

**Town of Alna**  
Select Board Meeting  
Thursday, June 20, 2024, 6PM  
Alna Town Office & ZOOM WEBINAR  
(Zoom Webinar ID: 843 8004 8344)  
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**Select Board Members Present:** Nick Johnston, Steve Graham, Coreysha Stone

**Call to Order:** Johnston called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Review and Approve Minutes:** Tabled

**Public Comment:**

David Abbott reminded the Board there is a vacancy on the Board of Appeals.

Beth Whitney reminded the public that the Fire Department's Open House is July 23rd from 10AM - 2PM. All are welcome.

Mike Trask gave the following budget and road report briefing to the Select Board: to date \$31,000 has been expended, roughly \$15,000 on brushing cutting/grading/beavers, \$12,000 spent under the previous Road Commissioner.

Mike Trask asked the Board what the SBR Annual Assessment of \$3,600 was and why it was expended from the Road Budget. Ed Pentaleri explained it is a road association for the sand building road.

Mike Trask announced that the culverts on the Rabbit Path Road will be replaced on Monday.

Ed Pentaleri announced the meeting house painting job should be completed next week depending on weather. Also, Ed announced Karen Rose will receive the Community Resiliency Program grant contract tomorrow and will need the board's signature.

Cathy Johnston made the following comments regarding the Mining Committee. The mining committee stated they would not be taking public comment and residents should direct public comment to the select board. Cathy stated the planning board spent 10 months taking public comments both written and oral, and to her understanding the select board has not reviewed the public comments the planning board collected. She asked if residents that made previous comments to the planning board need to come to the select board and present those comments to have them considered in the context of the current mining committee? Cathy expressed her concern that the recording links are not timely posted on the website. Sarah, Town Clerk, explained the current process of recording links, and a proposed faster process. The conversation regarding recording links will continue in the Select Board work session. Chris Cooper, Mining Committee Moderator, responded to the mining committee public comments process, citing the public are welcome to submit written public comments to the town office which in turn will be posted on the town's website.

**Agenda Items:**

**1. ARPA Update:** Evan Goodkowsky, a consultant for municipalities in Lincoln, Sagadahoc, and Knox Counties for fiber optics and broadband projects. Municipalities in Lincoln County are participating in a grant program

with Consolidated Communications called Partnership Enabling Middle Mile. Alna Is asked to sign a letter of support to work with Consolidated Communications with their efforts in connecting 140 households in Alna on Fidium Fiber, a product of Consolidated Communications, to provide internet services.

Stone made a motion to sign the commitment letter with Consolidated Communications. Johnston Seconded. 3-0 Vote.

**2. CEO Position:** Nick will reach out to Greg Lumbert to see if he Is interested in being Alna's Interim CEO until a permanent CEO is hired.

**3. Egypt Road Update:** Graham stated he has been following up on the bridge project and relayed the State of Maine has not yet signed the agreement with the federal government for the funds being made available through anticipated grants. They are in the process of ordering a survey, and the environmental impact study that must be done.

**Adjourn:** Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. Johnaton seconded. 3-0 vote.

**Working Session.**