

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
February 22, 2018
6:00 PM
1 Monument Square
Alton, NH 03809
Approved: March 5, 2018

Cydney Shapleigh 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 staff members were present:

Cydney Shapleigh, Chairwoman
Virgil MacDonald, Vice Chairman
Philip V. Wittmann, Selectman
John Markland, Selectman - Arrived at 6:13 PM
Reuben Wentworth, Selectman
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval

Reuben Wentworth made a motion to approve the agenda and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Public Hearing

- Keno Games
 - Article 60: Shall we allow Keno games within the Town of Alton?

The Public Hearing was opened for public input.

Hedda Christiani approached the Board to voice her concerns regarding Keno stating that she is not in favor for several reasons. Addiction is one of her concerns and that it would be too much of a burden and stress on society. She hopes that the residents of Alton will decide against allowing Keno.

Loring Carr approached the Board asking for some background on what Keno is all about. Cydney Shapleigh noted that this was a Petition Warrant Article; by law a Public Hearing is required. Reuben Wentworth gave an overview of Keno, it is an electronic game that you choose numbers. The only establishments that are allowed to have Keno are those with liquor licenses that are in good standing. A percentage of the revenues go to the establishment with the rest going to the State and the winners of the game. It is supposed to be funding full day kindergarten. The Sweepstakes Commission will be the administrator. The machines will be supplied by the State and they will be regulating it.

Tom Saulenas Legion member approached the Board to speak in favor of Keno. The money that would be collected in proceeds would be put back into and benefit the community. In addition, the businesses would benefit. He referred to it is bar room bingo. It will be up to the establishments to recognize addictive behavior and would hope that the bars and restaurants would recognize folks with a problem. The news reports they are 20% ahead in revenues. It should be a windfall for the communities and he does not see anything wrong with it; money should be going into the schools. He sees JP China and the Legion participating and feels it is a good thing for Alton. He hopes that the ballot question passes.

The Public hearing closed at 6:11 PM.

Announcements:

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s Office will be closed on Tuesday, March 13th for the Town/School Elections which will be held in the lower level of St. Katharine Drexel Church.
- The Default Budget- An error was discovered in the 2018 Default Budget where 91K for EMS shift coverage in the Fire Department was accidentally included in the Default Budget. Should the Default Budget be voted in during the March elections the Board will be looking at corrective measures to take during the tax rate setting process in the fall. The Board will be looking at applying 91K from the Fund Balance to lowering the tax rate. We apologize for the error and thank everyone for their understanding.

Note: At this time Selectman John Markland arrived to the meeting.

Appointments:

None

Public Input I (limited to 3 minutes per person on agenda items only)

None

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Selectmen Committee Reports

Reuben Wentworth noted that there is a Cyanobacteria meeting coming up next week; he requested, if possible that Cydney Shapleigh attend that meeting due to his recent appointment as Water Commissioner. In addition, he reported that the Water Department is moving along and will be meeting again next week.

Phil Wittmann had nothing to report.

John Markland had nothing to report.

Virgil MacDonald reported that through the Planning Board they were notified that Sedlari Way is finished with the Planning Department; it should be coming to the Board for a road acceptance.

Cydney Shapleigh had nothing to report.

Town Administrator Report by Liz Dionne

CIP Update/Article #25 Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

A handout was provided to the Board regarding CIP updates for the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. At Deliberative Session, the dollar amount was lowered to 300K. The Highway Manager had to reword the rationale and re-work the numbers. Liz is looking for Board approval for

such; if the Board agrees then Liz will have the CIP chart updated and made available to the public. More information will be made available for the next meeting with Ken Roberts attending.

Water Commission Office Equipment

Liz informed the Board that she has a two (2) drawer-locking file cabinet, which she would like to give to the Water Commission, but needs to have Board approval. They do not have anything over at their office to secure records. Reuben Wentworth does not want to accept a gift until after town meeting. They cannot accept any gifts or donations. It would be best to wait until after March. Currently the Water Commission store files in her office for confidentiality.

