

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes – Public Session I & II – Alton Town Hall – January 24, 2005

Chairman Fuller convened the meeting at 6:00pm. Present were the following members of the Board and Staff:

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

P. Fuller led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Announcements: P. Fuller announced the Election and Town Meeting dates of March 8th and March 9th respectively to be held in the new High School.

Approval of the Agenda

The Board voted to amend the agenda, to add Items to New Business as follows:

- #9 – Candidates Night
- #10 – Downtown Revitalization Committee Appointment
- #11 – Fundraiser for the US Robotics Team

S. McMahon motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

A. Sherwood stated the next Planning Board meeting would be held on the 25th beginning at 6:00pm, followed by a Public Hearing at 7:00pm relative to an interim growth management ordinance.

S. McMahon announced he would be representing the Board at the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Conservation Committee.

C. Blackstone noted that the Budget Committee is “winding down”. Some Budget Committee meetings conflicted with the ZBA Meetings.

P. Fuller stated the Downtown Revitalization Committee is working on its final design, they have applied for grants and other funding for the project and continue to meet on a monthly basis.

With regards to the NH Coalition of Donor Towns, P. Fuller noted a new bill has been sent to Congress and she read down a list of sponsors of the bill. She continued that this bill would hopefully, do away with donor Towns.

Town Administrator Updates and Verbal Reports

R. Bailey reported the Highway Department had installed the posts for the warning lights at the new school and the lights and timers should be installed within 30 days. He continued that the school had agreed to pay the monthly electric charges.

R. Bailey noted he had met with Scott Simonds, Director of the Solid Waste Center with regards to recycling discarded office paper. In a consensus the Board agreed to go ahead with this project at the Town buildings on a trial basis.

The Board discussed their February meeting schedule with R. Bailey. It was agreed to reschedule the 17th meeting until Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:00pm.

Public Input

Robert Longabaugh met with the Board to remind them of alternative dates relative to school board meetings, and he commended the Board for the Web Site and also suggested posting announcements on the Cable TV Community Bulletin and that he would be willing to act as the go-between on the Board's behalf.

R. Longabaugh continued he and Marybee will be conducting the program for Candidates Night which will be held Tuesday or Wednesday before the elections.

John Brooks met with the Selectmen and invited them to take a tour of the Pearson Road Center .

Approval of the Selectmen's Minutes

S. McMahon made a correction to the December 30th workshop meeting minutes, to change the word in Item #6 to Downing Drive. A. Sherwood made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with two abstentions(CB & SM)

S. McMahon made a motion to approve the minutes of January 3, 2005 to include a Selectmen's Workshop, Public Session I & II and the Sealed Non-Public minutes, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board then voted to Recess as Board of Selectmen, Convene as Board of Health.

Present: Thomas Varney, P.E and property owner Eric Brown.

The Selectmen reviewed the septic waiver as requested for Peggy's Cove relative to a failed septic system. Following a discussion, S. McMahon made a motion to grant the waiver as requested for Tax Map 40, Lot 10 in Peggy's Cove, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor. P. Fuller made a motion to adjourn as Board of Health, and to Reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

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Old Business

Town Auction of Surplus Property – R. Bailey noted progress is being made and bid openings will be held on 2/17/05. To date, the list includes 72 items.

He continued the Alton Historical Society has expressed an interested in some of the items. S. McMahon made a motion to grant the historical society the items they wanted with the stipulation if they are not being used then they should be returned to the Town, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey noted there is a soda machine and candy machine which have never been removed by the vendor despite several attempts to contact him by phone and mail. The Board granted permission to sell these machines, and if they were not sold at auction they should be disposed of at the Solid Waste Center. It was also agreed to add a microwave and freezer to the list of items for the auction. R. Bailey noted the auction may be extended to generate more interest.

AFSCME Contract Amendment: - R. Bailey noted the amendment needs to be signed this week. A. Sherwood made a motion to approve and sign the AFSCME Contract agreement as presented, seconded by P. Fuller and passed 3-1(SM abstained)

Town Report Status – R. Bailey noted the Town Report is 80% ready and asked that the Board rescind a previous motion to use the Town Logo on the front cover and instead to use a photo of the Town Hall. S. McMahon made a motion to cancel the previous motion and to use the Town Hall photo for the cover, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

2005 Warrant and Budget – R. Bailey noted the Public Hearing is scheduled for February 2nd. Petition articles are due on February 1st. He noted a letter received from the Fire Wards and Fire Chief asking the Selectmen to support a warrant article in the amount of \$11,000 for the purchase of protective gear. A discussion ensued as to why this amount was being put back into the operating budget after it had had been removed previously.

