

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2010

Alton Town Hall

At 6:00pm, Chairman McMahon convened the meeting of the Selectmen, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Stephan McMahon, Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Vice-Chairman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
R. Loring Carr, Selectman
David Hussey, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

The Chairman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda

The Board amended the agenda to include an appointment with Mr. Longabaugh, and to add two additional items to the Board of Health, and in New Business to add the sale and disposal of Town Property and to add a Donation to the Fire Department, and to add the Entrance to the Town Hall. P Fuller moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

Appointments–

1. Ruth Arsenault - R. Arsenault met with the Board to discuss a petition article to see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of existing Town Beach capital reserve of \$25,000 by expanding its use to allow for maintenance of the Town Beach and Harmony Park. R. Bailey advised he will check on the language in the article.
2. Robert Longabaugh – R. Longabaugh discussed costs of taping the deliberative session. The board voted to compensate the videographer \$37.50 per hour and an additional \$15.00 per hour after two hours, for the 2010 Deliberative Session only. The Board was also agreeable to editing.

R. Longabaugh suggested that a wide angle camera lens would be useful for covering meetings in the Heidke Room and that the present videographer would no longer be able to tape meetings. The Board discussed the usefulness of mikes and the benefits of using a suspended microphone. R. Longabaugh will come back with a report on microphones. He also advised that candidates night is scheduled for February 11th.

BOARD OF HEALTH - The members voted to recess as Board of Selectmen and reconvene as Board of Health to review and vote on the following waivers. Present: John Dever, Code Enforcement Officer

1. Doyle Property – Waiver submitted by Thomas Varney, PE - Following a review of the plan and discussion, and recommendation from J. Dever that this is the most level spot on the property for the system to work effectively, P. Bolster motioned to approve the waiver request as submitted, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

2. Shea Property – Waiver submitted by Thomas Varney, PE - After a review and discussion and a recommendation by John Dever that this is an improvement over the current system, S. McMahon motioned to approve the request conditional if everything else goes through and to grant the waivers as submitted, seconded by P. Bolster for discussion. L. Carr noted that according to his figures and the amount of persons in the home, the system would be pumped every week and what about protecting future owners Other technology was discussed. It was agreed to discard the motion, and in a vote of 4-1 (sm) the request was denied.

3. Oui-No Building - 18 Depot Street - Waiver submitted by Fernstone Associates, represented by Peter Cooperdock, CSS, Certified Wetlands Scientist Following a lengthy discussion concerning the water table and the use of the building, L. Carr motioned to grant waivers as requested, seconded by S. McMahon, and the request was denied by a 2-3 vote (DH) (PF) (PB)

L. Carr motioned to adjourn as Board of Health, and reconvene as Board of Selectmen, the motion was seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

Selectmen's Committee Reports –

Peter Bolster – P. Bolster reported on the Milfoil Committee and the Lake Host Program and that they would be responsible for persons to be at the boat launch to check out boats. And he advised that that the School Building and Grounds meeting is scheduled for tonight, they are looking at a long term solution..

With regards to legislative issues, he advised on the Shoreland Protection Act and that a Shoreline Advisory Council will also be made up of property owners to offer input. Also a bill may be presented on licensing dock designers and installers, he will present more on this at a later date.

David Hussey – D. Hussey noted the Planning Board worked diligently on warrant articles and amendments. The Board had met will cell tower representatives on Prospect Mountain Road, and approved a minor site plan. The Board has been meeting several days a week over the past month.

Patricia Fuller – P. Fuller expressed her appreciation to the Board and her husband for their support over the past few weeks. She reported on the Coalition, and hearings in Concord over education funding, they are testifying on our behalf. She will continue to provide updates on whether Towns will be allowed to keep any left over funds, or if donor towns will return,

Loring Carr – L. Carr advised the Budget Committee had finalized their numbers, warrant articles have been approved, their numbers are lower than the Selectmen, there is a difference of \$15,000, the MS-7 is ready to be signed by the Budget Committee.

Stephan McMahon – S. McMahon advised that Household Hazardous Waste is finished for the year. There is a meeting tomorrow and an annual report will be prepared.

P. Bolster added that the Downtown Revitalization Committee is actively seeking funds to work on the Loon Cove train station. Also they are looking for contributions. Estimated restoration costs will total approximately \$25,000 before the work is finished. The Committee hopes to raise some of that money by spring to begin work on the building.

Town Administrator Report

Russell Bailey presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Town from the Alton Business Association for the use of the Gilman Museum and he noted they had recently donated \$500 toward maintenance costs of the building.

