

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Public Session I
May 18, 2015
6:00 PM
1 Monument Square
Alton, NH 03809

Approved: June 1, 2015

Cydney Johnson convened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following members and staff were present:

Cydney Johnson, Chairwoman
R. Loring Carr, Selectman
Philip V. Wittmann, Selectman
Virgil MacDonald, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Lou LaCourse, Vice Chairman was absent

Approval of the Agenda

E. Russell Bailey requested adding #6 under new business for a raffle application for an Alton Central School Class Fundraiser.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Appointments:

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Cydney Johnson opened the Barn Easement Public Hearing and called upon anyone in attendance from the audience who wished to speak. No one was present at this time in reference to the the two Easements to be discussed.

Barn Preservation Easements

1. Andrea Shields
2. Charles M. Shields, Trustee of the Charles M. Shields Revocable Trust

The Public Hearing was closed.

E. Russell Bailey stated that the Shields' were notified and it was possible that they might be running a little late and suggesting that the Public Hearing be re-opened if and when they arrived noting that there is a timeline of 60 days by statute.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to table the Barn Preservation Easements Public Hearing to after Public Input I and Philip Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Cydney Johnson made a motion to Recess as the Board of Selectmen and to convene as Board of Health and R. Loring Carr seconded with all in favor of the motion.

- Septic Waiver Request, Map 71 Lot 25; Raymond Chenard

John Dever presented the waiver request for a replacement of a failed system with no previous record of the system; it is a pre-treatment type of system, required by our health regulations. Due to the topography of the lot the tank will be 22 feet to the shoreline and 125 feet from Hills Pond. R. Loring Carr questioned the well location, the plan did not show a well location which is required by the state. It was noted that there is a community well in that location. This is being designed and submitted as a seasonal system for a seasonal cottage if they are going to be year round they will need to show the well on the plan. John Dever offered to contact the designer to find out the intentions. It was the consensus of the Board to table this until the next meeting.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to adjourn as Board of Health and to Re-Convene as Board of Selectmen and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements:

- The Annual Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 10:00 AM.
- Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 in observance of Memorial Day.
- A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM regarding Chestnut Cove Road reconstruction.

At this time the Board recognized Marc DeCoff for his services to the Town of Alton. He was presented a plaque and his wife Marilee was presented flowers.

Selectmen's Committee Report

R. Loring Carr reported that the Old Home Week Committee had met on Wednesday. The ad period has been closed for the booklets; they will be putting them together next Wednesday. There will be 1000 booklets printed now and 2000 later expecting to have a good crowd.

Virgil MacDonald stated that Planning Board was just “housekeeping” items.

Philip Wittmann stated that his second Parks and Recreation meeting is Thursday night.

Cydney Johnson noted that the Zoning Amendment Committee will be meeting on June 2, 2015. R. Loring Carr mentioned that the representative, Steve from Lakes Region Planning will be looking at the different ways to address Commercial Zone locations.

Town Administrator’s Report and Updates

Tax Warrant

The Tax Warrant was provided to the Board which needs to be signed in order to get the tax bills out.

Highway Equipment

A handout was received today and provided to the Board in regards to various equipment for the Highway Department.

Sweeper

There are 2 quotes both for 2004 Street Sweepers one for 26K and another for 21K. The Board had previously voted for 35K for a sweeper but when we called, it had already sold. Based on the shipping for the other sweeper it would be approximately 3K but we can’t guarantee that cost. We can no longer get parts for the existing sweeper. There is 210K in the Highway equipment line. No formal offer has been made; we need the approval of the Board prior to. We will need to see the maintenance records etc. E. Russell Bailey is asking for authority to make an offer.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to authorize up to 25K for the sweeper in Missouri and Virgil MacDonald seconded. Further discussion transpired.

Virgil MacDonald suggested calling Rooster Trucking out of Portsmouth regarding trucking. Further discussion continued regarding the costs and shipping costs of the sweepers.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to allow up to 30K including shipping for the purchase of a sweeper and Philip Wittmann seconded. The vote was 3 approved, 1 opposed, R. Loring Carr.

