

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Session I
March 4, 2013
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:00pm, Chairman Hussey convened the Selectmen in Public Session and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. Present were the following members of the Board and staff:

David Hussey, Chairman
R. Loring Carr, Vice-Chair
Peter Bolster, Member
Marc DeCoff, Member
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Approval of the Agenda – L. Carr amended the agenda to include Item #4 in New Business to discuss RSA31-41-c. Chairman Hussey noted he would read a Selectmen’s News Release. L. Carr motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by M Decoff and passed with all in favor.

Announcements – Chairman Hussey announced that the polls would be open March 12, 2013 from 7:00am to 7:00pm at the Prospect mountain H.S.

Presentation: The Chairman read a Presentation to Selectman Bolster and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his 6 years of service as a Selectman, it also acknowledged his service in the State Legislature and as the Fire Department Chaplain. The Board also recognized Mrs. Clara Bolster and presented her with a floral bouquet.

Following this Selectman Bolster gave a brief outline of the events that occurred during his tenure and his involvement in several projects including the B.& M. R.R. park, the Senior Center and serving as the Board’s representative on commissions and committees. He complimented the Board members, the police Department, the Town Administrator and staff. He added he would like to see more civic pride and bringing back more activities for old Home Days and utilizing the village and park downtown for more events. He thanked the members of the Board and others he has served with and that he still planned on serving the community on town boards and in the private sector.

Following P. Bolster’s comments, Chairman Hussey read a news release addressing the petition warrant article to establish Firewards that they do not support Article 43. (See attached)

R. Bailey noted that voters/residents should have an ID ready before coming to the polls, this is now a state requirement, signs will be posted as a reminder.

BOARD OF HEALTH

D. Hussey motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and to convene as Board of Health, seconded by M. Decoff and passed with all in favor.

The Board met with John Dever, III and the Septic Designer from White Mountain Survey with regards to a request from Richard and Pamela Ulrich, owners for Map63 Lot33. It was noted this waiver is being submitted as a replacement for an existing septic system with an Advanced Technology System as required by Alton Health Regulations. Following a review and recommendations of J. Dever, Selectman DeCoff motioned to approve the design, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

The Board met with Tom Varney and May Varney, Designers from Varney Engineering On behalf of a Meptic waiver request from E. McKenna, 301 Trask Side road, Map 43, lot 26 & 27. J. Dever advised this plan is being submitted as an upgrade to an existing unrecorded system, and for an easement. The easement will be reviewed by the Town Attorney prior to recording. He also noted this request is to waive the requirement for the alternative Technology system. The leach bed is located beyond 250' from the lake. It was noted the system would be placed across the street on 7 acres, the existing field will be abandoned and filled with sand and will have a check valve in place to prevent any flowage. L. Carr motioned to approve the request including the exception to the clean water Town requirements and that a recorded easement be in place before the work commences, seconded by m. DeCoff and passed with all in place.

J. Dever reported on improvements made at the ACS since Health issues were first reported to the Selectmen. J. Dever described the ongoing work and explained they are moving forward on these issues.

L. Carr then motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and to reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

Selectmen Bolster noted issues with the cable consortium are being worked out. Lakes Region public Access will continue to function, but they need more Towns to join in. He advised the Senior Center will need \$100,000 to finish the project including the septic system and the entire plan for the addition, landscaping, etc.

Town Administrator Report and Updates

Russell Bailey reported that due to the February storms, there was a 75% use of overtime. He did not anticipate that the more salt and sand lines would be over budget. He reported the loader is in the shop for repairs and expected to cost \$35,000, with these repairs we could have more than 10 years of use. There are some grader problems and one of the military trucks is undergoing repairs also there is a sander issue on the 1-ton truck. The expenses may go over the equipment expense line item. He will have more information for the Board after meeting with the Highway Agent.

He advised the Board needs to consider 2013 fireworks, whether there should be two shoots this year. He noted that Kellie Troendle, P&R Director and the Parks and Recreation Commissioners have tried to find volunteers needed to work on expanding Old Home Day activities, but without success. The Board reviewed having fireworks in the village area, and possibly celebrating OHD over Labor Day weekend. R. Bailey will discuss this matter with K. Troendle.

Public Input

There was no public input

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

February 4, 2013 – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes of February 4, 2013, Public Session I & II, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

February 4, 2013 – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes of February 4, 2013 for the (sealed) Non-Public Session minutes and to release 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

February 13, 2013 – L. Carr motioned to approve the February 13, 2013, Selectmen's workshop session, seconded by M. Decoff and the motion passed with one abstention (PB)

February 20, 2013 – L Carr motioned to approve the Public Sessions I & II and (Sealed) Non-Public(no release) Workshop Sessions, seconded by M. Decoff and passed with one abstention (PB)

Old Business

- 1) Town Hall Status – R. Bailey advised the workers have completed 98% of the work on window installation, moldings, the arches and some hardware for the meeting room windows. Upon completion, new shades will be ordered. He advised the insulation grant had been received from the NH Electric Co-op. He confirmed that the power vent for the furnace has been installed. Members discussed blinds rather than shades, R. Bailey will come back to the Board on this matter.
- 2) Highway Annual Bids – R. Bailey noted new this year, in the bidding process is for 3-year contracts. Following a review it was agreed to go out to bid for 1-year and 3-year contracts.
- 3) Town Report Status – R. Bailey reported that M. Jarvis and P. Rockwood had completed the work on the Town report, it was ready and has met the requirements. All printed in house.

New Business

- 1) Vote to Approve recommendations of the Town Assessor for Land Use Items - L. Carr read the items as presented and motioned to approve items 2,3,4 7 5, seconded by M. DeCoff for discussion. The Board then reviewed item #1, Fish & Game Abatement for the former property owned by Downing's Landing. In their discussion it was noted that Fish & Game are exempt from paying taxing, we cannot collect taxes, this should "stay on the books", that this purchase would have some civic benefit, and questioned if free parking would be allowed, etc. The motion and second were withdrawn. M. Decoff motioned to abate the Downings Landing, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with one nay vote and one abstention.
- 2) Vote to Sign NH Electric Co-Op Pole Petitions – L. Carr moved to approve signing the petitions, conditional on the Highway Agent's review for items #4375,3447 and 3517, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.
- 3) Vote to Approve Special Event Application – Following a discussion, it was noted input would be needed from the Police Chief and the Conservation Commission and to table this item until the next meeting.

- 4) Discussion of RSA31:41c - L. Carr stated the school was electioneering. He questioned how campaign materials could be sent home with school students, using students "as mailmen" if the Board could have a legal opinion.. It was agreed that R. Bailey explore this matter with Attorney Sessler.

Public Input

There was no Public Input

Vote to Enter Into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) (c) and (e). D Hussey motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) Personnel, (c) character/reputation and (e) claims/litigation, the motion was seconded by M. Decoff. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: March 18, 2013