

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Session I
February 14, 2011
Alton Town Hall

At 6:00pm, the Chairman convened the Selectmen's meeting and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

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

Approval of the Agenda – A motion to approve the agenda was made by P. Fuller, seconded and passed with all in favor.

The Chairman announced that Town Elections would take place at the High School and the polls would be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Town Administrator advised that a Public Hearing for the acceptance of Arianna Drive would be held February 28th 2011 at the Selectmen's meeting. He advised that he had received a letter from LRPA-TV asking that the Town have a representative to serve on their Board of Directors. He continued that at this time P. Bolster is an interim representative and that Robert Longabaugh could be the alternate. The Board approved Mr. Longabaugh as an alternate and to advertise for a citizen representative. P. Bolster agreed to serve until some one comes forward to serve.

R. Bailey continued he had received information concerning Depot Road and wetlands impact. A setback waiver may be needed. Encroachment issues were discussed. It was agreed the board needs time to review and that this matter will be put on the next agenda. It was also noted that in a court case regarding Brewster Academy and the Alton ZBA that the Supreme Court ruled the ZBA acted accordingly.

R. Bailey stated that the ABA had cancelled their participation in the winter carnival, and the ice run-way will not be opened.

Public Input I – Robert Longabaugh stated 37 voters were at the School Deliberative Session and if all committees are posting their public meetings appropriately and suggested that a review should be done on the minimum requirements.

The Board met with Susan Terzakis, a representative from Senator Ayotte's office who advised that if the Board has any questions, concerns or issues for the Senator to please call the office, her staff is there weekdays between 8:30 and 5:00 in Manchester at 622-7979.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes – The Board approved minutes of January 17th, 2011, and workshop minutes of December 20th, 2010 and December 13, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Milfoil Treatment - R. Bailey advised he had spoken with Water Superintendent, Dick Quindley and that last year the treatment could be done in that part of the river nearest the well because of contamination issues, opening up an older well would be more expensive and is not practical as an option. It was agreed that this matter go back to the Milfoil committee. D. Hussey motioned, seconded by P. Bolster that the Selectmen do not support opening up an old well, and passed with all in favor.
2. Solid Waste Container Bid – R. Bailey noted that Scott Simonds, SWC Director has recommended, Leavitt and Boucher. P. Fuller motioned to award the bid to Leavitt and Boucher as recommended, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.
3. Snow Plow Policy - R. Bailey that the insurance company is promoting this matter. Following their review and making amendments, L. Carr motioned to approve the policy with amendments, seconded by P. Bolster and passed.
4. Ground Monitoring Report – R. Bailey advised this is an annual report prepared by the Engineering firm. He advised there is bedrock and no indication of any ground water going into streams. P. bolster motioned to send the report to DES, seconded by P. fuller and passed with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pending Legislation – The Board reviewed house bills as proposed, recommending registering vehicles at dealerships rather than with towns., and noted that this bill has not been recommended by the Town Clerk's Association. R. Bailey noted the other part of this bill is concerning taxes, to cut in half, the interest rate and that if passed the Town would lose \$75,000 in revenue and the Tax Collector does not recommend this. The Board was in agreement to send a letter to our representatives stating that they would NOT be in favor of this bill.

2. Grant Acceptance – R. Bailey advised a check for \$19,285.20 has been received, and a vote is needed to accept these funds. D. Hussey moved to cash the check, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
3. Vote to Accept Land Use items – P. Fuller motioned to accept the recommendations of the Town Assessor, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.
4. Pole Petitions - The Board reviewed the Pole petitions from Public Service of NH as presented. Noted they had been approved by the Highway Agent. D. Hussey motioned to approved the pole petitions, seconded by P. fuller and passed with all in favor.
5. Equipment – Snow blower – It was noted the Parks and Recreation director, Kellie Troendle had received several quotes for this equipment, and that this had saved the Town money.

Public Input II

The Chairman acknowledged Roger Sample. R. Sample stated his operation had been shut-down by the Code Official and his crew has not been working since December and this has affected many people and he has had no decision yet. P. Bolster will meet with J. Dever, and then talk to Roger or R. Bailey about moving forward on his building project.

Non-Public Session – At 6:45pm, The Chairman motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3;11 (a) (c) and (e), and was seconded. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: March 7, 2011

