

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes  
January 9, 2024  
*(Approved - February 13, 2024)*

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Chairman P. LaRochelle convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

P. LaRochelle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following staff members were present:

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Paul LaRochelle, Chairman  
Brock Mitchell, Vice- Chairman  
Andrew Morse, Selectman  
Nicholas Buonopane, Selectman  
Richard Shea, Selectmen  
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator

**Agenda Approval**

B. Mitchell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Announcements**

- The Public Participation Policy applies to all Selectmen meetings. A copy of it is on the back of each agenda, posted outside this meeting room, and on our website.

**Public Input I (limited to 3 minutes per person on agenda items only)**

None

**Appointments**

None

**New Business**

1. Girl Scout Troop #63776 - Fee Waiver Request

R. Heath stated that this email is from the Troop that meets regularly at the Alton Bay Community Center. They are requesting a waiver of the \$5.00 fee every week. They have a strong history in the community. He recommends that the Board does waive the fee.

B. Mitchell made a motion to waive the \$5.00 fee for the Girl Scouts Troop #63776 and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. Fire Department - Volunteer Fire Assistance Funds Grant - Approval

R. Heath stated that there is a copy of a grant application from the Division of Forest and Land. The Fire Department has been awarded a 50/50 match grant. It is a \$1,000.00 grant and the Town would be responsible for \$500.00.

N. Buonopane made a motion to grant approval for the Fire Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 matching \$500.00 and authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Board and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Old Business**

None

**Selectmen Reports**

R. Shea stated that there is an HHW meeting tomorrow. The Budget Committee has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night. They will be looking at Warrant Articles for the Public Hearing.

N. Buonopane stated that there is an upcoming Planning Board meeting next week.

A.Morse had nothing to report.

B. Mitchell had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle stated that there was a Zoning Board meeting last Tuesday. He stated that he is very thankful for all the efforts in the cleanup after the first major snowstorm of 2024. He would like to say Kudos and Thank You for a job well done.

**Town Administrator Report**

R. Heath stated the first item is that the next meeting conflicts with the State primary. It is the same day. That meeting needs to be changed. It is the consensus of the Board to move the meeting to January 18, 2024.

R. Heath asked the Board what their schedule will be for the State Primary. There needs to be at least two Selectmen there at one time. The Board discussed their individual times that they will be there.

R. Heath stated that the next thing is there is an additional payment to the Block Grant and a Public Hearing needs to be scheduled to accept the funds. It is the consensus of the Board to post it and have the hearing on February 13, 2024.

R. Heath stated that the last thing is that there is a Department of Safety Grant announcement. The Captain at the Fire Department reached out and asked for this to go before the Board for approval to put in an application. It is the consensus of the Board to put in the application.

**Approval of Minutes**

**December 26, 2023 - Public Session**

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the minutes for December 26, 2023 - Public Session and R. Shea seconded with 4 Affirmative and 1 abstention (BM).

**Consent Agenda Approval**

R. Shea made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for January 9, 2024 and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**1. Land Use Items**

**Administrative Abatements**

Rattlesnake Island Association; Map 62 Lot 21; Nowici Point Road; \$1,282  
Rattlesnake Island Association; Map 75 Lot 46; Rattlesnake Island; \$868  
Rattlesnake Island Association; Map 76 Lot 97; Rattlesnake Island; \$336

**Military Service Credits**

Winegar; Map 71 Lot 120; Standard Service Credit; \$750  
Portigue; Map 5 Lot 45; Standard Service Credit; \$750  
Andres; Map 2 Lot 20; Standard Service Credit; \$750  
Bartlett; Map 6 Lot 19; Standard Service Credit; \$750  
Shurtleff; Map 12 Lot 63-2; All Veterans Credit; \$750  
Letellier; Map 4 Lot 17-1-1; Standard Service Credit; \$750  
Joseph; Map 71 Lot 5; Standard Service Credit; \$750  
Curley; Map 48 Lot 56; All Veterans Credit; \$750  
Carpenter; Map 69 Lot 28-1; All Veterans Credit; \$750

**Solar Energy Exemption**

Murdough; Map 2A Lot 32; Solar Exemption; \$11,400  
Cleveland; Map 2A Lot 36; Solar Exemption; \$12,170

**Discretionary Action on Requests for Appointments** (No discussion, majority vote required to allow/not allow appointment)

None

**Public Input II** (limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business)

None

Non-Public Session

Adjournment

P. LaRochelle moved at 6:16 pm to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, a (personnel matters) B. Mitchell seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle – yes            B. Mitchell – yes            R. Shea – yes  
N. Buonopane III – yes            A. Morse – yes            Roll call vote carried unanimously.

At 6:16 pm Chairman LaRochelle convened the nonpublic session with the following people present:

- P. LaRochelle, Chairman
- B. Mitchell, Vice-chairman
- R. Shea, Selectmen
- A. Morse, Selectmen
- N. Buonopane III, Selectmen
- R. Heath, Town Administrator
- Deb Pendergast, Interim Fire Chief

P. LaRochelle moved at 8:40 pm to exit nonpublic session. B. Mitchell seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle – yes            B. Mitchell – yes            R. Shea – yes  
N. Buonopane III – yes            A. Morse – yes            Roll call vote carried unanimously.

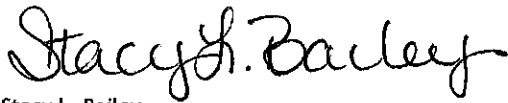
P. LaRochelle moved to 'not divulge' item two of the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board or render the proposed action of the board ineffective. B. Mitchell seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle -- yes            B. Mitchell – yes            R. Shea – yes  
N. Buonopane III – yes            A. Morse – Yes            Roll call vote carried unanimously

Adjournment

P. LaRochelle moved at 8:41 pm to adjourn. B. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy L. Bailey  
Recording Secretary