Dump Truck

The truck body is a Henderson 215 psi, the plating has been changed from 1/4 inch to 3/8 inch to stop the dipping in the body. The amount of the truck with the body is \$144,426.00.

Virgil MacDonald made a motion to authorize the purchase from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund for the 10 wheeler dump truck in the amount of \$144,426.00 and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Grader

The last item is the Grader; no decision needs to be made tonight. There is currently trouble with the two (2) front wheels. Pricing is being looked at and Virgil suggested sending it to CAT with them possibly providing a loaner until the issues get taken care of. E. Russell Bailey noted that the machine was due for a motor that was put off from last year. We could be looking at close to 60K for all the work to be done. It was Russ' recollection that it was about 40K per year for a lease payment and they are still putting information together. E. Russell Bailey does not recommend spending 60K on the current grader. His thought was to run it until it dies which would downgrade the trade in value or use it until we get back to the Board or possibly use it until we get a rental for the rest of the maintenance season. The idea would be to go to town meeting with a trade in and a lease, for approval. More information will be brought back to the Board.

A letter from Betsy Bosiak was received inviting the Town of Alton to join neighboring communities for discussions regarding various issues that the respective towns may be facing to save taxpayer funds. E. Russell Bailey recommends participating but it would be based upon scheduling and availability; there is no commitment. It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter of interest.

Public Input I

None

At this time Cydney Johnson opened the Barn Easement for discussion. E. Russell Bailey noted that the Board needs to agree to extend the Barn Easement for another ten (10) years at the amount of money that they are currently getting off now, which is 75%, just on the barn.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to renew the Barn Preservation Easement according to Chapter 79-D for another 10 years at 75% of assessment same renewal as currently in place for Andrea Shields and Charles Shields and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

May 4, 2015

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session I, May 4, 2015 as presented and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Non Public Session, May 4, 2015 as presented opening none and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session II, May 4, 2015 as presented and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

May 4, 2015 ~ 2nd Meeting

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session I, May 4, 2015 as presented and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Non Public Session, May 4, 2015 as presented opening #1 and #2 and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session II, May 4, 2015 as presented and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

May 12, 2015

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Workshop Session I, May 12, 2015 as presented and Philip Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to table the minutes of Non Public Workshop Session, May 12, 2015 and Philip Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Workshop Session II, May 12, 2015 as presented and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

2015 Project Status Report

Highway Reconstruction:

The box culverts are in progress for Chestnut Cove Road with a start date of 7/6/2015. The road will be closed; people will need to access it from the other side, this will only impact one resident and they have been spoken to and are fine with this. Echo Point is scheduled for this Thursday/Friday; the road will be closed while

the work is being done. Letters were sent as well as people went door to door to notify the residents. There has been no negative feedback from residents.

This Wednesday there is a Public Hearing on Chestnut Cove Road at 6:00 PM and the Bay Hill Road Public Hearing is scheduled for June 1, 2015.

Roberts Cove Beach/Drainage:

Roberts Cove Beach is almost complete; the sod is installed but needs to be watered every day which is pumped out of the lake by a generator. The sign was approved and agreed upon last year. There are quotes from two (2) different companies with an approximate cost of \$767.00 with an option to make it larger. There is another quote which is approximately \$700.00 for a sign foam cell, plastic type of product which would probably wear better. The sign would be a single sided sign in the range of \$767.00. The post is already at the location. E. Russell Bailey would like approval for the PVC sign foam sign with a cost of up to approximately \$700.00.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to allow up to approximately \$700.00 for the PVC foam sign from McKinney and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Pearson Road Community/Senior Center:

The electrical and HVAC work is continuing and would like to individually meet with each of the Board members to walk the property to go over some sidewalk issues. The prints for the sidewalks are currently in the process of being revised.

Sidewalks Bay Area:

The bids for the Bay sidewalks have been advertised and are due May 25, 2015 which will need to be extended to May 26th due to the holiday.

