

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2014
6:00 PM

1 Monument Square
Alton, NH 03809

Approved: March 10, 2014

R. Loring Carr convened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following members and staff were present:

R. Loring Carr, Chairman
David Hussey, Selectman
Marc DeCoff, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Cydney Johnson, Vice Chairman was absent
Robert Daniels, Selectman was absent

Approval of the Agenda

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Appointments:

None

Announcements:

The Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at Prospect Mountain High School from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. We would like to acknowledge the recent passing of David Lawrence who devoted 9 years of service to the Conservation Commission.

BOARD OF HEALTH

David Hussey made a motion to recess as the Board of Selectmen and to convene as Board of Health and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Mr. Howell stepped forward to present and speak on behalf of the Septic Waiver Request for Map 69 Lot 15. The house will be raised four (4) feet and a concrete foundation will be put under it. The current tank will be removed and replaced further from the water.

David Hussey made a motion to approve the septic waiver for Map 69 Lot 15 as presented and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to adjourn as Board of Health and to Re-Convene as Board of Selectmen and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Selectmen's Committee Report

None

Town Administrator's Report and Updates

A letter was just received from Robin Allen Burke regarding the Dahl property. This has been discussed several times in the past, a proposal to make trails through the property; this was put on hold due to discussions as to what we want to do with the property. E. Russell Bailey will meet with Scott Simonds and the landfill engineer in reference to the status of the property and the drainage issue at the back of the landfill. The goal was to hold a workshop with the engineer and the Board to go over the landfill and discuss the plans for the location. David Hussey brought forward the possibility of subdividing the property and R. Loring Carr questioned parking. Ms. Burke is aware of the fact that no decision has been made regarding the future of the property. This will be put on hold based upon the meeting with the engineer. E. Russell Bailey to contact Ms. Burke.

An FYI for the Board; the Belknap Registry of Deeds has a service to obtain copies of deeds for our files and they are now automatically sending copies to the Town marked "Town Copy Not For Resale". They cannot prevent us from giving a copy to our residents. We are only charging for the copy cost which is 25 cents per page and we have a right to provide them to our residents or anyone who asks for them.

The annual reporting needs to be filed showing that the funds are set aside for the DEA Forfeiture money allocating the money back to the State and Local agencies involved. The Board needs to authorize R. Loring Carr to sign the report. The amount is \$38,812.01.

David Hussey made a motion to authorize R. Loring Carr to sign the report and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Public Input I

Bob and MaryBee Longabaugh approached the Board with two matters of concern.

The first matter was the Deliberative Meeting which was taped and it was understood that they should be made available on the Town website and the Library especially for the absentee voters to be able to see and hear the deliberations regarding the Warrant Articles for Town Planner and Town Assessor.

The second matter was in regards to Hawker & Vendors in the Bay area. Bob read a blog from Rueben Wentworth: "Be local, buy local, support local". Bob and MaryBee are here to support our local people who are paying taxes.

R. Loring Carr stated that this is a dilemma that we have run into and we have been notified that we cannot discriminate on that part of the policy regarding duplicative services/non-competition and that it is illegal. We have spoken to the Town Attorney and we need to work together not only on the non-profit part but the no compete parts of the policy. We are well aware of the issues at hand and will address and understand this.

Raymond Howard requested that the Board reconsider the vote from the last meeting for a Hawker & Vendors license for Troop 53 based on the facts just discussed. The \$20.00 fee could make a difference in sending another scout to camp this year.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session I, January 20, 2014 and R. Loring Carr seconded adding a spelling correction on the last page 5th paragraph change *anf* to and. The vote was 2-0-1 with David Hussey abstaining.

Marc DeCoff Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Non Public Session, January 20, 2014 releasing items #1, 3, 4 & 5 and R. Loring Carr seconded. The vote was 2-0-1 with David Hussey abstaining.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session II, January 20, 2014 and R. Loring Carr seconded. The vote was 2-0-1 with David Hussey abstaining.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the minutes of Workshop Session, January 23, 2014 and R. Loring Carr seconded. The vote was 2-0-1 with David Hussey abstaining.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the minutes of Workshop Session, February 6, 2014 and R. Loring Carr seconded. The vote was 2-0-1 with David Hussey abstaining.

