

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes  
May 1, 2017  
6:00 PM  
1 Monument Square  
Alton, NH 03809  
**Approved: May 15, 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  
Virgil MacDonald, Vice Chairman  
Philip V. Wittmann, Selectman  
John Markland, Selectman  
Reuben Wentworth, Selectmen  
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator

**Approval of the Agenda**

John Markland made a motion to approve the agenda and Reuben Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Board of Health**

Cydney Johnson made a motion to recess as the Board of Selectmen and to re-convene as the Board of Health and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Septic Waiver Request; Map 79, Lot 13, 616 Rattlesnake Island, Charles Alexander**

Renovations and redevelopment of the property has been taking place. At present, there is no record of the current system. The cottage will be expanded at the same time. The EDA will be approximately 100' from the lake at its closest point. This will be an improvement to the current system on this very rocky, sloping lot. Questions brought forth were: the location of the system, deck and added living spaces on posts and tanks being sealed.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve the septic waiver request for Map 79 Lot 13, Pump Chamber to Lake, Required 75', Actual 50', Tank to Lake, Required 75', Actual 50' and Reuben Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Septic Waiver Request; Map 64, Lots 16 & 26, 150 Smith Point Road, Jeffrey & Constance Walsh**

This is a redevelopment of the property, which the owner owns three (3) parcels side by side and one across the street. This is for the main parcel that has four (4) different dwellings on it. At present, there is no record of the current system that will be replaced. The main house currently shares the system. This system will be a pump box to the main tank at the main house. This is a rocky, sloping lot and the EDA will be located across the road on the back lot

approximately 400' from the lake. Questions brought forth were sleeving the pump line under the roadway, a potential easement, talking with Ken Roberts and Attorney Sessler about an easement and the tank location to the well radius. This will be a vast improvement to the current system.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve the septic waiver request for Map 64, Lots 16 & 26, Sewer Pump Box to Surface Water, Required 75', Actual 69.8' contingent on discussion with Ken Roberts and Attorney Sessler regarding an easement and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### Septic Waiver Request; Map 64 Lots 17 & 25, 616, 158 Smith Point Road, Timothy Long

This lot is very steeply sloped with three (3) dwelling units. The proposal is to take down the main house and replace, keeping the two (2) small cottages. The tank with pump chamber is approximately 19' to the lake the reason for this is to get a gravity drain from the cottage on the shore this is the only place it can be located. The EDA is approximately 375' from the lake at its closest point and located on the lot across the street. In addition, this will need to go before ZBA for special exceptions. This is much better system that the current one. Questions were: gravity drop/feed, elevation of the house, sealed unit and possibility of moving the tank.

Reuben Wentworth made a motion to approve the septic waiver request for Map 64, Lots 17 & 25, Cottage #1 Tank/Pump Chamber to Lake, Required 75', Actual 19', Main House Tank/Pump Chamber to Lake, Required 75', Actual 50' contingent on discussion with Ken Roberts and Attorney Sessler regarding an easement and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Health and to re-Convvene as the Board of Selectmen and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### Announcements:

- Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.
- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for their attendance at an educational workshop session.

#### Appointments:

##### David St. Cyr; Trustee of Trust Funds

David St. Cyr, Chairman, Trustee of Trust Funds was present and provided the Board with the Annual MS9 and MS10 reports that go to NH DRA and the Charitable Funds Unit with the Department of Justice along with a cover letter, which is the same letter in the Town Report. The figures represent the cash and market values of all the funds and capital reserves that belong to the Town of Alton and the School District. At the end of the year, there is approximately 6.5 million dollars. The trust funds are invested with Charter Trust with a 3% to 5% return, the Capital Trust Funds are held at Meredith Village Savings Bank earning a rate of

.31%, which by law cannot be invested and must be made readily available on demand by the Town. All funds are used appropriately and the Trustees work well with all involved. The MS9 is all of the accounts, with cash value to the end of year. The MS10 are the Trust Funds showing the investment vehicles that are being invested by those separate funds.

Virgil MacDonald questioned the Cemetery Funds. Dave St. Cyr responded that the Cemetery Expendable Trust is beginning to grow again. The only concern is perpetual care which consists of approximately 575 different accounts for purchased lots prior to the Cy Pres ruling in 1989. There are five (5) cemeteries in Town that the perpetual care money applies to; you may spend the interest generated from those funds on maintenance for those Cemeteries and plots, only. The Common Trust 1 and 2, which is all the income that comes from the sale of lots and the Columbarium that is what is used to purchase equipment and pay for maintenance services at the various Cemeteries.

