STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alton in the County of Belknap, New Hampshire, you are hereby notified to meet at Prospect Mountain High School in Alton on Wednesday the Fourth (4th) day of February in the year Two Thousand and Nine (2009), beginning at seven (7:00) in the evening for the purpose of deliberating upon the following Warrant Articles and the Town elections to approve the warrant articles by ballot vote which will be held on March 10, 2009 at the Prospect Mountain High School from 7:00am to 7:00pm:

UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN OF ALTON and given under our hand on this the 22nd day of January 2009, the Alton Board of Selectmen. ATTEST:

William Curtin, Acting Chairman _____

Patricia Fuller, Selectman _____

Stephan McMahon, Selectman _____

Peter Bolster, Selectman _____

WARRANT ARTICLES

2009 Deliberative Meeting and Town Elections

You are hereby notified to meet at the Prospect Mountain High School on Wednesday the Fourth (4th) day of February in the year Two Thousand and Nine (2009), beginning at seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of deliberating upon the following Warrant Articles and the Town elections to approve the warrant articles by ballot vote which will be held on March 10, 2009 at the Prospect Mountain High School from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law; and to elect: one selectman for three years, one selectman for two years, one town clerk for three years, one tax collector for three years, one town treasurer for three years, one trustee of the trust funds for three years, one trustee of the trust funds for two years, one library trustee for three years, one cemetery trustee for three years, one water commissioner for three years, two budget committee members for three years, two planning board members for three years, one zoning board member for three years and one zoning board member for one year.

ARTICLE 2: Amendment #3: The Planning Board proposes to amend article 300, section 327, Setback Requirements, to delete language to clarify the 50' required setback from any shore of any river, perennial stream, lake, pond, impoundment, excluding boathouses and wharfs and reference RSA 483:B. Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to conform to the new Shoreland Protection Act enacted on July 1, 2008 by the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE 3: Amendment # 4: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 600, Section 601 Shoreland Protection Overlay District, removing all current language, excluding Section J, and replacing with *"reference RSA 483:B"*. Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is because the new Shoreland Protection Act enacted on July 1, 2008 by the State of New Hampshire, is more stringent thus, supersedes Alton's ordinance.

ARTICLE 4: Amendment # 5: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 600, Section 601: J, Commonly Used Water Front Parcels Or Lots, remove its entire contents and replace in Article 300, as Section 326 Commonly Used Water Front Parcels Or Lots. Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to retain the language of this Section which is not provided for in the new Shoreland protection Act enacted on July 1, 2008 by the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE 5: Amendment # 6: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 300, Section 330, Elderly Housing to include language making the ordinance more restrictive. Including the language "*excluding wetlands & steep slopes*" within the Minimum land required standards and adding the language " *see definition Section 200*" in the percent Lot Open Space decreasing the allowable dwelling units from four (4) to three (3) dwelling units per acre and adding that each dwelling unit shall contain no

more than 2 bedrooms per dwelling unit. Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen the current Elderly Housing ordinance and clarify existing definitions.

ARTICLE 6: Amendment # 7: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 300, Section 331:5, Continuing Care Retirement Communities, Design Criteria to include language making the ordinance more restrictive to include the language, "*excluding wetlands & steep slopes*" within the Minimum Land Requirements as well as adding the language " *see definition Section 200*" in the percent Lot Open Space and decreasing the Independent Living CCRC from 4 to 3 dwelling units per acre, adding the language "*excluding wetlands and steep slopes: no more than 2 bedrooms per dwelling unit.* As set forth within the Design Criteria. Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to add language and clarify existing definitions making the ordinance more restrictive.

ARTICLE 7: Amendment # 8: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 200 -, "Definitions:" to add language to Open Space- A portion of a lot which is open and unobstructed from its lowest level to the sky except by natural vegetation. Said land, or portion there of, shall not be occupied by buildings, parking lots, driveways, or other structures or man made impervious surfaces. Open space shall not include right-of-ways or vehicular easements, *wetlands or slopes greater than 25%.* Septic fields and wells shall be permitted to be installed in open space. Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to protect and preserve open space areas by making the definition more stringent.

ARTICLE 8: Amendment # 9: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 200, "Definitions:" Energy Facility to remove the word *"windmills"* from the definition Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is create a new definition for windmills.

ARTICLE 9: Amendment # 10: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 200, "Definitions:" to include a new definition "Small Wind Energy System: A structure which produces energy on a small scale not exceeding 100KW. Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to clarify limitations set forth in the proposed ordinance.

ARTICLE 10: Amendment # 11: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 400, Section 401 Permitted Uses: Table of Uses to allow Small Wind Energy Facilities in all zones with the note "*No more than one (1) unit per lot with a height restriction not to exceed a pole height of 50 feet. A unit exceeding a pole height of 50 feet or additional units shall require a Special Exception through the Zoning Board of Adjustment as well as Site Plan Review through the Planning Board*". Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to increase energy efficiency capabilities within all zones of the town.

