

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2011
Public Session I
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:05pm, Chairman Hussey convened the Selectmen's Meeting and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. Present were the following members of the Board and staff:

David Hussey, Chairman
R. Loring Carr, Vice Chairman
Stephan McMahan, Selectman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
Cydney Johnson, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Appointment – The Chairman introduced Cydney Johnson and welcomed her as the new member on the Board. C. Johnson stated she was happy to serve on the Board and she looks forward to serving the Town in the months ahead.

Approval of the Agenda

The Town administrator added item #3, Land Use Recommendation, to New Business. The agenda was approved as amended by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Hussey opened the Public Hearing concerning cutting of trees on Mauhaut Shores Road, present was Kenneth Roberts, Highway Agent. K. Roberts spoke on the plans to remove trees, and the work necessary for additional drainage, included would be replacing a pipe and installing a catch basin, also that the road will be widened. 32 trees have been designated for removal. Public Input was provided by a resident who was in favor of the project. E. Bailey advised that within 30 days and if no objections are received, the project will go out to bid. It was noted the road would not be closed, and there are 26 homes on the road, 10 families have year-round residences.

Announcement: D. Hussey noted all Town departments will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the following day, with the exception of the Solid Waste Center which will be opened on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

P. Bolster advised on the fundraising efforts for the Senior Center and that brochures had been mailed. Some donations have already been received. He stated the second mailing will go out next week.

S. McMahon – no report

L. Carr – L. Carr stated the budget committee is reviewing the proposed budgets and going over warrant articles and that a new member has been appointed.

D. Hussey – D. Hussey advised committees are still working on zoning laws.

P. Bolster noted work is finishing up on 28A at Bay Hill Road, D. Hussey stated that an engineer will be inspecting the stonewall there.

Town Administrator's Report

R. Bailey advised he had no report

Public Input I

Stephen Parker welcomed C. Johnson as the new Selectmen and noted her municipal experience.

Approval of the Selectmen's Minutes

Minutes were approved as follows:

November 2, 2011, Workshop Session – approved with 1 abstention (CJ)

November 1, 2011, Workshop Session – approved with 1 abstention (CJ)

October 24, 2011, Public Joint Workshop Session with the school (tabled)

October 24, 2011, Non-Public Workshop Session, to release items 1,2,3
approved with 2 abstentions (SM) (CJ)

October 24, 2011, Public Session Workshop, approved with 2
Abstentions (SM) (CJ)

October 19, 2011 Workshop, Public Session I & II and (Sealed)
Approved with 1 abstention (CJ)

October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting, Public Session I approved with
a correction on the 3rd line to read “attending
the committee reviewing ...“ and passed with 2
abstentions (PB) (CJ)

October 17, 2011 Non-Public Session to release items 2,4,6, & 7,
And passed with 2 abstentions (PB) (CJ)

October 17, 2011 Public Session II, approved with 2 abstentions (PB) (CJ)

Selectmen's Minutes (Con't)

- October 6, 2011 Public Workshop Session, approved with correction on item #5, change "seat" to *set*, passed with 1 Abstention (CJ)
- October 6, 2011 Non-Public Session (sealed) and Public Session II Passed with 1 abstention (CJ)
- September 26, 2011 Public Session I, approved and passed with 1 abstention (SM) (CJ)
- September 26, 2011 Non-Public Session (Sealed) and approved to release Items 1,2,3,4, and passed with 2 abstentions (SM) (CJ)
- September 26, 2011 Public Session II, approved with 2 abstentions (SM) (CJ)

Old Business

- 1) Reed Road Bridge – R. Bailey advised the construction contract has been awarded to Weaver Brothers, with the work to be complete prior to Christmas. He continued he had met with the FEMA representative and they are reviewing possible reimbursement of \$100,000 – 180,000 for some of the bridge costs. R. Bailey continued the approximate cost of the project is \$500,000, with 80% to be funded by the State.
- 2) Places Mill Bridge – R. Bailey explained that a fifth change order is needed, D. Hussey and L. Carr agreed to view the site for slope concerns.
- 3) Building Projects – R. Bailey advised on the work at the Senior Center and police building. He expects the doors for the senior Center and Town Hall to be installed this week.
- 4) Tax Rate – R. Bailey advised the Tax Rate has been approved at \$13.07 and bills will go out this week. Due date for bills will be Friday, December 27th.
- 5) Public Hearing for Metrocast Cast TV – The board scheduled a Public Hearing For December 5, 2011. R. Bailey advised the Planning Department is reviewing the franchise. P. Bolster stated the cable company has not sent maps as agreed in the previous franchise.
- 6) Annual Town Report – The Board agreed on a cover for the report. R. Bailey advised the Report will be printed in house as much as possible with only 250 copies to be produced, more can be provided if necessary. The reports will be published on the web site as well.

7) Milfoil Bids - Following a review of the bids received, L. Carr motioned To accept the bid of AG Aquatics for a 10-day project at \$8,500 for the dash treatment and seconded by C. Johnson and passed with all in favor. L Carr motioned to accept the chemical treatment bid from Aquatic Control Technology Inc., in the amount of \$17,500 seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
And approved the warrant article for \$20,000.

8) Solid Waste Center Bids – By unanimous vote the Board approved the recommendations of Scott Simonds, SWC Director, and awarded Waste Management for C & D., an agreement will be necessary and E. Bailey advised this could be for seven (7) years, a recyclable contract would be for three (3) years.

R. Bailey noted the recommendation of ERCO of Epping NH for the clean C&D agreement. This would be a 7-year contract. The Board approved a 7-year agreement with ERCO for clean C&D recyclables.

New Business

1) Town Meeting Schedule – R. Bailey and Board Members discussed the schedule for deliberations. They approved the dates of February 8, 2012 and a snow date of February 9, 2012.

2) Pole Petition – The Board approved the request from Northern New England Telephone Operations (Fairpoint) and the NH Elec. Co-op for a new pole #32/136 On Reed Road.

3) Timber Warrant – The Board reviewed the Timber Warrant as submitted. L. Carr moved to accept the recommendation of the Town Assessor, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II - Representative P. Bolster advised on the HB relating to knives. There are no regulations on knives at the present time in the State of NH.

Non-Public Session – D., Hussey motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A,3;11 (a) personnel, (b) character/reputation and (c) claims/litigation, seconded by L. Carr. Chairman Hussey polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: December 5, 2011