The Museum Common Trust 2 was questioned and known as the Harold S. Gilman Fund has approximately 128K in the account. Some of the Trust Funds are set up so that the expenditures from these funds can be either a combination of principle and interest or some are interest only depending on how they were originally set up. Most are specified as interest only; any changes would need to go back to the estate or a request to change through Probate Court.

Charter Trust has done an excellent job assisting us with these accounts and we had a very good audit on the preliminary report. The biggest assistance that the Board could give would be to know what your money is going for and Dave's biggest request is for the Board to understand where the capital reserve funds are going and to spend them wisely.

Reuben Wentworth questioned an Ambulance Fund Account from the past for the purchase of an Ambulance. This account was closed prior to Dave taking over and is not available for deposits. The Board will be looking to establish an account to replace the Ambulance through donations. An account can be set up at any time for donations as a tax-exempt entity according to 501C3 specifications.

We have two (2) new scholarships accounts this year and four (4) recipients from last year, this year there will be five (5) or six (6). This year the PMHS Science scholarship has increased to 3K.

#### Jamie Mazzone; Involuntary Lot Un-Merger Request

Jamie Mazzone, Trustee of the Mary K. Mazzone Irrevocable Trust was present to speak on behalf of her request to un-merge/restore their lots that were previously involuntarily merged. The lots are located at 94 Leavitt Road, Map 67 Lot 9.

Cydney Johnson inquired if there was any discussion with the Town Assessor about having a survey done regarding the lot lines. Ms. Mazzone responded "no".

Tom Sargent was called to the table for discussion. Tom researched this property, reviewed deeds and tax maps dating back to 1963 and a 1955 survey. His belief was it was two (2) lots

at one time however, in 1970 sometime just before the main cottage was built the lots were combined. It was Tom's opinion that they were combined in order to place the cottage close to the waterfront. It is his belief that the cottage is set dead center on the lots with the line of the lots right through the center of the building or if not, very close to the building making it impossible for the lots to be unmerged. Tom is not sure where the well and the septic is located either and recommends holding off on unmerging these lots, suggesting that a survey of the property be done showing exactly where the lot lines are and where the house actually sits in relation to the lot lines. Depending on the outcome, a boundary line adjustment may need to be done through the Planning Department if the cottage is in the center of the lot lines. At this time, the owner of the property Mary K. Mazzone approached the table. A brief discussion transpired about the purchase of the lots, the pins in the ground and footage. Again, Tom's recommendation was for the Board to hold off on making a decision until the owners either goes with a subdivision, moving the lot line or they bring in another survey plan that shows exactly where the old lines are in reference to the house that sits on the lots now. Ms. Mazzone stated that the house was built before the second lot was purchased. A survey would take care of any questions. It was suggested that they go to the Belknap Registry of Deeds to see if there is another plan on record. Liz Dionne noted to the Mazzone's that Nic Strong, Town Planner was in the audience and she would be the one to speak to if the decision was to do a boundary line adjustment. A survey is the best option.

John Markland made a motion to table the Involuntary Lot Merger Request for the Mary K. Mazzone Irrevocable Trust and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

It was noted that Tom Sargent and Nic Strong will direct the Mazzone family guiding them as to where to go and what to do to obtain the necessary information.

#### Maurice Couture; Involuntary Lot Un-Merger Request

Maurice Couture was present to state his reasoning for the unmerging/restoration of his lots located at 10 Donald Drive, Map 37 Lot 34.

Cydney Johnson noted that it appears in June of 1987 a deed was conveyed to you combining the two (2) lots together, which would be a voluntary merger not an involuntary merger. Mr. Couture believed that in this situation he felt that it was involuntary due to some threats of a lawsuit and that threats are not conducive of being voluntary. Cydney Johnson understands the situation and again stated based on the information that was made available to the Board it appears that this was a voluntary merger and would have no grounds to undo the merger. There may be additional information that falls outside the purview of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Couture stated if this does not go through, he will appeal the decision. Reuben Wentworth concurs with Cydney stating that the Board cannot just change deeds and lots of record and that within the deeds it states such so we couldn't do anything even if we wanted to. Mr. Couture continued to question the Board as to the legality of the deeds and why the Board was not accepting of them, which was not a topic for discussion. Cydney again informed Mr. Couture that this is outside the scope of what the Selectmen can and cannot do.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to deny the request for the Involuntary Lot Merger to separate the lots and Reuben Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

