

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Session I
March 3, 2008
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:00pm, Alan Sherwood, chairman of the Board of Selectmen convened the Board in public session, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Vice-Chairman
Stephan McMahan, Selectman
William Curtin, Selectman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

- A. Sherwood led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence, dedicated to the memory of Michael Whalley and to remember Cassie Bystrack a young survivor of a violent attack.

Approval of the Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by P. Fuller and seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

- A. Sherwood noted that State Representative Michael Whalley who passed away on Saturday had been our Representative and was currently serving as Deputy Speaker of the House, and had assisted the Town in a many ways as a lawmaker. P. Fuller stated he had helped her in her capacity as a public servant and that he will be missed. P. Bolster noted his thoughts go out to his family, that he and his wife, Persis a member of the Alton Community Services Board of Directors, had made a good team and were active in community projects. It was noted Michael's services would be held Thursday at St. Katherine Drexel Church in Alton. Flags will be at half-staff for two days in his memory.
- A. Sherwood acknowledged the services of Kathy Currier as victim advocate for Cassie Bystrack. He continued Cassie has a web-site and positive comments to her have come from many sources, particularly those relating to horses. The Bystrak's two horses have been cared for by volunteers and he appreciated local businesses for providing. feed, grain and heated water buckets. A fund for Cassie has been set up c/o the Profile Bank.
- A. Sherwood continued the elections will be held next Tuesday from 7am – 7pm at the high school and the ballot will be in *The Baysider* for both the Town and School. Handicap parking will be available at the school, designated by appropriate signs.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

S. McMahon – No report at this time

P. Bolster reported that serving on the Budget Committee had been a good experience with the School and Town budgeting process. The Downtown Revitalization Committee will meet next week. Work on the park should commence in the spring. The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on March 13th, there is one opening left on that committee.

P. Fuller updated the Board on current legislation affecting educational funding. She will be contacting our legislators and reporting back to the Board. She asked that voters should also contact our representatives concerning these issues as there could be a possibility that Alton may once again become a donor town with our money going elsewhere.

W. Curtin clarified that the Water Department has two pickup trucks, one with a plow. They do not plow town streets, unless they are called upon by the Highway Department for emergency assistance. Both trucks have plow mounts in the event a truck could be out of commission.

A. Sherwood stated the Household Hazardous Waste committee had met on February 21st. and in 2008, there will be two collection dates in July, also in September a medical waste collection will be available in 2008, the Police Department is on board with this process as well. He continued the Belknap Range Coalition Commission will conduct a Public Meeting on May 28th.

Town Administrator Verbal Report

R. Bailey advised the Board on a grant for a base radio station system for the Emergency Operation Center and that the mailing deadline had been met.

He also noted a future meeting relative to the traffic circle, that the DOT had set a tentative date for April 16th for a meeting at the school. He will confirm this information and report back to the Board.

Public Input

There was no public input

Board of Health

Vote to Recess as Board of Selectmen and Convene as Board of Health - A. Sherwood motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and convene as Board of Health, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Present: Thomas Varney, P.E. and property owner, Dean Boucher
Mr. Varney explained this is a septic waiver for property owner Dean Boucher. The Board reviewed the plan as submitted by Varney Engineering.
Following a review and discussion, and noting the recommendation of the Health Officer, that this is the best location of the septic and leach field as proposed, the home could become year-round, W. Curtin motioned to grant the waivers as requested, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

A. Sherwood motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Minutes of February 4, 2008 – P. Fuller motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by W. Curtin, in a discussion it was noted that Public Session II and Non Public Session had included Mr. McMahon as present and that he was not listed as present in Public Session I. P. Fuller asked if he had been present. S. McMahon stated he did not believe he had missed a meeting. P. Fuller amended her motion, seconded by W. Curtin, to add Mr. McMahon's name to Public Session II and Non Public Session in the event he was present. The Secretary will review the taped recording for verification, and the motion to approve the minutes was passed with all in favor.*

Old Business –

1. EPA Energy Program – R. Bailey advised an Energy Committee needs to be established and he will report back to the Board with more details and recommendations on this matter. He noted that EPA New England would help to achieve the goals of the NH Climate Change resolution. He recommended taking advantage of this program as it would provide additional resources to pursue an energy program for the Town. P. Fuller motioned to authorize the participation in EPA New England and to have the Chairman sign the letter as noted, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
2. Emergency Management Plan - R. Bailey asked that the vote to accept the newly drafted emergency management plan be accepted by the Board. This plan is based on the State and federal format to ensure all the items involved in an emergency are met. It can also be updated. Following a review, A. Sherwood motioned to approve and sign the plan as submitted, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

3. Island Measurer/List Plan – R. Bailey advised that hiring an outside vendor would be costly and recommended this work could be done in-house although it may take more time to complete. The Board agreed to go forward with this process, in house.
4. Landfill Monitoring – Annual Engineering Agreement – R. Bailey advised this is an ongoing project, each year the Town sends reports to the state. The amount is \$5300. P. Fuller motioned to have the Town Administrator sign the agreement with ATC for \$5300, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

New Business

1. Request of White Mountain Kettle Corn – Hawkers and Vendors License for the 2008 season, June, July, August and the First of September. It was noted this is an annual request with no changes in the number of spaces, P. Fuller motioned to grant the request as submitted for the dates specified and for spaces 1 & 2 at the Bay, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.
2. NH Electric Co-Op Pole Petition – A. Sherwood motioned to approve the petition for 2686-T on Alton Mountain Road as submitted, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.
3. Surplus Distribution Authorization – Following a discussion and noting the Fire Chief should be added to the list of names, W. Curtin motioned to accept the signatures of employees to purchase items from surplus distribution on behalf of the town, this is for federal and state items, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
4. Re. Rotary Club/Barbershop Singers – W. Curtin motioned to grant the request for the Rotary Club to host The Barbershoppers on dates as requested and to allow the Winnepesaukee Bell to utilize the Town docks, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with one abstention (PB).
5. Vote to Approve Items as Recommended by the Town Assessor – A. Sherwood read the items as presented. Following their review, A. Sherwood motioned to approve the recommendations with one exemption which will be further reviewed by the Town Assessor, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

The Chairman acknowledged G. Fuller who questioned why those citizens who had petitioned to have the energy article put on the warrant had not come forward to serve on a committee and suggested they be contacted. He also volunteered to serve on the Energy Committee.

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Non-Public Session

At 6:50pm, A. Sherwood motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II, (a) (c) and (d), seconded by W. Curtin. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

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* Secretary's Notation: S. McMahon was not present at the Board meeting of February 4, 2008

These Minutes Were Approved: **March 17, 2008**