

**ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Public Session I**  
**May 19, 2008**  
**ALTON TOWN HALL**

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AT 6:00pm Vice-Chairman William Curtin convened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

William Curtin, Vice-Chair  
Patricia Fuller, Selectman  
Stephan McMahon, Selectman  
Peter Bolster, Selectman  
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

**Approval of the Agenda**

W. Curtin asked if any amendments would be made to the Agenda. R. Bailey advised he would add Item #5 in New Business, a request, concerning permission for an Eagle Scout Project on Town property. S. McMahon motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by P. Fuller and passed.

**Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence**

W. Curtin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

W. Curtin opened the Public Hearing. Present was Kenneth Roberts who explained that the highway department would be reconstructing a portion of Stockbridge Corner Road. He demonstrated on a map the area involved beginning at Coffin Brook Road and continuing approximately 1.2 miles. No survey will be necessary.

The Highway Agent answered questions from residents on the road which included number of trees affected, length of the road work, the time frame and culverts. K. Roberts also stated this would be a 2-phase project, that final paving would take place next year.

W. Curtin closed the Public Hearing. P. Bolster motioned to remove identified trees, and to approve the low quote from Urban Tree Co., in the amount of \$1500 to do the work, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

**Announcements**

W. Curtin stated that the Town Clerk's office will be closed June 6<sup>th</sup>. Also the Memorial Parade will take place on May 26<sup>th</sup>. and Town Offices would be closed.

**Selectmen's Committee Reports**

S. McMahon advised the next Budget Committee meeting will be in September.

P. Bolster - reported on the Town Beach Committee and that new benches will be arriving soon and a picnic shelter installed, the beach dedication is planned for June 28th. He will give a report at a later date relative to the Parks and Recreation Department. P. Bolster continued the School Building and Grounds Committee and the School Board have agreed to make major renovations at the present site of the Alton Central School. Selectman Bolster advised work at the B& M R.R. Park is progressing, that the Historical Society will erect a signal tower with lights and bars, a R.R. Gate will be installed in the park, underground utilities and a flag pole standard have been installed and fundraising has been very successful. The Town -wide yard sale will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> and a rain date of June 8<sup>th</sup>.

P. Fuller expressed her appreciation to her colleagues for their support during this past school semester and also to the "man behind the camera". P. Fuller continued that she had attended a B.C. E. D. C. meeting as the Representative to that organization. She will have information to present to the Alton Business Association and also discussed programs useful to inviting businesses to Alton.

Selectmen Fuller advised the Board on NH Education Coalition Communities and the bill recently passed by the House and Senate. She continued our representatives except for one, had voted as asked by this Board. She added the Governor has not yet signed SB539.

W. Curtin advised the Planning Board will meet on the 20<sup>th</sup>, before them is an elderly project on Rte 140 and 13 units on 28A. Selectman Curtin continued that on May 16<sup>th</sup>, NH State Parks and Recreation had presented awards to Kellie Troendle and Marty Cornellison.

#### **Town Administrator Report and Verbal Updates**

R. Bailey advised that to purchase four defibrillators for the Town Hall, Police station, Senior Center and Library would cost \$2926. P. Fuller motioned to approve this expense and in addition to purchase a fifth unit for the Highway Department, expenditure would come out of the general government budget – contingency fund, seconded by W. Curtin, and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey noted that following the Town's Memorial Day Services, a flag raising ceremony would take place at the B&M R.R. Park. He advised he had met with the Park Committee members, and the Police department with regards to building security, signage and rules of the park. He stated that the local Cub Scouts would be donating trees.

P. Bolster explained the project of "Alton is a Park" A map of park trails and recreational facilities will be posted at the Bay kiosk and corresponding brochures will also be available describing each area, this is just a beginning, at this time 24 sites are identified.

The Board agreed to have the Town map laminated as presented and installed on the kiosk, one side of which is specified for Town Use.

### **Public Input I**

G. Fuller asked about the brochures and where would they be available. P. Bolster noted brochures would be available at the kiosk, town hall, library, conference center and the chamber of commerce, that snow mobile trails are not identified on the map, but the brochure lists a web site. The ultimate goal of this project is to make these places more accessible for the public.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

1. Vote to Approve the Minutes of May 5, 2008, Public and Non-Public (sealed) sessions. The minutes were amended in Public Session I for corrections to pages 5 & 8. and in the Non Public Session, page 1, the minutes were corrected to change the name "Sam" to Michael. W. Curtin motioned to approve Public Session I and the Non-Public (sealed) minutes as amended, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with one abstention (PF)

W. Curtin motioned to approve Public Session II minutes, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with one abstention (PF)

### **Old Business**

1. Moose Grant Extension – P. Fuller motioned to approve the extension from June 2008– December 2008 and to authorize that R. Bailey sign the documentation, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

### **New Business**

1. Review - Society for the Protection of N.H Forests and Lands Request – R. Bailey noted that the document as submitted needs to be signed that there is no hazardous waste as outlined on the map that was provided for the Board's review. The Town Assessor had also noted no hazardous materials existed. S. McMahon motioned to sign, seconded by W. Curtin and the motion passed with all in favor.

2. Hawkers and Vendors Application – The Board met with Kelly Beckwith the applicant. It was noted the same conditions would apply as to the previous approval. K. Beckwith her route would be the same as approved in 2007. S. McMahon motioned to approve the application, with the same conditions, including noise restrictions, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
  
2. Annual Winnepesaukee Relay Race – The Board reviewed the request from the No. Medford Racing Club who sponsor the race. W. Curtin motioned to approve the request conditional that the sponsors coordinate the event with Town departments, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
  
3. Vote to Approve Items as Submitted by the Town Assessor – W. Curtin read the items as submitted. W. Curtin motioned to approve items as submitted, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
  
4. Eagle Scout Project - R. Bailey explained this project would benefit the Senior Center, the proposed work would be to build a walkway and patio. P. Fuller motioned to approve the project as submitted, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey brought to the Board's attention that seniors would like to have a raised garden at the senior center. There were no objections from the Selectmen, R. Bailey will report back to the Board on this project.

#### Public Input II

R. Howard asked about paying a part-time prosecutor, for time and mileage. P. Fuller advised lawyers will travel all over the State for their clients.

#### Non-Public Session

At approximately 7:10pm, W. Curtin motioned to enter into non-public session, pursuant to RSA91-A,3;II (a) (c) and (e) the motion was seconded by P. Fuller. Selectmen Curtin polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: 6-5-08

