

**Alton Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2008  
Alton Town Hall**

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Chairman Alan Sherwood convened the meeting at 6:05pm, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

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

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

P. Fuller motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

**Announcements**

1. Chairman Sherwood noted that the Prospect Mountain High School, Baseball team won their division championship with 22 wins and no losses. It was agreed to invite the Team and the Barnstead Selectmen to their June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to congratulate them.
  
2. The Chairman noted the Fire works Display will be held July 3<sup>rd</sup>, rain date to be July 12<sup>th</sup>.
  
3. The Chairman noted the public is invited to a "Beach Warming Party" to celebrate the completion of the revitalization of East Side Town Beach scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am -1:00pm. Rain date is Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

PUBLIC HEARING  
**Reconstruction of Hayes Road**

Chairman Sherwood opened the Public Hearing and introduced Kenneth Roberts the Highway Agent. K. Roberts gave a brief summary of the work to be done to those residents present from Hayes Road. Also a map of the road with proposed work defined was available at the hearing for viewing by the property owners. He explained the area at the location of the bridge needs to be dredged and the area stabilized and that the road reconstruction would bring Hayes Road into compliance with Town Standards.

The Chairman asked for Public Input. The Board took into consideration residents comments that included their concerns about receiving notifications of the hearing in a timely manner, taking away the rural character by paving the area, if there are alternatives to paving, or widening the road, the impact of those horseback riding, there are many residents with horses and to keep Hayes Road as a dirt road. Residents noted although the road is narrow in some areas, there have been no major complaints, and not been many turn out incidents. Others asked about rock walls, landscaping, utility poles and trees, the length of time for reconstruction and about performing reconstruction of the road at the bridge specifically rather than the whole road. Other issues before the Board included speed of traffic would increase, the current speed now of school buses, problems with constant dust, and the use of sodium chloride and putting in rip rap.

At 6:50 the Chairman closed Public Input.

In a discussion the Board discussed the possibility of continuing the Public Hearing until June 30<sup>th</sup>, to allow the opportunity beforehand to conduct a site walk of the road. The Chairman asked for a show of hands from those residents present, whether to meet with them on site on a weekday or weekend, the majority raised their hands in favor of meeting with Board members for site walk during the weekday. A date was set for June 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 5:00pm beginning at Drew Hill Road.

P. Fuller motioned that the Selectmen conduct a site walk on Hayes Road on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm and to continue the Public Hearing on June 30<sup>th</sup> and to ensure property owners of Hayes Road were notified appropriately of the road reconstruction process and the Public Hearing, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed.

It was noted that the Board will forgo the Selectmen's Workshop Session as previously scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Appointment**

The Board met with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Young pertaining to their Barn Preservation Easement. E. Young explained due to high heating costs, he wanted to install solar panels on the barn, they would not be visible from the road. This is an alternative means for heating their farmhouse which dates back 1772. Following a discussion and review of the Town Assessor recommendations the Board was in agreement with the Assessor that installation of solar panels as proposed, is not within the spirit of the RSA easement as granted. The Young's asked about buying out the easement. R Bailey will have a calculation completed by the Assessor and will then contact the Youngs. It was the consensus of the Board to deny the request.

### **Selectmen's Committee Reports**

S. McMahon – S. McMahon stated the Budget committee had met last Thursday and reviewed minutes of their previous meeting, there is an issue of the School Board not having a representative on the Committee or an alternate member. The members reviewed the RSA and recessed until August.

Peter Bolster – P. Bolster advised the superstructure is in place at the beach and should be ready for the June 28<sup>th</sup> "beach party". He continued the "Alton is a Park" brochure has been distributed throughout Town and that the Map will be installed at the Bay.. He continued there will be a write up in "The Baysider" this week concerning this project. A sign has been installed at the W. Alton Riley Road Beach Area. The Parks & Recreation Director will be back to work this Tuesday. P. Bolster noted that the Downtown Revitalization Committee continues to make improvements, the decking is being installed on the freight building, and improvements are continuing. Memorial bricks commemorating Military Veteran's are available for sale and will be installed at the base of the flagpole.

W. Curtin – W. Curtin had no report at this time.

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P. Fuller – Selectman Fuller noted the education funding bill had passed into law without the governor's signature. Changes may be made, this has become very convoluted but she will continue to keep the Board updated, for now the bill has been reinforced to uphold donor towns as harmless through 2011. She added the ZBA continues to meet and hear cases.

