

**Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2018**

6:30 PM: Open Meeting  
Quorum present: Bernie Fallon (BF), Chair; Doane Perry (DP); Peter Skorput (PS). Also present: AdminAsst Mark Webber (AA).  
Press present: Berkshire Record.

Board reviews and approves previous meeting minutes as corrected.  
Board reviews and approves weekly warrants.

7:00 PM: Don Wood, West Alford Rd resident, addresses the Board regarding concerns about the condition of W. Alford Rd, which is one of the Town's 13 miles of non-paved gravel public roads. Mr. Wood submits a petition (attached) signed by 16 W. Alford Rd. residents. Mr. Wood's concerns center on the damage caused to the road by heavy construction vehicles involved new home construction on the road. BF notes that he took a ride on the road the other day and that it was in perfect shape. Mr. Wood concedes that it is but that it gets bad in the spring. Highway Supt. Curt Wilton (CW) is sympathetic to Mr. Wood's concerns but notes that 30 years ago there were 4 homes on the entire road; now there are 40 and there are 4-5 vacant lots waiting to be built on. CW states that the Highway Department maintains the road via grading and pothole repair on a regular basis as it does on all gravel roads. CW also negotiates with developers to encourage them to use the Wilson Rd. entrance and to avoid the road during spring muddy season. Some listen; some don't. CW continues that W. Alford Rd. is not a through street so all traffic is made up of current residents or construction vehicles related to new residences. The Town does not stop development. CW will research whether the Town can force heavy vehicles to use the Wilson Road access only and report back to the Board. Finally, it is noted that the majority of petition signers have recently built homes that have contributed to the concerns expressed in the petition. Mr. Wood is satisfied with the Board's and CW's response and thanks the Board for listening.

Other Business/Discussion/Action Items:

- Resident and downtown business owner Joe Roy discusses the formation of a "Vision Committee" to map out the possible future of how the Town might or should look like. Also attending and involved in the discussion are Bill Barth and Erik \_\_\_\_\_. Joe presents a draft document outlining his vision thoughts (attached). BF would like the Town to get excited about a vision statement but it needs to be well drafted and receive input from a cross section of Town residents. BF would like to capitalize on this initiative and suggests that goals and objectives need to be established. DP states that it is important to involve young residents and that it is important to acknowledge the Town's unique character; different from the surrounding towns. BF adds that it is important to recognize existing and historic uses and character of the Town. Joe is encouraged to continue his efforts and recruit a diverse group of people interested in serving on such a committee. Finally, he is to submit names to the Town Moderator Gene Dellea for appointment, as the Moderator is the Town's committee appointment authority. Board thanks Joe and the others for attending.
- It is suggested that local engineer Steve Mack be contacted for a formal discussion on the downtown curbing. Steve was directly involved in the recent downtown reconstruction.
- Board conducts its Annual Town Officer appointments. AA will tally individual Board member lists into a master. All appointments receiving 2 or more votes would be re-appointed for the length of their new terms. AA recommends that Fire Chief Peter Skorput's appointment date be updated to begin this year before the Board takes action instead of 2016, when no action was taken. Board agrees with PS abstaining.
- Board will meet again on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Board discusses moving forward on Annual Town Meeting approved projects, including the Village School playground replacement.

8:10 PM: There being no additional business to come before the Board, DP makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. PS seconds the motion.  
Vote taken, 3-0 in favor.

*Meeting minutes approved by:*

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Bernie Fallon, Chair

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Doane Perry

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Peter Skorput

Date: \_\_\_\_\_