

**TOWN OF ALTON
ALTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
APPROVED
MEETING MINUTES
December 30, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Miller, Chair
Karen Painter, Vice Chair
Greg Fuller
Richard MacDonald
Jeffrey St. Cyr, Alton School Board Representative
Steve McMahon, Board of Selectmen Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Dominick

OTHERS PRESENT: Russ Bailey, Business Administrator
Members of the Public

I. CALL TO ORDER

S. Miller called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

E. Dominick was absent.

R. MacDonald entered the meeting at 6:50 PM.

III. AGENDA

S. Miller added account #4330, the Cemetery Department, the increase to the Financial Officer's salary, and one other salary increase, and the Police Department. S. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SMc, GF, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED)

IV. MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee reviewed the January, 2009 meeting calendar:

- January 7, 2009 – Public Hearing (School), with a snow date of January 15, 2009
- January 8, 2009 – Public Hearing (Town), with a snow date of January 9, 2009
- January 13, 2009 – Public Hearing (Continuance) (Town), with a snow date of January 14, 2009
- January 13, 2009 is also the last date to post the Public Hearing
- January 20, 2009 is the last day a Public Hearing can be held
- January 31, 2009 is the School Board Public Hearing

V. MEETING MINUTES

S. Miller motioned to approve the meeting minutes of December 16, 2008 and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five yes votes, one abstaining, and one absent. (SMc, GF, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / abstain - JS)

S. Miller noted that on page 3 of the meeting minutes that the Technology Director's salary was the salary of the tech director and her assistant. J. St. Cyr noted a correction of the Deliberative Session date, noting that it was the date of the school deliberative session. He noted one grammatical correction. He also noted that the minutes should read that the Board "could do a budget line transfer but that they had not made one in the past."

S. Miller motioned to approve the meeting minutes of December 22, 2008 as amended and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five yes votes, one abstaining, and one absent. (JS, GF, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / abstain - SMc)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

S. Miller asked about the change to the Travel/Mileage budget line of the Police Department's budget. There was discussion about the Federal Rate for Mileage Reimbursement. S. Miller confirmed that the budget total included the mileage that had been negotiated with the Police Chief.

R. MacDonald motioned to reduce the budget line item for Police Department - New Equipment to \$800.00 and S. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one "no" vote and one absent. (Yes - JS, GF, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / No – SMc)

R. MacDonald motioned to reduce the budget line item for Police Department - K-9 Medical Expense to \$1,000.00 and G. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four with two "no" votes and one absent. (Yes - JS, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / No – SMc, GF)

The new total for the Police Department is \$999,991.00. The budget was reduced by \$900.00 by the two above motions.

R. MacDonald motioned to approve the budget for the Police Department at \$999,991.00 and G. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one "no" vote and one absent. (Yes - JS, GF, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / No – SMc)

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

R. Bailey presented data about the hours that the Animal Control Officer has spent on calls. He reported that Captain Heath would be able to discuss the information better at the public hearing but that he was not available for tonight's meeting. He noted that the data is not a full, accurate reflection of the hours that the ACO has been on call.

S. Miller spoke about the coverage that the Alton Police Officers were able to provide over the year when the position was vacant. R. Bailey spoke about the coverage that the ACO would provide as a part-time officer when he was not needed as the ACO. The position is a three-quarter position; not full-time. S. Miller felt that having an additional officer available at a lower rate was

a good argument and stated he supported the change. K. Painter asked why the officer was not included in with the Police Department Salary budget line item. R. Bailey stated that it is view of the Police Chief that the first priority would be that this position would be for an Animal Control Officer. Currently there is an ACO for 500 hours.

S. Miller motioned to reduce the ACO Salary 0097 from \$27,649.00 to \$19,043.00 and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with two “no” votes and one absent. (Yes - GF, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / No – SMc, JS)

G. Fuller motioned to approve the amended budget for Animal Control Officer at \$22,373.00 and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with two “no” votes and one absent. (Yes - GF, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / No – SMc, JS)

FIRE HYDRANTS

R. Bailey reported that the Selectmen have agreed to move this budget into the Fire Department’s budget and he would make sure it was in the budget for the Public Hearing.