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

Russ Wilson, Alton Mountain Road stated that the last time he attended a meeting there was discussion regarding the LRPC membership. At that meeting, he had made a remark regarding discussions coming up repeatedly; it seems this happens with many issues; again the people voice their disapproval they go away and once things calm down it returns for discussion. He felt that it would be more prudent to use outside contractors to aid Town Departments than using LRPC. Due to budget constraints, it would not allow membership at this time.

Rick Perreault, East Side Drive noted that it seems like people come voice their concerns, it registers with the Board but all of a sudden we are back the next month talking about the same issues. LRPC is not in the best interest of the Town.

Mona Perreault, East Side Drive noted that as the previous folks stated we are back discussing the same issues. She thought we were all set; we don't want this Regional Planning Commission. They have an objective, part of smart growth; they want to concentrate on growth using urban areas. They look to revise and change ordinances and regulations to suit their needs. These Planning Commission folks want to control from Canada to Massachusetts and control all human activity.

Aram Sisoian would like to speak about what all of the previous speakers/residents were talking about. We are all very interested in the Town of Alton with all the talk about and with LRPC; each time this happens he gets involved and gets very frustrated. These folks sitting here are very articulate and know what this community is all about better than myself. This Town is worth all of the efforts. Stating, with the kind of information you get from LRPC, I could do better than they do myself and that wouldn't cost you anything; we know our Town better than they do! LRPC has a pattern, we are giving you a solid message we do not need them, you do not have a budget for it and we do not want to waste money.

**New Business:**

**Discussion with Nic Strong, Town Planner, LRPC Membership**

Nic Strong, Town Planner was present to voice the benefits of membership with the LRPC and read the following statement into the record:

*Thank you for the opportunity to give you my opinion on the benefits of being a member of the Lakes Regional Planning Commission. I was not at the meeting in March when this was discussed because I didn't know it would be a topic of conversation.*

*According to the legislation regarding regional planning commissions, the law is designed to "enable municipalities and counties to join in the formation of regional planning commissions whose duty it shall be to prepare a coordinated plan for the development of a region...". Each municipality in a region is entitled to two representatives to be nominated by the Planning Board. Bigger towns and cities get three members. The Commission is basically a regional Planning Board but its powers are advisory only and pertain to the development of the region as a whole. Additional interesting language from the enabling statute reads "Nothing in this subdivision (meaning law section) shall be deemed to reduce or limit any of the powers, duties or obligations of planning boards in individual municipalities."*

*The Planning Commissioners, nominated by the municipalities' Planning Boards, are representatives of the member communities. The Commissioners, the representatives of each community, decide on the Commission's policies in areas such as natural resources, land use, historic preservation, water resources, housing, transportation, and recreation. The policies set by the Commissioners govern the annual work plan made by the Commission staff. The Commissioners review the work product produced by the Commission staff and can recommend changes or additional work if need be.*

*The Commissioners are vital to the success of the town's interaction with the Commission. Commissioners should be active participants in the community's land use planning efforts in order to represent the town's interests and should be effective communicators back to the community of the discussions and decisions being made on a regional basis by the Commission. The best way to effect change and to get the things done that Alton wants to see done is to ensure active membership and participation at the Commission level. Membership in the Planning Commission is a way for Alton to know what other towns in the region are doing and vice versa.*

*It would be nigh on impossible for each individual municipality in the state to keep up to date with what is going on in their neighboring communities. The regions have been determined based on such things as the similarities of the communities in them, patterns of communication and transportation, geographic features and natural boundaries, physical, social and economic problems of a regional character. This knowledge of the region can help prevent one town, for example, from enacting a zoning ordinance change that would create residential neighborhoods across the town line from a booming industrial park. In this region, obviously the Lake is a huge natural resource that affects much of how the towns around it define themselves and how connected they are to each other.*

*The Lakes Region Planning Commission's efforts in the designation of the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway is an example of an ongoing project in which all the participating communities benefited from their membership in the Commission. A Scenic Byway is by definition a multi-jurisdictional effort in order for the participants to benefit the most in attracting visitors and the associated economic development. Coordinating the 13 participating communities is a task uniquely suited to the Planning Commission.*

