

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Public Session I

March 18, 2013

ALTON TOWN HALL

Approved: April 1, 2013

At 6:00pm, Chairman Hussey convened the Board in Public Session and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence

Approval of the Agenda – L. Carr amended the agenda to include a Board of Health. By unanimous vote the Board approved the agenda as amended.

Reorganization of the Board:

Chairman – R. Loring Carr

Vice-Chair – Cydney Johnson

Representatives to Committees, etc.

Planning Board	David Hussey
Planning Alternate	Marc DeCoff
Budget Committee	Robert Daniels
Budget Alternate	Marc DeCoff
Parks & Recreation	Cydney Johnson
Conservation	Robert Daniels
NH Coalition	Cydney Johnson
ZBA Liaison	R. Loring Carr
LRPC	David Hussey
Household H.H.W.	R. Loring Carr
BECD	Cydney Johnson
Fire Department	Marc DeCoff
School Liaison	Robert Daniels
Milfoil Committee	David Hussey
Fundraising Comm.	_____
Eco. Dev. Comm.	Cydney Johnson
	David Hussey
Zoning&Ordinances	David Hussey & Loring Carr

Announcements – L. Carr noted this would be Patricia Rockwood last meeting as Executive Secretary. The Board then each presented her with several acknowledgements noting her 21 years of experience, including citations from Councilor Ray Burton and Governor Hassen.

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Vote to recess as Board of Selectmen and to reconvene as Board of Health

a) Alton Central School Maintenance & Health Issues

L. Carr motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and to reconvene as Board of Health; the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

L. Carr stated that issues were presented at the school's deliberative session and these were reviewed at a Selectmen's meeting as well and the Town Health Officer/Code Official has been to the school to discuss concerns over drain lines, sewer odor, ventilation, asbestos removal, etc., but to date these have not been fixed and there are no improvements. He asked that a time line be put in place in consideration for the health of the children at the school, these problems have to be fixed now, not to wait for a new school to be built, and these are serious issues affecting the students. M. DeCoff motioned to have the Health Officer and to prepare a punch list, and a letter on the sewer problem to be addressed immediately, and the rest of the work could be completed during April vacation, with a re-inspection to be completed, seconded by C. Johnson and passed.

M. Decoff motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and to reconvene as Board of Selectmen.

Public Input

Ray Howard asked about the asbestos work on the floor at the school, not just in the area of drain pipes. He asked the Board when the Police Department will post arrests on line, stating this was a State Law. L. Carr advised this matter has not yet been discussed.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

None at this time

Town Administrator, R. Bailey advised the Board on the Franchise fee from Metrocast in the amount of \$57,856. Also, that he would be meeting with the Highway Agent concerning road reconstruction this week. He also noted that a Selectmen's workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st at 5:30pm.

R. Bailey continued that a decision would have to be made on the 2013 Fireworks schedule and to recommend that Atlas continue with their original bid. In their review the Board discussed issues concerning Labor Day fireworks. D. Hussey stated that the participation of Old Home Day was very low and questioned whether the Town should sponsor this event. That a Craft Fair is scheduled on those dates at the Bay which takes up the entire area. Also to find a way to promote interest in Old Home Day activities, to find volunteers, to work with the ABA and others. R. Bailey will contact the ABA.

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Fireworks displays cost \$12,500 for the July 4th celebration and \$6,500 for the Old Home Day event.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

March 4, 2013 – Public Session I – M. Decoff motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. L. Carr made a correction that the RSA as noted should be *RSA31-41c*, and D. Hussey seconded the motion which passed with 2 abstentions (CJ) (RD).

March 4, 2013 – (Sealed) Non-Public Session – M. Decoff motioned to accept the minutes as presented and to release #1, 3, 4 & 5, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with two abstentions (CJ) (RD).

March 4, 2013 – Public Session II – M. DeCoff motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with two abstentions (CJ) (RD)

Old Business

- 1) Special Event Request – 5K fund Raiser – The Board met with Suzanne Martin who explained the circumstances of the race and the area involved and that she had also met with the Police Chief. She continued that the police detail would be cut back to two and the time would be reduced. C. Johnson motioned to approve the request as recommended by the Police Chief, including the reduction in time; the motion was seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor. The Board also agreed to the use of Porta-Potties in the area of the Michael Burke Town Forest parking lot.
- 2) 2013 Warrant Articles – R. Bailey reviewed the articles as approved including work on the Town Hall, landfill, sidewalks, milfoil, senior center, operating budget, fire department equipment, highway, library, easements, bridge replacements, other reserve funds and appropriations. In a discussion, L. Carr asked for information on the purchase of a low bed trailer which would be used for the roller and excavator. He also suggested that more towns be involved in milfoil removal including the State, which now has a facility at “the mouth of the Lake”. He continued this should be one of the goals to get together with other Towns and our State representatives about sharing services.

New Business

- 1) Vote to Approve the Recommendations of the Town Assessor – M. Decoff voted to approve the recommendations as submitted for an Excavation Intent and Timber Warrant, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

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Public Input II

P. Rockwood introduced Mary Jarvis as her successor to the Executive Secretary position.

At 7:00 pm the Chairman voted 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 polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Executive Secretary