

**ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes – Public Session II**  
**February 7, 2005**

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The Chairman convened the Selectmen's 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 those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**Approval of the Agenda**

A. Sherwood made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

**Announcements**

P. Fuller read the notices of the Public Hearing for SB2 to be held February 16<sup>th</sup> and The Public Hearing for a barn preservation easement, to be held February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both hearings will take place at the Town Hall.

P. Fuller read a statement supporting Police Chief Iwan's job performance, and a letter commending Police Department Officers from Beverly Bolduc of Genesis Behavioral Health.

**Selectmen's Committee Reports**

A. Sherwood noted the Planning Board will meet February 8 and the 15<sup>th</sup>. He continued that on the 17<sup>th</sup> the Board will hold a forum to invite the community to discuss the master plan and listen to ideas from all the various sections of Town.

C. Blackstone encouraged citizens to run for the budget committee as write in candidates.

P. Fuller stated the Downtown Revitalization Committee is meeting once a month, they are working on a design. The Coalition house bill is #684. An education committee has been assigned to the legislative committee.

**Town Administrator Updates and Verbal Reports**

R. Bailey noted he had attended the TAC Meeting with regards to Regional Planning. The meeting was to review the 10 year state plan to reconfirm to the plan submitted for Rte 11 reconstruction and Rte 28 South between Alton and Barnstead. He continued there is support to phase in parts of Rte. 28 to make improvements in the most dangerous locations.

R. Bailey continued he had received a letter with regards to an audit in 2005 of the assessing department. He added that the revaluation is also scheduled for this year. The new values will be ready in August. He noted it was a coincidence that the audit and assessment would be held in the same year.

R. Bailey advised that he is looking into obtaining a grant for recycling bins to expand on the program and will bring more information back to the Board at a future meeting..

With regards to Letter S. Road, R. Bailey stated there are some concerns about erosion which will be addressed in the spring. He has been in contact with the Road Agent about this matter. Any work needed will be done by the Highway Department.

### **Public Input**

R. Messier presented handouts to the Board with her suggestions about changing the format of the Town Warrant and concerns that the Town does not have a Town Historian.

### Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

Corrections were made to the Public Session minutes of 1/24/05 as follows:

Page 1 – Remove “Mm4” after the name McMahon

Page 2 – Change the word “lane” to “*land*”

Page 3 - Change the initials CB to “*PF*”

A Sherwood made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24 as amended and the Workshop Minutes of January 26<sup>th</sup> seconded by P. Fuller and the motion passed with all in favor.

### **Appointments**

The Board met with Attorney Arthur Hoover who noted he was meeting with the Selectmen on behalf of Castleberry Fairs. After a review of issues relating to the fair, A. Sherwood made a motion to approve Castleberry's Fair request to use the Alton Bay area on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and September 3,4,5, subject to payment of damages fee from 2004 and to the terms and conditions in Attorney Hoovers letter of July 12<sup>th</sup>, there would be no exclusivity clause seconded by P. Fuller for discussion. It was agreed there would be no sale of animals, vendors will sell hand crafted items only. The motion passed with all in favor.

### **Old Business**

1. 2004 Town Report - R. Bailey advised the final draft is ready to go to the printer. He also noted the MS-7 is finalized.
2. Auction of Surplus Materials - R. Bailey noted more items will be on the list, and the fire department has vehicles. There are also items available for auction bid at the highway department. A. Sherwood advised the Town of Tuftonboro may be interested in fire equipment. R. Bailey advised bids will be opened on the 17<sup>th</sup>. R. Bailey continued the Gilman Museum has expressed an interest in a cabinet formerly located in the safe at the Town Hall.
3. Emergency Shelter/Generator – R. Bailey advised the Town has been awarded a grant for a generator to be installed at the High School. He noted the Fire Chief should be commended for the work he did in preparation to obtain the grant. P. Fuller made a motion to accept the grant in the amount of \$28,000 and authorize the Town Administrator to sign as administrator, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

### **New Business**

1. Request of the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project - P. Fuller made a motion to waive the fee for use of the Pearson Road Community Center by the Appalachian Mountain Teen Project, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor
2. Request by Jennifer Quinlivan - J. Quinlivan asked for a waiver of the current fee to use the Alton Bay Community Center. It was noted J. Quinlivan is not a non-profit business. In a consensus it was agreed to stay with the current policy which has been in effect since 1998 and to deny the request for a waiver.
3. Appointment to Conservation Commission – R. Bailey noted this person had been recommended by the Conservation Commission. A. Sherwood made a motion to appoint David Lawrence to a 3-year term,(March 31, 2008) seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
4. NH DES/Water Withdrawal – Chamberlain Springs - R. Bailey noted the Town or any other party has a right to respond by February 21<sup>st</sup> to address any questions before the state. No pump test has been done as yet.
5. NH DES/Bergeron Dam – R. Bailey noted an application for reconstruction has been submitted to the State. The Town has two months to address any comments.

6. Recommendations of the Land Use and Property Records Department – A. Sherwood moved to approve recommendations as presented by LUPR, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

**Public Input II**

R. Messier asked about the dirt floor in the Town Hall basement. R. Bailey advised it has always been dirt in that portion of the basement.

R. Messier asked if the Board would have a job description with reference to Article 9 on the Town Warrant (highway agent) to be presented to the voters.

**Non-Public Session**

At 7:15pm, P. Fuller motioned to meet in non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3, II, reference: (a) (c) and (e), seconded by A. Sherwood. Chairman Fuller polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rockwood, Secretary

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