*Transportation projects play a large role in what the Planning Commission does, being a vital element in the movement of people through and within the region. Participation by Alton in the Technical Advisory Committee gives us the opportunity to render technical assistance to the full Commission on transportation plans, programs and projects, to review and comment on transportation reports and studies prepared by Commission staff, and perhaps most importantly in terms of keeping our highways in good condition, to evaluate and prioritize proposals for Transportation Improvement Program and Transportation Alternatives Program funding, i.e. the 10 year plan. I am very concerned that if Alton is not a voting member of the TAC we have lost a valuable place to give voice to the Town's transportation concerns.*

*I previously supplied a list of the things that Lakes Regional Planning Commission has done for the Planning Board over the past few years. They range from major plan assistance, map preparation, traffic volume counts and corridor studies, to what may be seen as more minor benefits but things which to my mind add up to a considerable value, such as networking opportunities to discuss things which are affecting Alton and its neighbors similarly, a resource for a quick phone call to ask for technical assistance or advice on a planning topic that Alton may not have experienced before, assistance at a meeting where an outside source is required, and the ability to purchase the land use planning books at a discount.*

*At no time is anything sent from the Lakes Region Planning Commission that is simply to be signed or rubber stamped and enacted by the town with no review. To start with, the Commissioners that represent the municipalities in the region have been involved with the project from the start and then everything has to have the debate, hearings and discussions at the local municipal level through all the required statutory means before adoption is considered.*

*Land use planning in New Hampshire is locally driven with a strong legacy of property rights and local control. Citizens decide the merits of a proposal within the local context. But we don't live in a bubble. The things that our neighbors do affect our own community in ways both great and small. Being part of the regional planning commission gives Alton the opportunity to be aware of things that are happening at a regional level and in certain circumstances the opportunity to influence the outcomes in a way that benefits the region as a whole and Alton in particular.*

*I know that there is no money in the budget for this year but I urge the Selectmen to reconsider the Town of Alton's membership in the Lakes Region Planning Commission in future years and I felt it too important to wait until budget time to let you know.*

Phil Wittmann voiced his concerns about the things that LRPC say they have done for the Town, stating that it is very repetitive. In particular, he spoke about the maps for trails and parks for the Parks and Recreation Department and read an excerpt from the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission as follows: “J. Downing asked about the status of the LRPC maps. K. Troendle noted that the requested updated maps were not received. J. Downing noted that the Commission agreed to pay the \$500 fee, and he expressed disappointment with the response from the LRPC in getting the work completed. The first thing on their list was a lie, they did not do it! Other topics discussed were:

- Survey completed and dated 4/17 (Alton was interested in 6 out of 45 items on survey)
- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Coordinated with LRPC Commissioner regarding orientation
- Extensive information provided to Jane Cormier regarding RTK request
- Set up and complete traffic volume counts on state roads and town roads as requested
- Local highway improvements - Rumble Strips seemed to know nothing about it

Phil is trying to make a point that they (LRPC) has “padded” the list of things that they have done for the Town. He feels that they are not a very upfront organization and that they do have a political agenda!

Liz Dionne voiced she had attended a meeting last week in Tilton. The speaker was the Director from LRPC he spoke about the survey that Phil Wittmann referred to and noted that she was the one who had answered the survey. She went through each category of the survey to see if we would be interested, not interested or somewhat interested. Unfortunately not being a member will not allow us to join into certain benefits that might be available as a group. Reuben Wentworth still leans on not being a member of LRPC believing that there is enough regional planning throughout the whole area. He thinks it is time that Alton looks at different ways for planning other than LRPC.

#### Discussion with Tom Sargent, Tax Assessor, State of NH Right of Way on East Side Drive

Tom Sargent, Tax Assessor was present to inform the Board of concerns on East Side Drive by NH DOT. This is for informational purposes only and is quite disturbing. Tom was informed by a resident and business owner, Mr. Stevenson of the East Alton Store on East Side Drive about the State claiming to own the land 50’ onto his property, going right through the middle of their building. The State is claiming that they bought this 50’ from the Town. Tom was provided a plan by Mr. Stevenson from the State and saw nothing on it that reflected this situation and nowhere on his deed was this reflected; this is a similar to the Route 11 waterfront situation. He was also told that he was the first and that they would be going down the roadway so this would affect Irwin Marine and both sides of the road. If this is the case it would drop the values of the properties drastically which will affect every taxpayer of Alton. They are saying they own 83’ from the center of the roadway. Cydney Johnson asked if Tom had spoken to anybody at the State. His response was “no”. At this point, this is all conjecture and nothing is presently happening. Reuben Wentworth felt that we should contact our Representatives, send them a letter asking them to find out about it. Even if they