R. Bailey asked in the Board would approve police coverage during the Winter Carnival Event in February. L. Carr motioned that the town supply police coverage for the winter Carnival, seconded by D. Hussey and passed will all in favor.

Public Input

There was no Public Input

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes:

Vote to Approval the Minutes of December 7, 2009 - Public Session I– L. Carr noted several changes and additions, the Board voted to approve the minutes of Public Session I as amended also the (Sealed) Non-Public Session and Public Session I, with one abstention (PF)

Vote to Approve Workshop Minutes of December 1, 2009 – Public Session I & II and (sealed) Non Public Session – The Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of December 1, 2009 for Public Session I and II and (Sealed) Non Public Session as submitted.

Vote to Approve Workshop Minutes of December 15, 2009 – The Board voted with all in favor to approve the minutes of December 15, 2009, workshop Session.

Vote to Approve Workshop Minutes of December 29, 2009 - The Board voted unanimously to approve the workshop minutes of December 29, 2009 as presented.

Vote to Approve Workshop Minutes, Public Session I & II and sealed Non Public Session Minutes of January 6, 2010 – P. Fuller corrected the dollar amount in Item 2b. to read \$25,000. The Board voted to approve the minutes as amended with one abstention (PB)

Vote to Approve Workshop Minutes, Public Session I & II and Sealed Non Public Session of January 11, 2010 – The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted

Old Business

1. 2010 Budget Warrant – R. Bailey advised the time-line for posting is January 25, 2010. R. Bailey and Board members discussed options with reference pertaining to the RSA on land issues, including selling Town land and purchasing private Town Property. It a consensus, it was agreed to discuss this matter in a workshop and they will meet Monday Morning on the 25th.

After further discussion including sidewalk extension from the circle and a possible bike path, L. Carr motioned that the wording in the article states “no motorized vehicles”, seconded by D. Hussey and the motion passed on a 4-1 vote. (PF)

P. Bolster asked if the Board would be willing to send a letter to the NH DOT asking that left over funds from work at the traffic circle be used for improvements on Route 28. L. Carr motioned to approve. Seconded by P. Bolster and passed on a vote of 4-1. (SM)

2. Town Report – the Board reviewed recommendations for the cover and dedication of the Town Report. They approved the cover photo and will review the dedication further.

3. Compactor Bid-Solid Waste Center - Based on the recommendation of Scott Simonds, Director of the SWC. L. Carr moved to award the compactor bid to Atlantic Recycling Equipment, for the sum of \$38,488.26, seconded by D. Hussey and the motion passed with all in favor..

4. Emergency Management Grant – R. Bailey noted that NH Emergency Management has approved the grant request for equipment and a generator for the Pearson Road facility. He would need authorization to sign the grant documents. S. McMahon motioned to have the Town Administrator sign the document, seconded by L. Carr and passed.

5. Town Hall Entrance – L. Carr stated he would not like to have the original Town Hall doors exposed to the weather, other options should be considered. It was agreed this would be a spring project to weatherize the entryway, and that there is an architect's plan in place and the Building Inspector will be involved.

New Business:

1. Land Use Items – Vote on Recommendations of the Town Assessor - L. Carr motioned to accept the assessing recommendations, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor. L. Carr suggested that some of the current use funds received may be used for milfoil removal, and to have our Town Attorney review this.

2. Assessing Regulations Letter – The Board and Town Administrator reviewed the draft letter and it was agreed to review this further at their meeting scheduled for Monday.

3. Survey Request – The Board reviewed the recommendation from the Highway Agent to survey Smith Point Road to determine existing right of way for future planning for both drainage issues and paving. The Board voted to approve the survey as recommended.

4. Annual Groundwater Management Report - The board reviewed the report as prepared by John Kubiczki of ATC Associates for submittal to the NH DES, P. Fuller motioned to submit the report to NHDES, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

5. Disposal of Town Property – The Board reviewed items that will go out to bid. P. Bolster motioned to approve that they be put out to bid, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

6. Alton Fire Association – Donated Items – L. Carr motioned to accept the donation of two Polaris snow mobiles to the Alton Fire Association, and a trailer to haul them, these would be used for emergency purposes in search and rescue, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor. These will now be Town equipment, insured and maintained.

Public Input II

Brendan Berube stated that Marty Cornellisen had asked about the article on a walking path and if there was a restriction on motorized wheelchairs, and any maintenance, etc.

Non-Public Session – At 8:25pm, Chairman McMahon motioned to enter into Non-Public Session, pursuant to RSA91A:3, II (a) (c) and (e), the motion was seconded and the Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

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