It was agreed unanimously to conduct a Workshop Session on Wednesday, January 26, at 4:00pm with regards to the operating budget and to invite the Fire Chief.

R. Bailey continued there were changes in the highway and solid waste budget. A. Sherwood made a motion to approve these changes as presented by the Town Administrator, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

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Request of Loon Preservation Group - Following a review, P. Fuller made a motion to put \$500 into the line item for the conservation budget for the Loon Preservation Group, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Request by White Mountain Kettle Corn – It was noted the vendors wanted a time extension on the night of the fireworks. S. McMahon made a motion to allow the sale of popcorn to continue until 11:00pm on the night of the fireworks, seconded by P. Fuller and passed.

New Business

PLT Agreement – R. Bailey noted this would be a 3-year agreement with the PLT Trust. An increase in costs would only occur if there was a new piece of equipment. S. McMahon made a motion to sign the agreement for a 3-year Agreement with the Property Liability Trust and to give the Town Administrator authority to sign the agreement, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Housing for the Elderly – R. Bailey advised he had calculated the figures for the Board's review. A. Sherwood made a motion to sign the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement for the Elderly Housing in the amount of \$3,654.55 for the 2004 tax year as presented, seconded by S. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Preservation Easement – R. Bailey stated he had an application for a Barn Easement and in accordance with NH RSA a public Hearing would be needed. The Board agreed to conduct a Public Hearing on February 23rd at 6:00pm. It was noted this would give the Town Assessor time to review the property.

NH Electric Pole petitions – The Board reviewed the Pole petitions as presented for Old Wolfeboro Road, Lakewood Drive and Halls Hill Road. A. Sherwood made a motion to sign the petitions as presented, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

Appointment to Gilman Museum – Following a discussion, S. McMahon made a motion to appoint Tracy D. Louvere as a member of the Gilman Museum Committee for a 3-year term, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Recommendations of Lane Use and Property Records – A. Sherwood made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Vote to Sign Cemetery Deeds – A. Sherwood made a motion to sign the cemetery deeds for Row C, Lots 42, 43, and 44, as presented, seconded by P. Fuller and passed. with all in favor.

Hawkers and Vendors Application – The Board met with Richard Legare. R. Legare stated his application was to sell seafood from his truck to be located at the village store in Alton. In a discussion, it was determined this would be a change of use and a year-round addition to the business and it was mutually agreed that the applicant should apply at the Planning Board.

Candidates Night – R. Longabaugh noted he would be coordinating and advertising this program as previously discussed and he will emcee the event as a moderator and Marybee Longabaugh has agreed to be timekeeper.

Appointment to the Downtown Revitalization Committee – P. Fuller made a motion to appoint Norman Crawford as a member to the Downtown Revitalization Committee, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed.

Request of U.S. Robotics Team - R. Bailey noted this request had just arrived. today and they would like to conduct a fundraiser during winter carnival. C. Blackstone made a motion to grant the request from the Prospect Mount High School First US Robotics Team to operate a Concession booth as presented, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II
None

Non-Public Session – At 7:30am, P. Fuller motioned to have a 5 minute recess, then to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (a) (c) and (e) seconded by A. Sherwood. The Chairman polled the members who each agreed in the affirmative and the motion passed.

PUBLIC SESSION II

The Selectmen took the following actions were taken:

The Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session.

The Board of Selectmen authorized the auctioning of roofing shingles in the Town Hall basement.

Chairman Fuller adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Patricia Fuller, Chairman_____

Alan Sherwood, Vice-Chairman_____

Stephan McMahon, Selectman_____

Cris Blackstone, Selectman_____

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Selectmen's Workshop
January 26, 2005
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 4:50pm, Chairman Fuller called the meeting to order. Present were the following members of the Board and staff:

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

It was noted the purpose of this workshop was to discuss budget issues.

- 1) Reviewed Fire Department Budget RE: Warrant Article for \$11,000.
- 2) Reviewed Water Department Budget RE: Admendment to Warrant Article

The Board voted unanimously to change these articles for the Fire Department and Water Department as requested.

- 3) The Board agreed that the Town Administrator contact NH Dept. of Environmental Services with regards to the Bergeron Dam Application.

Chairman Fuller adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted

E. Russell Bailey
Town Administrator