A. Sherwood – Chairman Sherwood advised the Conservation Commission meets on schedule for routine business. This coming Thursday the Household Hazardous Waste Committee will meet at 7:00am, everyone is invited to attend.

P. Bolster advised the film and panel discussion he attended in Wolfeboro last week was very informative and could be beneficial to our Planning Board.

**Town Administrator Report and Verbal Updates**

R. Bailey advised the Board on the status of the 1-ton Truck. He noted the bids are below the amount appropriated at Town Meeting. P. Fuller moved to accept the bid of \$11,440 from E.W. Sleeper for the Truck Body and accessories and for \$22,557 from Irwin Ford for the cab and chassis, seconded by W. Curtin and the motion passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey noted that Wolfeboro had hired a consultant company to do a municipal survey, there would be no cost to the Town and a copy of the results would be sent to the Selectmen. It was agreed to complete the survey as submitted.

R. Bailey advised he had received an application for a Hawkers and Vendors License today from Beanie and Sports Fever, the vendor sells light up products and other collectibles, but is also requesting a permit to set up game, similar to a carnival vendor during old home days. He noted this particular request was denied in the past. P. Fuller advised she would motion on these as two separate issues. P. Fuller motioned to approve the request for the license for July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Old Home Day,(or for rain dates) for spaces available at the Bay and that no set up for vendor sales will be permitted until after 12:30pm, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey continued that Beanie and Sports Fever also requested a Hawkers and Vendors license to set up a game for prizes, a duck pond, similar to a carnival type event. In a discussion, P. Bolster asked if there was a Town ordinance restricting this activity. P. Fuller motioned to deny the duck pond, seconded by W. Curtin and the motion passed with one abstention (PB)

P. Bolster suggested a policy or ordinance should be in place, rather than a case by case basis.

### **Public Input I**

A citizen from East Alton suggested the Selectmen focus on improvements to the downtown area. A. Sherwood advised the Board will be re-examining a charette that was prepared a few years ago to address the issue facing downtown including improvements to the sidewalks, lighting and future planning.

### **Approval of Selectmen's Minutes**

June 2, 2008 - Public Session I & II and (sealed) Non-Public Minutes - Following their review and a correction to the date on Page I of the Public Session, W. Curtin motioned to accept the Public and Non Public minutes of June 2, 2008 as amended, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with one abstention (PF).

### **Old Business**

1. Sidewalk Bid - The Board and R. Bailey reviewed two bids as received from Early Contractors and GMI Construction for paving 1293' of sidewalks at the Bay. R. Bailey advised these were received prior to the required date and opened this today. R. Bailey recommended Early Contractors at the low bid of 4480.80, compared to \$6,600 from GMI. W. Curtin motioned to grant the Town Administrator to contract the bid with Early Construction to include a June 30<sup>th</sup> completion date, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

### **New Business**

1. Road Paving Bids - The Board and Town Administrator reviewed the three paving bids for Stockbridge Corner Road, Hayes Road, B&M R.R. Park and Police Parking Area. The three bids submitted were from Pike Industries, Inc., GMI Asphalt Corporation and CLD Paving. P. Fuller motioned to award CLD

Paving the paving bid package as presented for the amount of \$336,480, seconded by P. Bolster for discussion. P. Bolster questioned the difference in charging more for paving the B & M R.R. Park and Police Parking Area as compared to the lower charges from the other bidders. With reference to the B. & M. R. R. parking area, Road R. Bailey advised a binder would be needed, all necessary verbiage will be in place, the motion then passed with all in favor.

2. Culvert Bids – The Board and Town Administrator reviewed the culvert bids, based on the recommendation, P. Fuller motioned to award the bid to JAF Industries as the low bidder seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

3. Warrant Unlicensed Dogs - A. Sherwood motioned to sign the warrant as presented by the Town Clerk relative to Unlicensed Dogs, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

4. Vote to Approve Recommendations from the Land Use Department – A. Sherwood read the items as submitted and motioned to sign the items as submitted accordingly, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

5. Annual Alton Bay Boat Show - Following a discussion and review of a request to have the Boat Show at the Bay on August 9<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 8:00am to 12 noon, P. Fuller motioned to approve the request, seconded by P. Bolster and the motion passed with all in favor. W. Curtin noted boat safety checks are taking place at the Bay this weekend. P. Bolster advised the Boat Museum has displays and pictures of Alton Bay.

**Public Input**

None

**Vote to Enter into Non-Public Session** – At approximately 8:08pm, the Chairman motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (a) (c) and (e), the motion was seconded and 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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