

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2006
ALTON TOWN HALL

The Chairman convened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 5:00pm, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman
Cris Blackstone, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Chairman Sherman led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence

Approval of the Agenda

P. Fuller moved to approve the agenda, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed.

Announcements

A. Sherwood noted that petition articles are due January 10, 2005
He also announced that dates to file for office are January 25, 2006 – February 3, 2006

Selectmen's Committee Report

C. Blackstone stated she had attended a Planning Board meeting and will be in attendance at a Budget Committee tomorrow evening.

P. Fuller advised in regards to the Bahr case the ZBA had turned down the Selectmen's appeal. She plans to attend a ZBA meeting on Thursday.

A. Sherwood stated there would be a Planning Board meeting beginning at 7:00pm this evening concerning a hearing on eleven proposed *Zoning* amendments and other matters.

Town Administrator's Report

R. Bailey noted in reference to encumbrances he would request \$812.80 be encumbered due to issues with the fuel supplier; in the event this amount would be needed.

The other is to encumber \$7000 for the highway department furnace out of their 2005 budget, and he is hoping for grants to help with this occurrence.

He continued the Code Enforcement office needs a computer for the secretary as hers has failed. This is a cost of \$1000.

A Sherwood moved to encumber \$812.80 from the Town Hall fuel account to cover the bill from Irving Oil in the event this must be paid and \$7000 from the highway department budget to cover the estimated cost of repair to the furnace, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

A. Sherwood made a motion to authorize the purchase of a replacement computer for the Code Enforcement Office for \$1000, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

Recess as Board of Selectmen and Convene as Board of Health

The Board met with Tom Varney with regards to a septic tank waiver for Map 40, Lot 11, T&B Realty Trust. The Board reviewed the plans with Mr. Varney and the property owner. They also reviewed and discussed the letter from the Health Officer who recommended denying the request. T. Varney noted there was another option. *The Board requested that Mr. Varney come back to the Board with revised plans and an updated design to protect the community well.*

Adjourn as Board of Health, re-convene as Board of Selectmen

A. Sherwood moved to adjourn as Board of Health and reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Public Input

R. Messier extended her good wishes for the New Year to the Board and stated v. I know we are going to SB2 there are a couple of issues that the people who pushed to legislate RSA 40:13 have not gone back and looked at, one of them has to do with the deadlines for the Town Report and all of the issues in the Town Report; I believe the deadlines still are prior to the voting but not in time for the deliberative session. I would like to have you consider the last warrant article on the deliberative session which is similar to the final warrant article we have had in the years past, under traditional Town Meeting, a warrant article where you have copies of last year's Town Meeting Minutes available to the public and available to act on at the deliberative session.

A. Sherwood commented it has been suggested that as sections of annual report became available and the minutes would be one of them, prior to being physically published, they would be made available on the website and persons could view them or download them and print them out. The minutes already exist.

R. Messier stated she would personally like to see it on the warrant at the deliberative session to avoid losing minutes, as happened at the school when it went to SB2. v. It would be very practical if each year while we are under SB2, that if when you do your warrant articles, there is a last warrant article and copies of the minutes of the previous annual Town Meeting deliberative session, it would be probably after this, but for this year, this next first deliberative session, that the minutes of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting are available. She continued there could be changes made or to approve as written, this would be the only opportunity to do that and this would become the final record for the Town for the past Town Meeting. She hoped the Board would consider this and agree with her.

R. Messier asked about the warrant articles with Capital Improvement Committee Recommendations and if these could be printed with the recommendations or not recommended, the same with the Board of Selectmen.

R. Longabaugh renewed his annual appeal to have Public Input #1 placed on the Agenda before the "Approval of the Agenda" With regards to "Alton vs Alton" he noted to the Selectmen that newspaper editors would headline this and it would only excite the taxpayers. He added the facility as proposed by Mr. Bahr would not be an eyesore and would not affect the community that much. The fact that there is "Alton vs. Alton, and a default budget, these would "turn the taxpayers off something terrible".

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

November 28, 2005 (Part I and II) - C. Blackstone made a correction to add the letter "s" to the last name of Cumming. A. Sherwood motioned to approve the minutes as amended for 11/28/05, Parts I and II as amended, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

December 5 – 2005 Public Session I & II and Non-Public Session – It was stated the release of April 26, 2004 NPS minutes covered only one issue as requested, R. Bailey advised other portions of the minutes had been redacted. C. Blackstone moved to accept the minutes of December 5, 2005, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with one abstention(PF)

December 19, 2005 – Public Session I & II and Non-Public Session – P. Fuller motioned to accept the minutes of December 19th as written seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

December 28, 2005 – Workshop Session – P. Fuller moved to accept the workshop minutes of December 28th as written, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. 2006 Warrant/Elections/Budgets – R. Bailey noted the offices up for election, a summary of expenses to date and proposed 2006 budget along with the warrant articles as enclosed in the Meeting Packets. He noted changes will be made to the BOCA Code, that it will be updated and renamed and Brian Boyers is working on this and it will then go to Town Counsel for his review and proper language for our building codes and he will speak to Town Counsel about updating this. This matter will be presented on the 16th.

R. Bailey continued that the default budget as approved by the Selectmen will be reviewed by the Budget Committee at the Public Hearing. Additional pages show the warrant articles.

He will be submitting an explanation on the reductions and increases for the DRA. The Board will need to sign the Default Budget.

The warrant needs to be posted earlier than the 29th for informational purposes. He asked the Board about meeting in a workshop to finalize the budget and warrant articles for posting. It was agreed to meet on the 23rd at 4:00pm

2. FEMA Flood Reimbursement – R. Bailey advised an applications had been sent for \$34,000, this would include filing for permits. The check received in 2005 will go into 2005 revenues in the amount of \$31,836.03.

New Business

1. Coheco Valley Humane Agreement - Following a review, P. Fuller moved to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract with Coheco Valley Humane Agreement for \$3, 175 for 2006, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

2. Pole Petitions (two) – NH Elec. Co-op – A. Sherwood moved to approve the pole petitions #2568 and #2569, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

3. Recommendations from Land Use and Property Records Department (52 items) P. Fuller moved to grant the recommendations as presented, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

4. Vote to sign Cemetery Deed for John Bowman, Row R – Lots 31 & 32 – A. Sherwood made a motion to sign the deed as presented for Row R, Lots 31 and 32, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed.

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Public Input II

R. Bailey noted the school art teacher came by with regards to posting Alton Central School Art Work over the murals as well in other areas of the first floor. In a consensus the Board agreed the art work could be posted as long as nothing comes in contact with the murals themselves. R. Bailey will contact the teacher.

Non-Public Session

At 5:50pm, A. *Sherwood* made a motion to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (a) (b) (c), seconded by P. Fuller, the Chairman polled the members who individually voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved 1/16/06

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PUBLIC SESSION II
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Chairman Sherwood reconvened the Board in Public Session. Present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman
Cris Blackstone, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Chairman Sherwood announced that the Board had voted unanimously to Seal the Non-Public Session Minutes of January 3, 2006.

At 7:03pm, the Chairman Adjourned the meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Russell Bailey
Town Administrator
Minutes Approved January 16, 2006
Alton Board of Selectmen