R. MacDonald motioned to approve making the Fire Hydrant budget zero and to move it to the Fire Department’s budget. S. McMahon seconded the motion. This will create a new budget line item for the Fire Department’s budget. S. Miller asked if anyone wanted to make a case against this change and G. Fuller asked why should they pay for something that they have already paid for once. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one “no” vote and one absent. (Yes - JS, RM, KP, SM, SMc / absent – ED / No – GF)

R. MacDonald motioned to increase the budget for Fire Department to \$320,730.00, which includes the cost of fuel and the cost of the fire hydrants. K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one “no” vote and one absent. (Yes - JS, RM, KP, SM, SMc / absent – ED / No – GF)

SALARY INCREASES

S. Miller reported that the Finance Officer’s salary and the Solid Waste Director’s salary were increased. R. Bailey reported that the finance person’s increase was to bring her salary to market value for her training/experience. He reported the average starting salary is between \$40,000-\$52,000. R. Bailey stated that the salary was brought in by him to make it more fair. There was discussion about out-of-step salary raises.

S. McMahon motioned to approve the Salary budget line item to \$52,191.00 and R. MacDonald seconded the motion. G. Fuller amended the motion to make budget line Selectmen’s Contingency \$10,000.00 and S. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed with five yes votes, one “no”, and one absent. (JS, GF, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / No - SMc)

G. Fuller motioned to approve the budget for General Government at \$328,459.00, including the change to Salary at \$52,191.00 and with taking \$10,000.00 from the Selectmen’s Contingency and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed with five yes votes, one “no”, and one absent. (JS, GF, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / No - SMc)

S. Miller spoke about the increase to the Solid Waste Department Director’s salary to \$45,561.00. This is an out-of-step increase. The new budget for Solid Waste Department is \$473,157.00 because there were decreases in other areas, such as fuel.

S. Miller motioned to change Solid Waste 4324 to \$473,157.00 with all lines from the work product dated September, 2008 and R. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed with five yes votes, one “no”, and one absent. (JS, GF, RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / No - SMc)

There was a brief break.

VII. WARRANT ARTICLES

S. Miller read Warrant Article #4:

ARTICLE 4: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$34,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new police patrol vehicle SUV 4WD which will replace an existing vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

R. MacDonald spoke about his concerns about the size of the vehicle. S. Miller felt that the cost of the vehicle was about \$5,000.00 above what the market value should be.

Warrant Article #4 was tabled.

[There was no Article #5 to be approved.]

S. Miller read Warrant Article #6:

ARTICLE 6: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget committee] (A majority vote is required)*

G. Fuller motioned to approve Warrant Article #6, as written and R. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SMc, GF, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #7:

ARTICLE 7: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

G. Fuller spoke about the other capital improvement projects for the town and felt that this should be included with that request. R. MacDonald motioned to approve Warrant Article #7 as written and S. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one “no” vote and one absent. (SMc, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no - GF)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #8:

ARTICLE 8: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be added to the Building and Site Improvements Capital Reserve Fund for the transfer station which also includes the EPA storm water management implementation requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

G. Fuller spoke about the funding of this capital reserve fund and asked why \$10,000.00 would not make a difference. R. Bailey stated that they felt that this could not be included in with a bond issue. There was discussion about some of the projects that had been planned to be done but were held because of the tornado and other issues.