pursue this it will end up in court and won't be settled for a very long time. John Markland suggested and would like to see the Town Administrator contact Attorney Sessler to draft a legal letter to Executive Councilor Kenney to address the concerns we have and see if there is something that can be done and to obtain clarification from the State as to what their agenda is. This would be to stay ahead of the game. Reuben would still like to use our local Representatives, Howard and Varney first.

It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to all parties.

#### Approval of Appointment; Parks and Recreation Commission for Everett Clark

John Markland made a motion to appoint Everett Clark to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### Approval of Appointment; Library Trustees for Annette Slipp

John Markland made a motion to appoint Annette Slipp as a Library Trustee and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

John Pohas, Chairman of the Library Trustees approached the Board to introduce and welcome Annette as the new Library Trustee. She will be filling the vacant position left by the sudden passing of Ruth Messier.

Annette Slipp gave an brief overview of her passion to serve as a Library Trustee.

#### Approval; Special Event Application; Monarch School of New England, Charity Bike Ride, 10/7/17

John Markland made a motion to approve the Special Events Application for the Monarch School of New England, Charity Bike Ride on Saturday, October 7, 2017 and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### Old Business:

None

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

##### Rumble Strip Update

For informational purposes, Liz informed the Board that Mr. Collins from the Governor's Office received our letter requesting that the noise study for the rumble strips be done on busy weekends and Memorial Day weekend. He wanted the Board to know that the concerns were received and forwarded to NH DOT.



## Future Elections

For consideration, Liz informed the Board that the Christian Conference Center has offered their facility for future elections. Their facilities can accommodate at least 100 people and are ADA accessible with plenty of parking. This might be a more centrally located facility. If the Board wishes, Lou LaCourse has also offered to speak to the Board regarding different options he researched at the High School.

## Fire Department Inspection Report

There are six (6) deficiencies listed in the inspection report for the Town Hall, five (5) been taken care of or are in the process. The biggest item of concern is a sprinkler system for Town Hall. Virgil MacDonald mentioned the 50-person limit of the meeting room and if it were less it would not be needed and Reuben Wentworth questioned the square footage of the Town Hall which was unknown at the time; he recalls if the square footage is under 10K then it is not required. Liz Dionne noted that the Deputy Fire Chief noted in his report and is advising that the room needs to have sprinklers. Reuben further stated that this would be a major project and Liz mentioned that this would be a good project for the CIP Program. As with many municipalities, you do what you can and do the best you can then plan for the future for the rest. Cydney Johnson asked Liz to get clarification on the 10K square footage rule. Codes have changed from years ago. Reuben finds the report a bit offensive then referred to Item #3, which reads: *“All fire extinguishers were checked for recent inspection, maintenance, and readiness. All extinguishers had not been inspected since October 2015. The inspections are to occur annually. Please have the extinguishers inspected”*. Reuben further stated that this is our Fire Department why don't they organize having our extinguishers inspected for us. Liz Dionne responded that we have a Building, Grounds and Maintenance Department that takes care of this, some of this is a crossover and he finds it insulting to the Board and the Town of Alton. Liz Dionne differed with his feelings mentioning that this is a standard type of form. The Buildings and Maintenance Department is looking into why they have not done this annual inspection. Reuben still differed in his opinion of this situation saying that if this has not been done then someone within the Parks and Recreation Department has not done their job. Cydney Johnson interjected stating that we cannot fault the Fire Department for this issue as the expectations in the past are part of the Buildings and Grounds Department. Reuben continued that maybe it is time to look at different avenues, being a safety issue maybe the Fire Department should be looking at all the safety issues in all the town buildings that have extinguishers. Cydney noted that there is only one (1) full-time position and the Deputy Fire Chief is a part-time, 10 hour a week position and he is the official inspector. Reuben stated that maybe this could be some training for the cadets that stay at the Fire Station. Cydney feels that it would only be fair to the Fire Department that we inform them of such a request/suggestion.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to remove the safety checks (fire extinguisher, exit signs, emergency lighting) for town buildings from the Parks and Recreation, Buildings and Grounds Department and move it to the Volunteer Fire Department and Reuben Wentworth seconded.

