrofit it to LED lighting. Neither the new or the old building have LED lighting. There is a program with the Coop for energy savings. Costs were previously not available; the numbers just came in for the project at a total of \$6,901.80, NH Coop offers a 50% rebate leaving a remaining balance of \$3,450.60. They will replace and retrofit 75 existing fixtures which includes 10 recessed lights and one (1) 104 Watt LED wall pack (for the outside parking lot). This was not in the budget but he would be able to find a way to cover the difference. Compensation from the insurance company for damages was just received in the amount of \$3,222.00 leaving an overall shortage of approximately \$250.00. The project has been unofficially approved by NH Coop; this is until it is voted on by the Board; there will not be a final decision until the Board makes a final decision. Liz Dionne does not believe that it needs to go out to bid; it is under \$5,000.00.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to approve to go for the NH Coop Grant.

Cydney Johnson called Ken Roberts to the table to shed light on the savings. When his project at the Highway Department was done it was a five (5) year buyback; it would most likely be about the same and would be a savings. Ryan Heath noted that this was presented as the same program as the heat loss/insulation grant. The Coop will reimburse the Town and he asked the Coop if it could be done by them paying the contractor directly to simplify the billing; they were open to either option.

The previous motion on the table held and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

## Hazard Mitigation Plan; Approval

Ryan Heath stated that the Hazard Mitigation Plan (draft model) was posted on the Town's website and it was submitted to Homeland Security. We are in the process now to make any changes, edits or adjustments necessary. The Chief has gone through it and will be contacting any other members of the committee that had input to updating this plan. Annually there are reports from DOT in reference to the smaller dams. Liz Dionne noted that this was the document that had a 7 to 10 day review period. Lakes Region Planning Commission is the one who did the work on this document with input from the committee members. Virgil MacDonald brought up the question of continuing with them, which would be a separate issue noting we are a member with them until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Liz also voiced that if you do not have a valid plan then you cannot apply for federal grants; if a disaster occurs and you apply with FEMA for reimbursement you will not get reimbursement unless you have a current plan. It must be updated every five (5) years. This will come back to the Board in final form for final adoption. Again, it was mentioned how much LRPC is used; notating this should be a future agenda item.

John Markland made a motion to approve the Town of Alton NH Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Month of FEMA approval 2017 and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

## Proposed Amendments to the Welfare Guidelines

Cydney Johnson informed the Board that this is for informational purposes and review by the Board for comments at a future meeting. Liz Dionne highlighted some of the proposed changes to the Welfare Guidelines, which includes increasing the rates slightly, and the other is the Work Program verbiage. The rest of the changes are housekeeping items. Liz welcomed for any Board member to stop by her office to discuss these changes. This will allow the Board members the opportunity to review the proposed changes before final approval.

## Old Business:

### Transfer Station, Weigh Scale Bid; Approval

Scott Simonds was present to speak on behalf of the weigh scales. Scott is seeking approval and recommends Fairbanks Scales, Type S scales in the amount of \$71,208.00. He has visited several Towns that have these type of mechanical scales; everyone is very satisfied with them opposed to the electrical scales. This went out to three (3) different companies; one would not even quote the mechanical type. There is a 5K grant available from NH Beautiful. This scale will work for all vehicles that bring in items that have a cost associated with them.

John Markland made a motion to approve the recommendation of Solid Waste Director, Scott Simonds letter to the Board dated Saturday, January 28, 2017 and Cydney Johnson seconded.

Virgil asked about the timeframe of installation with Scott responding that it will be soon with the concrete taking 28 days to cure. This should be complete by May.

The vote was all in favor of the motion.

#### Milfoil Grant, Herbicide Treatment and Diver/DASH; Approval

Kellie Troendle was present to speak on behalf of the Milfoil Grant. This is accept the DES Grant for \$12,656.00 this would be contingent upon town approval. This is the grant application, which the town applied for and received the award and it requires that the town formally accept the funds and conditions.

John Markland made a motion to approve the Milfoil Grant for \$12,656.00 conditionally, pending town meeting approval on the Warrant Article and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### Town Administrator's Report and Updates by Liz Dionne

In your meeting binder there are draft sketches for the plaque for the surprise gift. Please review and get back to Liz with a decision in the near future.

Virgil MacDonald spoke on behalf of the rumble strips issues. He reported that he attended a meeting in Concord last week. When the tests were done, they were done from the scenic view. They were planning to do another set of testing for noise at the end of the month but persuaded them to hold off until Memorial Day weekend; we should be notified as to when they plan to do the testing. It was stated at the meeting that they only received two (2) complaints so we will advise anyone sending complaints that they should cc the Governor's office, Mr. Cass, State Reps and the Governor's Counsel so they all receive the complaints. Mary will send copies of our file to the Governor's office and to Mr. Cass. Liz Dionne is seeking permission from the Board to contact Sylvia Leggett to ask her to contact her group of residents about sending their letters to the Governor's office because that office has expressed that they have been getting conflicting information through our Reps, from DOT and from the Town. John Markland suggested that we also send the meeting minutes and video of the Public Hearing. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Liz to contact Sylvia Leggett and to provide the video tape and any minutes to the Governor's Counsel.