ARTICLE 11: Amendment #12: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 400 Section 463 (2) Restrictions Governing Use, to remove the current language " no more than four dwelling units per structure" and replace with "no more than five (5) dwelling units per structure to comply with the July 2009 implementation of Workforce Housing Act RSA 674:58-61. Chapter 299 (SB 342). Rationale: to comply with the State of New Hampshire's July 2009 implementation of Workforce Housing Act RSA 674:58-61. Chapter 299 (SB 342).

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Million Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Dollars ($1,999,000.00)** for the construction and improvements on the Town Hall, Senior Center, Central Fire Station and Police Station, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $1,999,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize that proceeds from the sale of town property be used to offset the construction cost and/or bond payment. [Recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the budget Committee (7-0)](3/5 ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($34,500.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new police patrol vehicle SUV 4WD which will replace an existing vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and installing a generator at the Town Hall for operating the emergency operations center, communications equipment and computer network during emergencies and allow for operation of the town hall during outages. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and Budget Committee (6-0,1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** to be added to the Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00)** to be added to the Building and Site Improvements Capital Reserve Fund for the transfer station which also includes the EPA storm water management implementation requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (3-3)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance and installation of sidewalks. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the municipality will vote to change the purpose of an existing Beach Capital Reserve Fund to the Recreation Facility Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the capital reserve fund. (A 2/3 majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the

purposes set forth therein, totaling **Six Million One Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars ($6,138,838.00)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Million Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars ($6,043,629.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars ($139,000.00)** and to authorize the withdrawal of the $139,000.00 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established under RSA 31: 95c for the purpose of the ambulance lease payment, ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and there will be no funds raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty One Dollars ($50,421.00)** for the lease payment on the Fire Rescue Vehicle. The sum of $50,421.00 to come from fund balance (surplus) and no funds to be raised from general taxation. This is the fifth and final payment on the lease/purchase of a five-year agreement, which was approved in the 2004 Town Meeting and the vehicle was received in 2005. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty Six Thousand Dollars ($36,000.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a Fire SUV Command vehicle to replace the existing 1998 SUV vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (7-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($750,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be $167,712.09. This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars ($8,996.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility, transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance, Women, Infants and Children food assistance program (WIC). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Dollars ($11,654.00)** for the purpose of supporting the VNA Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse

until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars ($5000.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Youth Services Bureau, which provides alternatives to court involvement for juvenile offenders, parent/child mediation, intervention and education programs. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and not recommended by the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars ($5,100.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Health and Hospice, which provides visiting nurse, homemaker and hospice services to residents. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three Dollars ($2,283.00)** for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provide disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Alton Community Services which provides a food pantry and assistance programs for fuel, prescriptions, utilities, housing in close coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Sixty Three Dollars ($163.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Medication Bridge Prescription Program which is a not for profit volunteer program that provides assistance to residents in need of prescriptions in coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting the New Beginnings which provides 24 hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operate a shelter and provide counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($7,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen(5-0) and the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Caregivers Transportation which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00)** for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2009. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00)** to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town Employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 38: We the undersigned, being voters in the Town of Alton hereby petition the Board of Selectmen of said town to place the following article on the warrant for the 2009 annual meeting:

"To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of an existing new Town Beach capital reserve by expanding its use to allow for maintenance of the existing Town Beach on Route 28A". (2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 39: We, the undersigned, being citizens of the Town of Alton, NH do petition a warrant article, for the purpose of repair and re-fit to the Alton Fire Dept. Fireboat (Eastern 27), in order to render this boat safe to use, and to provide more timely response to emergency incidents. Presently, this vessel is not equipped for safe travel. This boat has only a single engine, and is not stable or balanced when carrying a crew. Outfitting this boat with an Armstrong bracket and dual engines (with counter-rotating props) will stabilize and provide safety and improved performance. The present motor is only a 2-cycle, 10 yr old motor, and has given many, substantial problems. Making these repairs will extend the life of this boat, and make it safer for travel to emergency incidents. Thank you. The amount needed is $28,900 (twenty-eight thousand, nine hundred dollars). [Appropriation not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0) and the Budget Committee (4-0,1)] (A majority vote is required)

(The purpose of this petition article is to raise and appropriate $28,900.00 for the purpose of equipping the Fire Boat with two new dual engines)

ARTICLE 40: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA72:69 for a property exemption on real property which is equipped with a woodheating energy system in use as the main source of heat in the home as per RSA 72:69 (which shall not include a fireplace, meaning a hearth, fire

chamber or similarly prepared place with a chimney intended to be usable in an open configuration). The annual exemption shall be in an amount not to exceed 50% of the receipted cost of the system. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 41: To hear any reports of any committee, board, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters and to vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN and given under our hand on this the 22nd day of January 2009, the Alton Board of Selectmen. ATTEST:

William Curtin, Vice-Chairman _____

Patricia Fuller, Selectman _____

Stephen McMahon, Selectman _____

Peter Bolster, Selectman _____