

## ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Meeting Minutes

### Public Session I

March 5, 2012

### ALTON TOWN HALL

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At 6:00pm the Chairman convened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence. Present were the following Selectmen and staff members:

David Hussey, Chairman

R. Loring Carr, Vice-Chair

Peter Bolster, Selectman

Cydney Johnson, Selectman

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Note: Selectman McMahon, Absent

**Approval of the Agenda** – C. Johnson motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

**Appointment** - The Board met with Loren Ferruccio, property owner on Davis Road, with regards to a waiver request of 49.5' on the 50' minimum road standards. Following a brief discussion, the waiver was granted and approved by unanimous vote. R. Bailey will follow-up with a letter to the Planning Board.

**Announcements** - D. Hussey noted the date and time of the Town Elections taking place on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

D. Hussey stated at this time he wanted to clear up some misconceptions. In the matter of Selectmen's Workshop Sessions he advised they are posted accordingly and public sessions are always open, and unless there is a non-public session, citizens can attend if they want, these are not closed workshops. He continued that despite what some persons have heard the Board is "getting along", and that this has been a great year between all Boards, with new zoning regulations that are ready and on the ballot. With reference to transparency, he has also heard constantly over and over again about transparency issues. He stated this Board(the Selectmen)is most transparent, and open, any information that can be made available to the public has been released, including the release of non-public items as reflected in the meeting minutes. To his knowledge no one has asked to look at any of these releases. D. Hussey added "we are transparent as we can be. L. Carr agreed stating we have been very candid.

## BOARD OF HEALTH

D. Hussey motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and to convene as Board of Health, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor. The Board met with Thomas Varney, PE and the property owner Robert Flannery. Following the Board's review, L. Carr motioned to approve the waiver set back from the seasonal/intermittent water/rainfall stream to 28 feet, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

L. Carr motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and to reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

### **Selectmen's Reports**

Peter Bolster updated the members on plans for the kitchen and bathroom at the Pearson Road Community/Senior Center. They are looking ahead to Phase II of the project.

L. Carr questioned the need to survey 50 acres for a house lot, this would need to be reviewed.

### **Town Administrator Report and Updates**

- 1) JP China – Approve use of Deck. D. Hussey motioned that the Board had no objection to the use of the outside deck at JP China to serve/consume drinks, seconded by L. Carr conditional that no outside entertainment be allowed on the deck, and the motion passed with all in favor.
- 2) Road Closures – The Highway Agent will post the road closures on March 8<sup>th</sup>. during “mud season”.
- 3) Water Bandstand – The Board agreed to send a letter to Virgil MacDonald and others for their time and effort in restoring water bandstand. R. Bailey noted more finish work will be done in the spring.
- 4) Town Wide Yard Sale – R. Bailey advised he had a request to utilize the Bay parking lot. Other areas were considered and the need for a space that is safe and convenient. Other issues discussed were insurance certificates, a one day event, and use of community centers or the museum. R. Bailey will review this with Kellie Troendle and have more information at the next meeting.

### **Public Input I**

Steve Parker stated the Water bandstand looks good.

Peter Bolster made a statement concerning a bill before the legislature concerning penalties for not paying taxes, and allowing towns to lower interest rates. He did not expect this bill to pass.

Barbara Howard asked for clarification and if there is a valid document about cash flow or peoples inability to pay taxes by choice. P. Bolster stated some businesses defer paying their taxes every year, his point was that this bill will probably "go no where".

B. Howard asked about a recent statement in *The Baysider* on behalf of the Selectboard. D. Hussey replied this was submitted as a letter from the Selectmen. D. Howard asked if everyone had signed. Peter Bolster did not sign because he felt there was a better way to handle this matter rather than submit it to the paper.

#### **Approval of Selectmen's Minutes –**

January 30, 2012 – Workshop Session – L. Carr motioned to Approve the Minutes of Public Workshop Session 1& 11 and Non-Public Session as submitted, and to release Item #1 in Non-Public Session, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

February 6, 2012 – L. Carr motioned to approve the Minutes of Public Workshop Session I and II and in Non-Public Session to release Items 1,2,3,4,5,6,& 7, and amended to remove the name *Peter Bolster*, as being present, the motion was seconded and passed with one abstention (PB).

#### **Old Business**

1. Town Report Update – R. Bailey noted the Town Reports are complete and commended Pat Rockwood and Mary Jarvis for their work on this project.