S. Miller motioned to not recommend Article #8 and K. Painter seconded the motion. S. Miller spoke about the current economic times and felt that this was not a good time to request this large of an amount of money. The motion failed by a vote of three “yes” and three “no” votes. (Yes – SM, KP, GF / No – RM, SMc, JS)

S. Miller motioned to recommend Article #8 and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of three “yes” and three “no” votes. (Yes – SM, KP, GF / No – RM, SMc, JS)

K. Painter felt that Article #7 should not be recommended based on the same logic of Article #8, and S. Miller seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of three “yes” and three “no” votes. (Yes – SM, KP, GF / No – RM, SMc, JS)

R. Bailey noted that a majority would be needed to override the vote made earlier on Article #7 and the original vote on Article #7.

J. St. Cyr asked what the difference was in the amount requested in this year’s Warrant Articles and last year’s Warrant Articles. R. Bailey reported that this year’s request is \$260,000.00 less than the previous year’s request.

S. Miller read Article #9:

ARTICLE 9: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund for the maintenance and installation of sidewalks. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller stated that he would support this if the money was spent from the Capital Reserve on the project. R. Bailey reported that \$4,000.00 has been spent and noted that this is something that will be taking a higher priority.

S. Miller motioned to approve Article #9 as written and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SMc, GF, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED)

S. Miller spoke about the plan that President-Elect Obama has for infrastructure improvement and the funding of projects that are “ready to go”. R. Bailey stated there is discussion about the funding of projects and they will be seeking assistance.

[There was no Article #10.]

R. Bailey reported that Articles #11 and #12 had an unknown dollar amount at this time because of a recent change in position by the Selectmen. These two articles will be presented at the Public Hearing with the correct dollar amount to be requested.

[There was no Article 13.]

S. Miller read Article #14:

ARTICLE 14: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$139,000.00) and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$139,000.00 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established under RSA 31: 95c for the purpose of the ambulance lease payment, ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and there will be no funds raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller motioned to approve Article #14 as written and G. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SMc, GF, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED)

[There was no Article #15.]

S. Miller read Warrant Article #16:

ARTICLE 16: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$50,421.00) for the lease payment on the Fire Rescue Vehicle. The sum of \$50,421.00 to come from fund balance (surplus) and no funds to be raised from general taxation. This is the fifth and final payment on the lease/purchase of a five-year agreement, which was approved in the 2004 Town Meeting and the vehicle was received in 2005. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller motioned to approve Article #16 as written and S. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SMc, GF, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #17:

ARTICLE 17: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,00.00) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new Fire SUV Command vehicle to replace the existing 1998 SUV vehicle. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

R. Bailey explained that there is no current SUV because the one that had been used has died. He stated that the Fire Chief is using his personal vehicle but there is no SUV Command vehicle. This article was tabled so that an exact dollar amount could be placed in the wording.

S. Miller read Warrant Article #18:

ARTICLE 18: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$. This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller motioned to approve Warrant Article #18 and G. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SMc, GF, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED)

[There were no Warrant Articles #19 – 24.]

S. Miller read Warrant Article #25:

ARTICLE 25: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$8,996.00) for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility, transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance, Women, Infants and Children food assistance program (WIC). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller motioned to approve Warrant Article #25 and K. Painter seconded the motion. G. Fuller felt that it was not the job of the town to fund these things but that it should be done by private organizations. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one “no” vote and one absent. (SMc, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no - GF)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #26:

ARTICLE 26: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$11,654.00) for the purpose of supporting the VNA Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller motioned to approve Warrant Article #26 as written and S. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one “no” vote and one absent. (SMc, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no - GF)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #27:

ARTICLE 27: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$9,570.00) for the purpose of supporting the Youth Services Bureau, which provides alternatives to court involvement for juvenile offenders, parent/child mediation, intervention and education programs. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and not recommended by the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller reported that over 30% of the funds are used in administration costs. He listed the three programs that YSB offers, including the enrollment and referral statistics for 2008 for Alton minors:

Program Name	Referrals	Enrollment
Diversion Program	22	0 (0%)
Challenge Program	17	2 (12%)
Prime For Life	5	0 (0%)