Reuben Wentworth would like to sit down with the Fire Chief and the Parks and Recreation Director or have Liz Dionne do this to find out why this has not been done by the Parks and Recreation Department since 2015 and see if this is something that the Chief can handle.

Cydney would be in favor of Liz sitting with the Departments. John Markland noted that the extinguishers were inspected in October 2015 and assumed that would be good for one (1) year in retrospect it is being portrayed that it is a very long period of time it has only been six (6) months. Somebody dropped the ball in that timeframe. Liz stated that it may not be the Department it could be that the vendor is the issue. Reuben disagreed but some responsibility falls back on the Department and maybe we should get rid of the vendor; this could be an honest mistake. Most of the items are maintenance. Liz will bring back the answers to the questions and bring it back to the Board.

The vote on the table was called. The vote was 1 in favor, Virgil MacDonald 4 opposed, Cydney Johnson, Phil Wittmann, John Markland and Reuben Wentworth who stated he was opposed because he would like to have the Town Administrator talk with the Departments first.

The motion failed.

#### Welfare Work Program

For informational purposes, Liz Dionne provided to the Board an email from the School Superintendent regarding community service at the High School.

#### Water Bandstand

In speaking with the vendor, he hopes that the work on the Water Bandstand would be completed this week.

#### Fire Department Promotional Awards Meeting

Justin Kantar from the Alton Fire Department was present to invite the Board this Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to a promotional awards ceremony at the Fire Department. This hopefully is going to be an annual event to promote participation and the value of services. He urged all Board members to attend and to RSVP to him by tomorrow. There will be a potluck dinner that they need to plan for with seating and food.

#### Selectmen's Committee Report

Reuben Wentworth noted that there will be a Cyanobacteria Mitigation Committee meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Community Room behind the Fire Station in New Durham. It was noted that this information went to the Conservation Commission today.

Phil Wittmann reported that he met with the Parks and Recreation Commission on April 18<sup>th</sup>. They discussed summer programs, contacting the Barbershoppers, increased advertising and a Proclamation (Board was fine using the one from previous years, to be read by Phil), vandalism at the restrooms, recommendation of a new Commission member, Recreation Center Exploratory Committee, Adult Softball League and the Director's Report, which included:

- Town Wide Yard Sale

- Essential Oils Classes
- Set up training date/events for summer camp staff
- Confirmed bus for 3 summer camp trips
- Request approved to use Smith Field in ND for Adult Softball
- Summer Camp Trips/program planning
- Summer Brochure programs, descriptions and editing
- Craft Fair Vendors- 2 open spaces for 2017
- Exercise Classes
- Portable Toilets will be in parks by April 14; Roberts Cove July and August
- Invitation to Cyanobacteria Meeting in New Durham with BOS and Town of New Durham- Town Administrator request for Milfoil Committee representative

Virgil MacDonald questioned the timeframe for the placement of portable toilets at the Roberts Cove beach in July/August. He thought that they should be placed sooner than stated. Phil will bring it up at their next meeting that they should be placed in June or Memorial Day; Reuben Wentworth concurred.

Virgil MacDonald met with the Conservation Commission who placed members on the Cyanobacteria Committee. He also noted that the West Alton Marina is doing a large expansion, once there is a certain amount of square footage of wetlands money needs to be put into an account, they have to put 250K in an account; this money will stay in Alton. Virgil then mentioned the culvert on Letter S Road that needs to be replaced; maybe we can have this money kept in Alton. Virgil requested that Liz Dionne speak with Earl Bagley to find out what the criteria is for this to keep that money here. It was his understanding that if there was a project ready to go within the Town we could use it and if not the State would take it and use it. Reuben stated that the box culvert on Letter S Road is getting very dangerous. There are some serious drop offs there and if someone hits that just right they may lose control and go into the river. Liz Dionne will look into this matter.

**Approval of Selectmen's Minutes:**

April 13, 2017

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Workshop Session, April 13, 2017 and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

April 17, 2017

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session I, April 17, 2017 and Reuben Wentworth seconded. The vote was 4 approved, 1 abstention, Virgil MacDonald.

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Non-Public Session I, April 17, 2017 and Cydney Johnson seconded. The vote was 4 approved, 1 abstention, Virgil MacDonald.