2. Review Warrant/Ballot – 2012 – R. Bailey noted the ballots and warrant are posted and on line. R. Bailey and the Board reviewed articles #46 and #48. In a discussion it was agreed that the Selectmen would continue to support a 5-member board of water commissioners and clarified the Conflict of Interest article.

3. Milfoil Agreement – R. Bailey noted this is a 2-Phase project for the chemical treatment to be done by Aquatic-Control Technology of Sutton, MA. L. Carr motioned to have the Town Administrator sign the agreement with Aquatic-Control Technology, Inc, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor. The other phase will be for the pulling of the milfoil by another company.

4. Highway Bids – R. Bailey advised most of these are annual bids plus additional bids. In a review certain amendments were made and questions posed for the Administrator to discuss with the Highway Agent. And it was agreed to conduct a workshop on March 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss major roads and funding also that a Public Hearing will be necessary for road reconstruction. L. Carr motioned to conduct Public Hearings on April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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for Acorn Drive, Haven Lane, Reed, Rollins and Youngtown roads, and on April 16<sup>th</sup>, for Minge Cove, Garden Park, Melody Park and Smith Point Road, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor. The Board further reviewed specs in the bids. R. Bailey will check with the Highway Agent on changes, corrections, additions, equipment, to the bids. It was noted line striping expense is not in the budget.

Landfill Ground Water Monitoring Permit – R. Bailey noted a letter from NH DES. L. Carr motioned to accept the program as presented by the NH DES Services, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

**New Business:**

1. Land Use Items – L. Carr motioned to approve all items as recommended by the Town Assessor, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
2. Hawkers & Vendors Request -
  - a. White Mountain Kettle Korn – L. Carr motioned to approve the request for 2012 spaces at the Bay as requested, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.
  - b. Shockys Dogs – L. Carr motioned to table this request, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.
3. Alton Central School Art Department – P. Bolster motioned to approve the request for the Art Department to put up displays at the Town Hall, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
4. Disposal of Town Equipment – It was noted this is for a 1-ton truck disposal as recommended by the Highway Agent. In a discussion which included the condition, usage, age, current value and trade-in value and the plow, L. Carr asked about the keeping the plow for backup if it is usable. Following their review, L. Carr motioned to approve the sale of the truck for now, and if the plow is not usable, to include it in the bid, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor..
5. 2012 Fireworks Display – R. Bailey noted that Atlas Fireworks has locked in the same price as last year, which will be \$19,000 including barges. D. Hussey motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by C. Johnson and the motion passed with all in favor.

6. Raffle Permit – It was agreed to approve the requests by the Rotary Club in the event a Home and Garden Show takes place. L. Carr motioned to grant approval for the Rotary Club to conduct a raffle if a show is held, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
7. Donation – R. Bailey advised the local doll club has offered a donation of tables to the Town. D. Hussey motioned to approve the donation of 6 tables, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.
8. Police Grants – R. Bailey noted there are 4 police grant applications which would need to be reviewed and approved. The auditor has advised these need to be included in the operating budget. And that three of these are included in the 2012 police budget for DWI Patrol, Speed Patrol and Motorcycle Lease but no funds for Bicycle Helmets. Police Chief Ryan heath advised the Board concerning the grant requirements and the use of the helmets. A motion was made and seconded to approve the DWI grant and to authorize the Town Administrator and Chairman to sign the applications, and passed on a vote of 3-1 (LC). The Speed patrol, motorcycle lease and helmets grants were approved on a unanimous vote, 4-0.
9. GASB #45 – R. Bailey advised the money has been encumbered and according to our auditors we have to meet certain standards with regards to the accounting and financial reporting of post-employment benefits other than pensions. He noted Paulette Wentworth has recommended Jefferson Solutions, Inc, costs would be \$3825. D. Hussey motioned to approve Jefferson Solutions for \$3825, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

## **Public Input II**

Barbara Howard noted the High School recently purchased a truck, perhaps they could use the plow as mentioned earlier.

P. Bolster advised that on March 31<sup>st</sup> the NH Emergency Assistance Program is offering a program in Merrimac for assisting towns, there will be vendors and presenters, and information on using energy. and he suggested it would be a good opportunity for someone from the Town to attend.

Non-Public Session: At 7:30pm Chairman Hussey motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) personnel, (c)character/reputation and (e)claims/litigation, the motion was seconded and the chairman than polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood

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