

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2010
Public Session I
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:00pm Chairman Hussey convened the public session of the Board, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

David Hussey, Chairman
Stephan McMahan, Selectman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
R. Loring Carr, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator
Ryan Heath, Police Chief

The Chairman led the assembly in a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda

R. Bailey noted additions to the Land Use Items and information to be distributed with reference to the request of the No. Medford Running Club and Winnepesaukee Relay Race. Also with regards to Item #4 in new Business, an additional donation of \$250 has been received. The Agenda was approved as amended.

Announcements -Memorial Day Parade – The Board members will march and David Hussey will speak at the ceremony.

Town Administrator Report – R. Bailey and the Board discussed workshop scheduling and it was agreed to meet on Monday, May 24th and May 26th. Also in a review the Board voted unanimously to approve the name of *High Point Drive* for a road in an Alton Mountain Sub-division.

Department Head Report – Chief Heath met with the Selectmen and provided a report on personnel changes, updates to the website building expansion, and extended accreditation. He also presented a Mission Statement for his department. R. Heath continued that the department is working with Boy Scout Explorer Troup, Post 40 and they have 11 full-time recruits who will be marching in the Memorial Day parade in uniform,. R. Heath presented a sleeve patch as designed by the Explorer's, with the Town Seal.

Chief Heath noted that 3 of the Alton Police officers had received awards from the Police Standards and Training as follows:

Sean Sullivan
Richard Vanderhoof
Bret Murray

R. Heath continued that the department continues to have over-lapping frequency problems with communications that the Board should be aware of and that a solution may be to have Alton dispatch during the daytime hours, and turn it back to Belknap County Dispatch during the night. Gilford and Wolfeboro have this schedule currently. Belknap is now dispatching for 11 Towns.

Public Input I

R. Longabaugh reported that the ceiling microphone in the Heidke Room has been installed and is set up for four more mikes if necessary. He asked that the Board consider Doggie clean-up bags at the Bay. He asked about updating the Town web site and using High School students to help.

S. Parker asked that the Board consider repairs to the Bandstand, that it is unique and has been neglected too long and to replace the flag and to perhaps install an aquatherm to protect the structure during the winter months. L. Carr motioned that a volunteer committee be created to ensure the maintenance and care of the water bandstand, seconded by S. McMahon. (Secretary's Note: No vote was taken on the motion) S. Parker stated there should be funds set aside to preserve the bandstand. R. Bailey advised funds were used on cribbing but that he will discuss these concerns with Kellie Troendle and bring this matter back to the Board.

It was agreed to send congratulatory letters to the 3 police officers who received awards. L. Carr noted he was "happy with the LED lights". The Board commended Ryan on his Department and recognized the need for more storage space. S. McMahon suggested storage areas in the Town Hall basement. R. Bailey advised he has been looking into this, and will present his findings at a future meeting. The Board also noted the Highway Department had a good inspection. R. Heath advised the Smart Radar should be here shortly.

It was agreed to move on to the First Item in Old Business

Old Business

1. Alarm Ordinance –Chief Heath noted Homeowners need to properly maintain their security alarms but that billing costs are considerable and recommended certain changes to the alarm Policy. Following a review which included the difference of sending a police vehicle as compared to Fire Department equipment, The Board approved the changes and L. Carr motioned to accepted the Chief's recommendations relative to the Police Department only, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor. It was noted for the record this action will be in effect for Police Department responses only.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

1. Minutes of April 19, 2010 - L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes of April 19th, 2010, Public Sessions I, II, and III and the (sealed) Non-Public Session, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
2. Minutes of May 11, 2010 – L. Carr motioned to approve the Minutes of May 11, 2010 as submitted, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

Old Business (Con't)

2. Asphalt Shingles – R. Bailey referenced a memo from Scott Simonds, Director of the Solid Waste Center concerning a joint effort between the Town of New Durham and Alton to save transportation costs for the removal of shingles. After a brief discussion L. Carr motioned to grant approval to join in a Town agreement to recycle shingles as recommended, seconded by P. Bolster and passed. It was noted the Town is not locked into this arrangement and that there are no insurance issues.

New Business

1. Hawkers & Vendors Application – The Board met with Alton Resident, Mary White to review her application for permission to use a vendor space at the Bay. M. White described her business which is Drawn Portraits. Following a clarification on fees, L. Carr motioned to approve the application, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.
2. Vote to Approve Recommendations of Land Use Items submitted by the Assessor's Office – L. Carr motioned to approve and sign the Land Use Change Tax, Timber Tax Warrants and an Intent to Cut, as presented, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.
3. Welfare Policy - The Board reviewed the Welfare Officer's report and R., Bailey noted changes as recommended. L. Carr motioned to approve the changes to increase allowable rental amount by \$25.00 as presented, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
4. Milfoil Fund Donation – R. Bailey advised that a donation of \$1000 had been received from Gillan Marine and \$250 from Paula Kelson. P. Bolster motioned to accept these two donations, for use only for the Milfoil program, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor. It was agreed to send t thank you letters.

5. 2010 Lake Winnepesaukee Relay Race – The Board reviewed the letter from the North Medford Running Club who host the relay race. L. Carr motioned to accept the special events application as submitted, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
6. Request for Combination Beverage & Wine Liquor License - R. Bailey noted this request is from Fiddlehead Farms. L. Carr motioned that the Selectmen have no objections, and to send the letter, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

R. Ryan announced that the Police Department will conduct a Bike Rodeo at the Alton Central School on Saturday, May 22nd.

P. Bolster reported that the picnic shelter at the beach is nearing completion, the Rotary Club would like to continue making improvements to the beach and landscaping. It was agreed that the Rotary Club could do the work in coordination with Kellie Troendle at Parks & Recreation.

With regards to a septic system application that had been tabled, it was agreed to bring this matter to a workshop session and have the Health Officer in attendance.

Non-Public Session – At 7:30pm, the Chairman motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (a) (c) and (e), seconded by L. Carr. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: June 21, 2010