

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2011
Public Session
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:00pm the chairman convened the meeting of the Selectmen, present were 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

The Chairman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda

R. Bailed amended the agenda to include Item #7 in New Business, Request of Alton Rotary and #8 to approve Fireworks Bid. L. Carr motioned to approve the agenda as amended seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Reorganization of the Board – David Hussey to remain as Chairman, Loring Carr to serve as Vice-Chair. Other appointments were as follows:

Planning Board – D. Hussey
Planning Alternate – P. Bolster
Budget Committee – P. Fuller
Budget Alternate – L. Carr
Parks & Recreation – P. Bolster
Conservation – P. Bolster
NH Coalition – P. Fuller
ZBA Liaison - L. Carr
L.R.P.C. - P. Bolster
H.H.H.Waste - S. McMahon
B.E.C.D.C. - P. Fuller
Fire Department - S. McMahon
School Liaison - L. Carr
Milfoil Committee – P. Bolster
Energy Committee – L. Carr
Fundraising Committee – P. Bolster
Police Department – (Under Advisement)

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Announcements – The Chairman announced a rabies clinic will be held on April 30th and P. Bolster advised there will be two Saturday morning sessions pertaining to the Senior Community Center beginning April 2nd flyers are posted at the Town Hall, on the web site and in the Senior Newsletter.

Town Administrator Report – R. Bailey noted he had received bid information from the Highway Department for road work and they will be going out for bid shortly. R. Bailey will check on the septic system work for Town Buildings. He will also verify if the Town crews put down calcium chloride on roads.

S. McMahon suggested printing up a walking tour map of the Town. He also suggested opening the Gilman Museum for visitors and to co-ordinate with the historical society. P. Bolster noted a flyer had been prepared a few years ago (*Alton Is A Park*) and the Museum could be added to that. It was noted this could be part of the Selectmen's goals for the coming year.

L. Carr asked about a snowplowing bids for West Alton.

Public Input I

Barbara Howard asked about a member to the LRPC. It was noted that P. Bolster is the Town Representative.

Approval of the Minutes – Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2011 was tabled until the next meeting. P. Fuller motioned to accept the minutes of January 24, 2011, Public Session II and Non-Public Sealed Minutes, seconded by S. McMahon for discussion. The motion was amended to unseal Items #1 and #2 of the Non Public Session and to redact Items #3 and #4 and the motion passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. 2011 Budget Warrants – R. Bailey briefly reviewed a check list of the warrant articles He noted he is working with the Dahl family on the sale of the property and the funding for Town buildings. The Board also discussed the non-profit articles and the possibility of combining them all under one article. R. Bailey advised he would check into this for a future meeting.

2) Annual elementary School Art Display – The Board unanimously approved a request by the Art Department at the Elementary School to display student artwork at the town Hall.

3) Contract – The Board voted unanimously to sign the contract for Robert Cutting, Appraiser – Data Collector.
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4) Police Log – The Board met with Chief Heath and discussed the possibility of submitting weekly citizen police logs somewhat similar to the City of Laconia, Police Department. R. Heath and the Board reviewed such as issues as a format, public awareness, utilizing the Town web site, hand written reports, narratives, trivial issues, confidentiality, descriptions of incidents, issue of burglary's in certain areas for instance, how to keep logs in a certain way and formula and how information is necessary but some is sensitive in an on-going investigation and how reports are generated, etc. R. Heath advised he will put together a format for the Board to review.

New Business

- 1) Vote to Approve Land Use Items as recommended by the Town Assessor
L. Carr read the items as presented and motioned to approve the recommendations of the town Assessor seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
- 2) Special Event – Old Home Day Parade – S. McMahon motioned to approve the Special Event as submitted by the Alton Business Association for a parade, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.
- 3) Annual Agreement - Asphalt Shingles – P. Bolster motioned to approve the annual agreement with CPRC-Group for the Town of Alton to accept asphalt shingles from New Durham and to have the Town Administrator sign the agreement. It was noted the asphalt material is used as a road base.
4. Request from JP China – Retail Tobacco License – D. Hussey motioned to approve the request for tobacco sales, noting this is for individual packages, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.
5. Wolfeboro Electric Pole Petition - It was noted the Highway Agent had reviewed the petition, D. Hussey motioned to approve the request as submitted, seconded by D. Hussey, for discussion, that this request is for 16 poles on 28N, the motion passed with all in favor.
6. Special Event - Medford Relay Race – R. Bailey advised this is for the annual Winnepesaukee Relay Race in September. P. Bolster motioned to approve the request, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
7. Special Event - Alton Rotary – R. Bailey advised this is for the Home and Garden Show to be held at the Prospect Mountain High School and for a 50-50 raffle. L. Carr motioned to approve the request for the event to be held April 16th, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with one abstention, (PB)

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8. Fireworks Bid - R. Bailey advised two bids were received. And recommended Atlas Fireworks as the low bidder coming in at \$19,000 to include two barges, the other bid came in at \$20,000 with no reference to barges. P. Bolster motioned to award the bid as recommended, seconded by P. Fuller, in a discussion S. McMahon asked for clarification about the barges being included in the request for bid, R. Bailey responded it was. The members discussed the time frame, size of shells and coordinating the barges. S. McMahon suggested contacting the other bidder. R. Bailey advised there is a time frame to consider, the bid award was necessary now. The motion then passed with one abstention (SM).

Public Input II

Barbara Howard – B. Howard asked about recent testimony at the State, she did not have minutes of the testimony, only second – hand information. The Chairman asked for an explanation, B. Howard stated Chief Heath had given testimony at the State House concerning gun laws, and was he paid to do that on Town time against her second amendment rights.

Ryan Heath, Police Chief - R. Heath explained this was not an issue about banning guns, but this House Bill would eliminate carrying a firearm without a permit in a court room, he spoke as Police Chief for safety and practicality, on behalf of the NH Chiefs of Police.

Stephen Parker – S. Parker complimented the Highway Department for taking care of snow removal at the Bay. He asked about Trask Road Reconstruction and that he would not want any more of his land taken, that when the road was first reconstructed, driveways became very steep. The Board advised there would be a Public Hearing on the road, a layout would be available then and the road Agent would be in attendance to answer any questions on the reconstruction.

Non-Public Session – At approximately 7:30pm, the Chairman motioned to enter into Non-Public Session, seconded by P. Fuller. The chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: April 4, 2011