He reported that out of the three programs that Youth Services has that there were forty-four referrals made of Alton youths last year and that only two of those referred ended up enrolling in the programs offered. S. Miller motioned to not recommend Warrant Article #27 and G. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with two “no” votes and one absent. (GF RM, KP, SM / absent – ED / no - SMc, JS)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #28:

ARTICLE 28: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100.00) for the purpose of supporting the Community Health and Hospice, which provides visiting nurse, homemaker and hospice services to residents. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller reported that Alton received about \$52,000.00 worth of services and 192 families received services with over 400 visits. S. Miller motioned to approve Article #28 as written and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one “no” vote and one absent. (SMc, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no - GF)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #29:

ARTICLE 29: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (\$2,283.00) for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provide disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller motioned to approve Warrant Article #29 as written and S. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one “no” vote and one absent. (SMc, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no - GF)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #30:

ARTICLE 30: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the Alton Community Services which provides a food pantry and assistance programs for fuel, prescriptions, utilities, housing in close coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller motioned to approve Warrant Article #30 as written and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one “no” vote and one absent. (SMc, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no - GF)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #31:

ARTICLE 31: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$163.00) for the purpose of supporting the Medication Bridge Prescription Program which is a not for profit volunteer program that provides assistance to residents in need of prescriptions in coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

K. Painter motioned to approve Warrant Article #31 as written and S. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one “no” vote and one absent. (SMc, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no - GF)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #32:

ARTICLE 32: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the purpose of supporting the New Beginnings which provides 24 hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operate a shelter and provide counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller reported that he had spoken with the program's director and was told that they have given services to 20 to 25 women, including 17 victims. He reported that it costs approximately \$180/night for a shelter. He reported that their administrative costs are under 20%.

K. Painter motioned to approve Warrant Article #32 as written and S. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with two "no" votes and one absent. (SMc, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no – GF, RM)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #33:

ARTICLE 33: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller reported that he had spoken with the program's director and that this request was 25% of the cost of services provided to Alton. He reported that approximately 90 clients were served.

S. Miller motioned to approve Warrant Article #33 as written and S. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with two "no" votes and one absent. (SMc, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no – GF, RM)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #34:

ARTICLE 34: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of supporting Caregivers Transportation which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller motioned to approve Article #34 as written and J. St. Cyr seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one "no" vote and one absent. (SMc, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no - GF)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #35:

ARTICLE 35: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller reported that 13.5% of the funds are used for administrative purposes. He reported that he had not heard back from the program's director about the number of clients they served last year.

S. Miller motioned to approve Warrant Article #35 as written and S. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with two "no" votes and one absent. (SMc, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no – GF, RM)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #36:

***ARTICLE 36:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for the purpose of supporting Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2008. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller reported that only 13% of funds were used to cover administration costs. He reported that 17 Alton residents were enrolled in the program in 2006 and 14 Alton residents were enrolled in 2007.

S. Miller motioned to approve Warrant Article #36 as written and R. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of five, with one "no" vote and one absent. (SMc, RM, KP, SM, JS / absent – ED / no - GF)

S. Miller read Warrant Article #37:

***ARTICLE 37:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town Employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee] (A majority vote is required)*

S. Miller motioned to approve Warrant Article #37 and S. McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of four, with two "no" votes and one absent. (SMc, RM, SM, JS / absent – ED / no – GF, KP)

R. Bailey reported that he had not submitted the warrant article for the generator that would be needed in an emergency. S. Miller stated that until they have the wording that they do not have an article. R. Bailey would bring the warrant article to a future meeting.

G. Fuller asked if the human services organizations that had requested money had come in person to ask for the money. R. Bailey reported that he receives letters from the organization and they are not required to come to the Selectmen to ask for the money.

K. Painter disclosed that she is on the Board of Directors for Community Action Program, in light of Warrant Article #25.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

X. ADJOURNMENT

K. Painter motioned to adjourn and J. St. Cyr seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SMc, KP, SM, JS, GF, RM / absent – ED)

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista Argiropolis
Recorder