Old Business:

Town Report

We need to finalize the Town Report as it needs to be available the first week of March. The campaign contest didn't go anywhere therefore Mary provided some recommendations; the Board's consensus was made. The other item is the dedication which will be discussed later tonight.

Mount Major Snowmobile Club Concerns

Several letters have been received from property owners complaining about noise from snowmobiles on a right-of-way on Rand Hill Road which the Board had previously granted to the snowmobile club. Chief Heath and Attorney Sessler have been contacted and there is no question that the Board has full authority over the road. This will not be easily satisfied. Marc DeCoff wants to find out if this is temporary or permanent. David Hussey's opinion is that this should be discussed in a public meeting for input from all interested parties.

MetroCast Franchise Agreement and Annual Fee Update

An update to the consortium; the meetings are pretty much finished. MetroCast will be putting together a final draft to be sent to each Town. We will need to set up a meeting with the Attorney that we have been using within the twelve towns then meet with the Board to go over the legalities. The next step would be to set a public hearing in referenced to the franchise.

We have received the Franchise Fee for 2013 in the amount of \$57,308.79 which goes into the General Fund.

Fire Extinguisher Maintenance

Marc DeCoff made a motion to go with the company that the Fire Department recommended, Tri State Fire Protection in the amount of \$324.00 and R. Loring Carr seconded with all in favor of the motion.

New Business:

Land Use Items

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the 2013 Elderly Exemptions for Map 16 Lot 10 for \$8,000.00 and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the 2014 Current Use applications for Map 13 Lot 8 and Map 16 Lot 1 and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the 2013 Timber Warrants in the amount of \$1,596.71 for Map 9 Lot 60 and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the 2014 Veteran's Credits for Map 6 Lot 1-1 in the amount of \$500.00, Map 10 Lot 26-5 in the amount of \$500.00 and Map 9 Lot 21 in the amount of \$500.00 and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the 2014 Excavation Intent for Map 12 Lot 19 and Map 19 Lot 18.

At this time, David Hussey questioned if Ken McWilliams had looked at these Intents with Russ responding that he thought that there was a state person who gives prior approval. It was decided to conditional approve.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the 2014 Excavation Intent for Map 12 Lot 19 and Map 19 Lot 18 conditional upon Ken McWilliams, Planning Department approval and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the 2013 Excavation Warrant in the amount of \$148.90 for Map 12 Lot 16 and Map 19 Lot 18 and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

911 Road Names

There are two (2) roads dating back to 2006 that were adopted by the Town. We need to provide documentation to the State in order for them to get the roads officially in the E911 computer system.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve Marie Drive and Elizabeth Way and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

MSP Data Sharing; DRA

This is a system by UNH T Square Center in coordination with DRA where the towns can talk to each other in reference to assessment information for analysis or review. There is no cost to the towns who sign up for this service.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to authorize E. Russell Bailey to sign the MSP Data Sharing Program agreement and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Grant Reviews

There are two grants that have been done for the past several years; DWI and Speed Control.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the grant for Alcohol Traffic Safety & Drunk Driving Grant Task #14-11, 02 in the amount of \$5,616.00 start date of April 1, 2014 and termination date of September 15, 2014 authorizing E. Russell Bailey to sign and David Hussey seconded. The vote was 2 approved, 1 opposed; R. Loring Carr is opposed due to the quotas.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to accept the Highway Speed Control Grant, PSP and Task #14-03, 02, start date of April 1, 2014 and termination date of September 15, 2014 in the amount of \$4,212.00 authorizing E. Russell Bailey to sign and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Bridge Inspection Results

There is list of the bridge inspections from the State; none of the bridges failed the annual inspections and there are two (2) that are listed "E2" which is for weight limits otherwise all of our bridges passed.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to accept the State of New Hampshire Bridge Inspection results for the report of 2013 and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Public Input II

Raymond Howard questioned what MSP stood for and Marc DeCoff responded Municipal Sharing Pool and that it was in reference to assessment data. Ray also agreed with the quota issue. R. Loring Carr addressed a previous question from another meeting, Mr. Howard had inquired about License Plate Scanners; it was noted that the presentation that Chief Heath gave had nothing to do with License Plate Scanners.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II(a) personnel (c) character/reputation and (e) claims/litigation and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K Jarvis
Recoding Secretary