

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes

January 20, 2021

6:00 PM

1 Monument Square

Alton, NH 03809

*(Approved – February 8, 2021)*

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Chairman R. Wentworth convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

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

Reuben Wentworth, Chairman  
Virgil MacDonald, Vice Chairman  
Philip V. Wittmann, Selectman  
Paul LaRochelle, Selectman  
Bob Holt, Selectman  
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator  
Laura Parker, Finance Manager

R. Wentworth announced:

Until Further Notice: To keep our members and staff safe, and to comply with RSA 91-A, the State of Emergency, and Governor's Orders, restrictions on public gatherings, The Town of Alton has moved from "in-person" meetings to "remote audio participation meetings". To remotely attend the meeting (audio only) visit our website: [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) for telephone access and remote access instructions listed under News and Announcements on the home page or telephone the Selectmen's Office 603-875-2113 or 603-875-0229 between 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for the Dial-in Code and Meeting ID for each Selectmen's Meeting .

**Agenda Approval**

B. Holt made a motion to approve the agenda and V. MacDonald seconded. Roll call vote:

B. Holt, yes	P. LaRochelle, yes	P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, yes	R. Wentworth, yes	

**Operating Budget Recommendation**

R. Wentworth read Warrant Article #9 Operating Budget. He asked if any of the Selectmen who voted against this Warrant Article, if they would be willing to change their vote and making a motion and second to that fact. He stated that this now represents the 2% that the Board of Selectmen recommended and the Budget Committee went along with it at their last meeting. B. Holt asked what the 2% represents. L. Parker stated that the spreadsheet in front of them have the 2% cuts. R. Wentworth stated that it is just a recommendation and is not cast in stone. V. MacDonald stated that he would change his vote as long as it is not taken out of any payroll. R. Wentworth stated that none of it comes out of payroll except for the Board of Selectmen. Discussion ensued about the various cuts that were proposed.

B. Holt made a motion to approve the Town Operating Budget with a 2% cut making it \$8,210,619.00 and P. Wittmann seconded. Roll call vote:

B. Holt, yes	P. LaRochelle, yes	P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, yes	R. Wentworth, yes	

**Adjournment**

P. LaRochelle moved at 6:21 pm to adjourn. V. MacDonald seconded. Roll call vote:

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P. Wittmann, yes

Respectfully Submitted,

*Stacy L. Bailey*

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Recording Secretary