Cydney Johnson requested to re-visit the vote. There are items that should be opened. Liz Dionne agreed and asked that item #6 remain sealed.

John Markland amended his previous motion to approve the minutes of Non Public Session I, April 17, 2017 releasing all but #6 and Cydney Johnson seconded. The vote was 2 approved, Cydney Johnson and John Markland; 2 opposed, Reuben Wentworth and Phil Wittmann, 1 abstention, Virgil MacDonald.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**1. 2017 Veteran's Tax Credits**

Morrison Fam Rev Trust Lawrence Morrison Jr	96 Minge Cove Rd	Map 60 Lot 31	\$500.00
Linkel Zachery	91 Reed Road	Map 16 Lot 7	\$500.00

**2. 2017 "All" Veteran's Tax Credits**

Conboy John & Susan	278 East Side Drive	Map 37 Lot 19	\$500.00
James & Esther DeBettencourt	38 Riley Road	Map 66 Lot 40	\$500.00
Maurice & Ursula Couture Tr	10 Donald Drive	Map 37 Lot 34	\$500.00
Houghton Chantel	249 Coffin Brook	Map 5 Lot 72-3	\$500.00

**3. 2017 Elderly Exemption**

James & Esther DeBettencourt	38 Riley Road	Map 66 Lot 40	40,000
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**4. 2016 Gravel Warrant \$558.42**

Green Oak Realty Dev	398 Suncook Valley Road	Map 5 Lot 72	\$413.42
Penny Williams	Frank C Gilman Highway	Map 8 Lot 3-2	\$145.00

**5. 2016-17 Timber Warrant \$8,723.78**

Chester Kania	275 New Durham Road	Map 9 Lot 32	\$383.81
Richard West	New Durham Road	Map 9 Lot 61	\$5,131.47
Society for NH Forests	Alton Mountain Road	Map 11 Lot 17	\$2,445.87
Darin & Julie Guyer	835 Frank C Gilman Hwy	Map 4 Lots 12-4 + 12-5	\$762.63

**5. 2016-17 Timber Warrant \$2,633.88**

Young/Rollins	100 Meaderboro Road	Map 1 Lot 29	\$2,503.34
Camp Mrantha	New Durham Road	Map 9 Lot 61-1	\$130.54

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

Approval - Parks and Recreation Hire; Summer Camp Counselor, Reilly Gray, \$8.00/hr.

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

Ray Howard approached the Board to address the concerns on Route 28A. There are some good eminent domain laws that have recently passed Legislation and he did not believe that the State intends to take land from people. He has gotten many complaints regarding the condition of the road and would hate to think that DOT would try to do this, they may be trying to scare people with: if they fix the road then maybe they would be taking their front yards. He will try to look into the matter. As far as the fire extinguisher situation, the Town has a safety committee. When he was a Cemetery Trustee, it was our responsibility to contact the vendor for the inspections and it carried a hefty fee. Moving onto the LRPC he made a comment about traffic studies; it is usually the person doing the development that pays for these studies. Having been to a few LRPC meetings over the years he referred to them as really being a UN Agenda 21, one world government organization. Ray hit on some topics of discussion during particular meetings he attended. The Town should be able to aggregate with the NH Electric Coop themselves. Ray read a paragraph from a Planning meeting as follows: *“Historically NH has depended on natural resources to support its economy from forest products to agriculture to tourism”* stating, where are the mills, they are not even mentioned which was a large part of the economy before tourism; this is how in tune they are with New England. As a follow up to Chairman Johnson’s question at the last meeting, regarding insurance at the county level for this year’s budget there was a 572K increase to insurance. The pay increase was another 352K for a total of \$924,300.00 this left approximately 600K for incidentals. There are 167 employees with the nursing home, jail and the sheriff’s office.

Gail Kleeberg has been to several meetings with discussion on the membership with LRPC; she is definitely against the membership.

Mona Perreault again spoke that on LRPC website there is a booklet that talks about all the items she has spoken about. There is over 6000 acres on the Connecticut River that the government wants to take over. This is not a good thing; it is not freedom!

Russ Holt voiced concerns with the completion of the work on the water bandstand and would like to know when the job will be completed.

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

None

**Non-Public Session II:**

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

**Roll call vote:**

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary K. Jarvis*

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Recording Secretary

