

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Session I
January 18, 2007
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 4:00pm, Stephan McMahon, Vice-Chairman convened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Cris Blackstone, Chairman
Stephan McMahon, Vice-Chair
Patricia Fuller, Selectman
Alan Sherwood, Selectman
A. Pete Shibley, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Administrator

Note: S. McMahon advised that Chairman Blackstone would be delayed.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

S. McMahon led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda

P. Fuller motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

S. McMahon noted Town Reports are due January 31st. The warrant and budget will be posted on January 29th and the Board will conduct a Public Hearing regarding Hidden Springs and Bridgit's Way.

Appointment

- 1) The Board met with Bruce Holmes and Peer Kraft-Lund(Town Planner) to discuss a petition article to discontinue Range Road. P. Kraft-Lund gave an historical perspective, the rights of other land owners were discussed. Following further review, A. Sherwood motioned that this petition should be forwarded to the Town Attorney for an opinion, if there is no problem with the wording,, and the other property owner is notified, if conditions are met, this petition may be within the time frame to be included on the warrant this year, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor

Selectmens' Committee Reports –

P. Fuller presented a survey from the Coalition Communities for the Board to review. She will be attending their meeting on January 30th and would like the Selectmen's input prior to that meeting.

A. Sherwood reported he had attended a Conservation Commission meeting last week, they approved a management plan.

He continued he had met with the Belknap Range Commission at the Gilman Museum and all those who attended agreed it was a convenient place to conduct a meeting. The Commission is working on statement mission and goals, and organizational structure. It is hopeful the towns of Gilford and Belmont will be involved.

P. Shibley had no report at this time.

S. McMahon stated he has been unable to attend every Budget Committee meeting but he does receive updated information.

Town Administrator's Report

R. Bailey advised workshops would be needed with regards to highway standards and reconstruction of roads. Also a review of the engineering proposal at the solid Waste Center needs to be reviewed. He advised another fire at an abandoned site had occurred today and he would be meeting with staff for more information. He advised that during the re-carpeting of offices at the Town Hall there would be some disarray. He reviewed the memo from the Town's computer consultants, and noted his computer and a computer in the assessor office need to be replaced. P. Fuller motioned to approve the purchase of four computers as recommended in the consultant's memo, seconded by A. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

He continued the Fire Department had received a \$1000 donation from the Sam's Club Foundation for the Fireman's Association to be used towards an off-terrain vehicle. This will be placed as an the agenda item because the check was made out to the Town and the Selectmen will have to either accept it, set it aside for a particular purpose or send it back.

R. Bailey advised at the next Selectmen's meeting he needs to have the summary report approved with regards to the groundwater monitoring at the Solid Waste Center.

Note: At this point, C. Blackstone arrived at the meeting. She advised S. McMahon to continue the meeting as Vice-Chair.

R. Bailey advised the Town Clerk and Moderator have discussed the placement of names on the election ballot, which due to a Supreme Court decision needs to be randomly decided. He continued the Town clerk and Moderator will make a decision.

Workshop – It was agreed to meet in a workshop session at 4:00pm on Wednesday, January 24th.

Public Input I

S. McMahon acknowledged Robert Longabaugh. R. Longabaugh advised that Metro Cast Cable TV has grant money available for video equipment. He suggested Jesse Lindland as the videographer for the Deliberative Session, his charge would be \$37.50 for three hours and \$15.00 per hour thereafter. The Board approved J. Lindland as videographer to be compensated as noted.

R. Longabaugh presented his suggestions about hiring of police personnel including revising the personnel policy and that the Board may want to make appointments from within the Police Department.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

P. Shibley motioned to approve the Minutes of Public Session I & II and Sealed Non-Public Session minutes of December 27, 2006, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with one abstention (PF).

Old Business

1. Warrant/Budget – R. Bailey advised the Warrant and Budget would be ready for posting and finalized by the 24th. The Board reviewed the petition article submitted by the Beach Committee. P. Shibley motioned to support the article for \$25,000 as recommended by the Budget Committee for Warrant Article 42 and to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for a new Town Beach, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed on a 3-2 vote. (PF) (SM) the Board discussed Article 39, repurchasing a 10 Acre Lot on Trask Side Road. R. Bailey advised he would review the language for this article with the Town Attorney.

2. Computer Network System - The Board reviewed the proposed upgrade computer network system as recommended by the Town Administrator and the Computer Consultants. It was noted \$20,000 had been encumbered to be used. A. Sherwood advised he had attended the discussions concerning this system and it would benefit the Town. P. Fuller motioned to approve the system as proposed(see attached) , seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

3. Camera Proposal – R. Bailey advised the cost of the video camera is \$3039 to be paid by Metrocast Cable TV - A. Sherwood motioned to approve the purchase of the camera as proposed by the Town Administrator, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

New Business

1. Vote to Approve a Cemetery Deed for Row M, Lot 47, 48 - P. Shibley motioned to approve the deed as submitted by the Cemetery Trustees, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.
2. Vote to approve the Recommendations of the Assessor's Office - A. Sherwood motioned to approve the recommendations, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

S. McMahon recognized Robert Longabaugh. R. Longabaugh suggested re-arranging certain warrant articles.

Non-Public Session

At 5:15pm, S. McMahon motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) (c) and (d), the motion was seconded and he polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: **January 29, 2007**