A letter was received from the Town of Tuftonboro; they have withdrawn from the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Intermunicipal Agreement; they have the right to do so. This will not affect the Town's HHW Budget or Wolfeboro's Budget. There

seems to be a bit of confusion on the method of the distribution of the tickets to their residents for drop offs at the HHW site. There is no need to find another community to join unless the committee wants to do so and that necessity has not been indicated by the committee.

The Manager of MetroCast stopped by the office to drop off the annual Franchise check which was in the amount of \$58,019.15.

A tree bid was approved previously at a recent meeting. Ken Roberts was present to review and make his recommendation for the bid.

John Markland made a motion to approve Arbor Tech, Gilmanon, NH for the tree bid on Woodlands Road for \$6,900.00 and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Communication was received from Mary Murphy the owner of JP China she will be hosting the Wolfeboro Chamber of Commerce breakfast on March 2, 2017 at 7:30 AM and is inviting the Board to attend. She would need an RSVP for attendance so please let Liz know so she can give Mary notice.

### **Selectmen's Committee Report**

Virgil MacDonald met with the Planning Board. Dunkin Donuts got back to the Board informing them that they will have the trucks pull into the other entrance to alleviate traffic problems.

Phil Wittmann met with the Old Home Week Committee. The meetings have been changed to the second Monday of the month at 5:30 in the Heidke Room. The Committee is looking for new members. They can contact either Roger Sample or Kellie Troendle.

### **Approval of Selectmen's Minutes:**

#### **February 6, 2017**

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session I, February 6, 2017 and Phil Wittmann seconded. The vote was 3 approved; 1 abstention, Virgil MacDonald.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of Non-Public Session I, February 6, 2017 opening #1 and John Markland seconded. The vote was 3 approved; 1 abstention, Virgil MacDonald.

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session II, February 6, 2017 and Phil Wittmann seconded. The vote was 3 approved; 1 abstention, Virgil MacDonald.

February 8, 2017

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session, February 8, 2017 and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

Virgil MacDonald questioned item #1 & item #2 of the Land Use Items why is it for the same person for the same Map/Lot getting two (2) different exemptions. Liz Dionne did not have an explanation.

Cydney Johnson amended the previous motion to approve all except Map 67 Lot 18 and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**1. 2017 Veteran's Exemption**

Mitchell, Thomas	Map 67 Lot 18	23 Lady Slipper Lane	\$500.00
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**2. 2017 100% Veteran's Disability**

Mitchell, Thomas	Map 67 Lot 18	23 Lady Slipper Lane	\$1,400.00
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**3. 2016 Abatements**

Linda A Gorski Trust	Map 62 Lot 22	7 Nowicki Point Road	\$649.00
Patricia A Prudhomme Tr	Ma 58 Lot 5-26	103 Timber Ridge Road	\$658.00

**4. 2016 Abatement Denial**

Collins & Dunn	Map 40 Lot 51	31 Echo Point Road	Denied
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**5. Land Use Change Tax-needs original signatures**

Sweezy Troy & Vicky	Map 12 Lot 67-6	285 Powder Mill Road	\$80.00
Lipshultz Fam Rev Trust	Map 12 Lot 67-5	269 Powder Mill Road	\$5,600.00

**6. 2016-17 Excavation Warrant**

John Jeddrey	Map 12 Lot 16	Wolfeboro Highway	\$53.88
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**7. 2017 Current Use Application-needs original signatures**

Society for Protection of NH Forests	Map 16 Lot 1	Reed Road
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Conditional Approval of new hire; Highway Department, Jonathan Moore, Truck Driver \$14.05 per hour.

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

None

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

- Joan Blackwood, Alton Garden Club; Bandstand Project Proposal
- Sylvia Leggett; Rumble Strips Route 28 North Corridor
- Mike Donovan, Don Roberts Real Estate; Discussion, Route 28 Property
- Jeffrey Clay; BOS Concerns

Liz Dionne recommended to hold the appointment with Joan Blackwood for a future meeting.

John Markland made a motion to approve the appointment with Joan Blackwood and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Liz Dionne recommended to schedule the appointment with Sylvia Leggett as long as it is not the same information as previously presented for a future meeting.

John Markland made a motion to approve the appointment for Sylvia Leggett and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Liz Dionne recommended to approve the appointment with Mike Donovan to present a property for sale on Route 28 South.

John Markland made a motion to approve the appointment with Mike Donovan and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Liz Dionne recommended to approve the appointment with Jeffrey Clay for a future meeting limiting his time to five (5) minutes versus thirty (30) minutes as his request stated per the written Public Participation Policy.

John Markland made a motion to approve the appointment for Jeffrey Clay with a limit of five (5) minutes per Town Policy and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Non-Public Session I:** 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 (a) and (c) and John Markland seconded. The Board was polled in the affirmative by roll call with all in favor of the motion.

**Roll call vote:**

John Markland, yes  
Virgil MacDonald, yes  
Philip V. Wittmann, yes  
Cydney Johnson, yes

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary K. Jarvis*

Mary K. Jarvis  
Recording Secretary



