

**ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 20, 2012**  
**Public Session II**  
**ALTON TOWN HALL**

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At approximately 6:00pm, Chairman Hussey convened the meeting of the Board, and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Selectmen and staff present were as follows:

David Hussey, Chairman  
Peter Bolster, Selectman  
Cydney Johnson, Selectman  
Marc DeCoff, Selectman  
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator  
*Note: Selectman Loring Carr absent*

**Approval of the Agenda** – R. Bailey amended the agenda to include the C & D Bid as item #5 in Old Business: A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Peter Bolster, seconded and passed with all in favor.

**Appointments:**

- 1) Presentations to Amelia Sweezy and Thomas Decowski - Alton Firefighters. D. Hussey read a letter from Fire Chief Scott Williams acknowledging actions taken by two Alton Fire Fighters when they pulled a young swimmer who was in distress, out of the water at the W. Alton Town Beach and began life saving intervention. Selectman DeCoff presented Amelia Sweezy and Thomos Decowski with certificates from the Selectmen and Selectman Bolster presented each of them a certificate from the Governor congratulating them for taking quick and immediate action in saving the life of a young child.
- 2) Simon Thompson – S. Thompson explained he was here from Kelly Ayotte’s Manchester Office and her representative. That it is her desire to have a member of her staff visit municipalities to answer any questions or concerns. He stated he was happy to have been at the awards presentation for the two fire fighters. He continued that the members could contact him as a point of contact. He had kept this appointment even though K. Ayotte had been in Alton a short time ago.

**Announcements:**

Household Hazardous Waste Day - D. Hussey noted Household Hazardous Waste Day would take place at the Landfill on September 8<sup>th</sup>. R. Bailey explained the hours would be from 8:30am to noon and that Prescription medications would also be accepted at that time.

Primary – R. Bailey noted the primary elections would take place at the High School from 7 – 7 on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Administrator Updates and Verbal Report -**

R. Bailey noted he had received several request for work to be done on Town Roads. It was agreed to keep a list of roads such as Bay Hill Road & Stockbridge corner Road and have it ready when consideration is given for next year’s road reconstruction. Any road work will be for next year.\

R. Bailey continued he had received a memo from the Fire Chief a request to install a cap on the new command vehicle. D. Hussey motioned to approve the cap and necessary items as recommended by the Fire Chief, seconded by c. Johnson and passed with all in favor.

D. Hussey stated he and Board members had received many calls on 'the clear cutting' at the Bay. He continued that the Selectmen have gone out of their way as to what can be done but it is out of their hands, there is nothing the Board can do, legislation will be needed to make changes. He advised this has not gone un-noticed, that as of now everything is being done properly.

#### **Public Input**

None

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

July 30, 2012 Public Session I & II and (Sealed) Non-Public Session – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marc Decoff and not to release the sealed minutes, seconded by C. Johnson and passed with all in favor.

August 9, 2012 Public Session I & II and (Sealed) Non-Public Session – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marc Decoff and seconded to release items #3 and #4 on the sealed minutes, and passed with one abstention (CJ)

#### **Old Business**

- 1) Road Reconstruction Status – R. Bailey advised Rand Hill road should be finished by Labor Day or soon after. He will have a breakout for time and work spent by the Water Department.
- 2) Milfoil Project Status – R. Bailey reported all the chemical treatment has been completed, but not in the river. A meeting with the State is scheduled to discuss the pulling stage which is planned for September, and to continue the program, right now the project is on budget. In a discussion P. Bolster explained how the State Agriculture Department is involved, concerns about a gravel pack well, and the research that has been done, not to close the well down.
- 3) 911- Policy amendment – R. Bailey explained the appeal process on the amendment (for residents who have not posted their house # in accordance with the E-911 Policy). In a discussion, notices sent for violations, and a 30 time day appeal and if still in violation a fine of \$100 and if after 30 days, enforcement by the Police Department and then a court summons for the fine to be implemented. The Selectmen then approved a change from \$300 to \$100 fixed fine and allow for a 30-day appeal period. R. Bailey will have a final draft letter ready for approval. M. DeCoff motioned to approve the amendment, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.
- 4) Hawkers & Vendors Amendment – R. Bailey explained this amendment had been reviewed by the Town Attorney, the ordinance would be amended that there would be no approval of the license unless payment has been received up front, C. Johnson motioned to approve the amendment as submitted, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
- 5) Transfer Station C&D Bid – R. Bailey advised there were three bids opened. Dunton and Garfield were the low bid for \$111,450, and he noted that S. Simonds had reviewed the bid as submitted. This was for Phase I. P. Bolster motioned to approved the bid in the amount of \$111,450, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

**New Business**

- 1) 2013 Budget Review - The Board and Town Administrator discussed the 2013 Budget and the COLA noting the CPI for July is 1.1%, how this would affect employees and non-personnel items, spiraling costs, to increase or flat-line items, inflation, and other issues. R. Bailey advised once the budget is presented exceptions could be made or not, to wait and look at department budgets. D. Hussey stated to go with the CPI across the board, M. DeCoff agreed. The Board voted on 1.1% for COLA and non-personnel lines.
- 2) Driveway Waiver Request – The Board reviewed the request submitted by Monica and Franklyn Caine for 200 Woodlands Road. Following their review and the recommendation of the Highway Agent, D. Hussey motioned not to grant the waiver, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

**Public Input II**

None

**Vote to Enter into Non-Public Session** - At approximately 7:00pm, 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 and 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

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

David Hussey, Chair

Peter Bolster, Selectman

Cydney Johnson, Selectman

Marc DeCoff, Selectman

Minutes Approved:\_\_\_\_\_2012.