Cydney Shapleigh made a motion to allow the Water Commission to borrow the file cabinet until after the town election until they are allowed to accept it as a donation and Virgil MacDonald seconded. The vote was 4 approved, 1 abstention, Reuben Wentworth.

Approval of Minutes:

February 5, 2018

Reuben Wentworth made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session I, February 5, 2018 and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Reuben Wentworth made a motion to approve the minutes of Non-Public Session, February 5, 2018 and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Shapleigh amended the motion to approve the minutes of Non-Public Session, February 5, 2018 divulging all and Reuben Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Cydney Shapleigh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. 2017 Abatement

M J Brennan Dance Rev Tr	24 Keywadin Drive	Map 38 Lot 31	\$189.00
Carrigg Robert & Jennifer	330 Rattlesnake Island	Map 77 Lot 12	\$523.00
Lambert Tim & Kathleen	295 Coffin Brook Road	Map 5 Lot 36-7	\$230.00

2. 2017 Administrative Abatement

Deming Richard	30 Pullman Coach Road	Map 65 Lot 17-30	\$38.00
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3. 2018 Solar Exemption

Lemay Donald & Marcia	60 Linwood Drive	Map 5 Lot 26-17	\$9,100.00
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4. 2018 Veteran's Credit

Yelle Bruce & Carla	55 Hamwoods Road	Map 5 Lot 30	\$500.00
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5. 2018 Veteran's Credit 100% Disabled

Morin Ronald	65 High Point Drive	11-13-23	\$1,400.00
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6. 2018 Veteran's Credit Denial

Murnane Jr Kenneth	1677 Mount Major Hwy	Map 65 Lot 5	-0-
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Fire Department; New Hire- Rebekah Lehouillier, EMT, 14.00 per hour

Parks & Recreation Department; Conditional Hire- Abigail Thomas, Summer Camp Counselor, \$8.50 per hour

Parks & Recreation Department; Conditional Hire- Lucas Therrien, Summer Camp Counselor, \$8.50 per hour

Parks & Recreation Department; Conditional Hire- Brandon Stellon, Summer Camp Counselor, \$8.50 per hour

Parks & Recreation Department; Conditional Hire- Tessa Carter, Summer Camp Counselor, \$8.50 per hour

Parks & Recreation Department; Conditional Hire- Laurie Argue, Summer Camp Director, \$16.00 per hour

Parks & Recreation Department; Conditional Hire- Jay Creteau, Summer Camp Assistant Director, \$15.00 per hour

(These are "conditional" pending criminal background checks and reference checks)

Public Input II (limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business)

Loring Carr stated he was confused and questioned why Reuben Wentworth stated he is a Water Commissioner. It was explained it was due to two (2) resignations; with no quorum, it falls onto the Board of Selectmen. In addition, he would like the Board to consider looking into the Mack Truck issue. Instead of replacing the truck, he suggested fixing it. Mr. Carr noted that years ago Reuben Wentworth brought forth that the Town Highway Department went from a maintenance crew to a road reconstruction crew; it might be beneficial to hire private individuals. Do you really need another truck; it might be time to reconsider using one less truck and using private contractors. Reuben noted

that when the truck rolled over the engine continued to run therefore the engine seized in addition to the frame being twisted. This will be something that would need to be looked at in the future.

Discretionary Action on Requests for Appointments (No discussion, majority vote required to allow/not allow appointment)

None

Non-Public Session I:

Cydney Shapleigh made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and Reuben Wentworth seconded. The Board was polled in the affirmative by roll call with all in favor of the motion.

Roll call vote:

Reuben Wentworth, yes
Philip V. Wittmann, yes
John Markland, yes
Virgil MacDonald, yes
Cydney Shapleigh, yes

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis

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Recording Secretary