Phil Wittmann and E. Russell Bailey walked the Old Wolfeboro intersection to look at the area and Russ would like to do so with any other members that can do the same. The cobblestones have pretty much been signed off on and the need to delineate the driving area. The lines will be in this week, weather permitting and a stop sign will be installed and a curve sign will be placed coming down the hill. Ken Roberts will obtain costs for a rumble strip before the curve. The bump out section has been marked and the curbing is being set. The resident has been spoken to whose driveway is located in that area; they have no issues. The dead end sign will be removed. E. Russell Bailey wants to contact the Shield's who own the Variety Store and the Insurance Company to inform them of these intentions in the next few days.

New Business:

Land Use Items as recommended by the Town Assessor

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the 2014 Abatements for Map 21 Lot 28 for \$3,636.00 and Map 34 Lot 33-86 for \$209.00 and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the 2014 Administrative Abatements for Map 29 Lot 54 for \$7,611.00 and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the 2014 Land Use Change Tax for Map 5 Lot 72-8 for \$120.00 and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Milfoil Lake Host Program

This is for an annual grant received each year for \$1,500.00 to pay for the people who are stationed at the boat ramps to check the boats for Milfoil. Virgil MacDonald questioned whether there was someone on site during the recent fishing derby and the refusal of allowing a boat to launch and what authority they have; E. Russell Bailey couldn't answer those particular questions and would need to consult the Milfoil Committee for further clarification as he was not sure of the exact procedure. There is no carryover of funds from year to year.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to participate in the NH Lakes, Milfoil Lake Host Program Grant award and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Boot Drive Request

Virgil MacDonald questioned who is liable if somebody gets hit in the main thruway? It was Russ' opinion that if we granted them permission to be in the roadway then there would be liability on the town. According to Police Chief, Ryan Heath, DOT is adamant it is a violation and they don't want Boot Drives in the roadways. The problem is this is a fundraiser for the Fire Department. The July 19th date is a Sunday at the Central Fire Station and the day of the Loudon race. Traffic would need to pull off the travel way in order to avoid a violation. It was suggested that they talk with the Police Chief to work out the details to deal with the traffic. The Monument Square area was considered but it would create a nightmare for the Monument Square businesses. It seems that they will have to stick to in front of the Fire Station. The November 27th date is the Friday after Thanksgiving.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the Boot Drives for both dates with the same condition of pulling off the main road and coming up with another scheme for the November 27th date with the Fire Department working out the details themselves and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

No Thru Trucking Sign Request; Dan Kelley Drive

There is a request for a no thru trucking sign on Dan Kelley Drive due to GPS sending vehicles the incorrect way. It was suggested a dead end sign be placed.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve a dead end sign on Dan Kelley Drive and Virgil MacDonald seconded. The vote was 3 approved; 1 opposed, Cydney Johnson.

Handicap Parking Sign Request; Church Street

This is a request for two handicap parking signs on Church Street which currently has parking on only one side of the road. According to the Police Department this could potentially cause an issue with the proper flow of traffic.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to deny the request for handicap signs on the church side of Church Street and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Raffle Application

A raffle application was received today from Alton Central School for a fundraiser to send an 8th grade class to Washington, DC.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve the 8th grade Raffle Application, tickets to be sold to support a trip to Washington, DC and Virgil MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

E. Russell Bailey stated that we would need more information on the auction as this may not pertain to the Board.

Public Input II

Steve Parker approached the Board asking that the Milfoil Lake Host Program add zebra mussels. Cydney Johnson noted that the grant would need to be looked at in order to see what it allows. This can be brought to the attention of the Milfoil Committee. He also wanted to put the decorative white lights on the water bandstand if no maintenance was scheduled.

Non-Public Session:

Cydney Johnson made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3, II (a) personnel (c) character/reputation and (e) claims/litigation R. Loring Carr seconded. The Board was polled in the affirmative with all in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis

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Recording Secretary