

**TOWN OF ALTON  
ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**ALTON BUDGET COMMITTEE  
APPROVED 6/12/08  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 27, 2008**

Members Present: Steve Miller, Chair  
Karen Painter, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth Dominick  
Richard MacDonald

Members Absent: Greg Fuller  
Selectmen's Representative  
School Board Representative

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

S. Miller called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

K. Painter, E. Dominick, R. MacDonald, and S. Miller were present.

**III. PUBLIC INPUT #1**

Bob Longabaugh spoke about the shooting of the Alton Budget Committee video. He noted that this was his video equipment being used. He stated that if the town's meeting was going to be used that the Chairman would have to authorize it. He spoke about Warrant article 40 and read the Warrant article to the Committee. He noted that 788 voters turned out at the polls in March and 568 voters voted favorable on Warrant article 40. He felt the voters have stated they wanted to see the Alton Budget Committee on the local cable access channel. S. Miller asked what the cost impact would be and B. Longabaugh responded that it would be \$37.50 per meeting but noted that he would not want to do the job. S. Miller asked B. Longabaugh if he would want to be responsible for the taping of the meetings and B. Longabaugh responded that he would not want to be. There was discussion about the taping of the meetings and who would be responsible for the taping of the meetings.

Ruth Messier congratulated S. Miller on his reelection. She stated she hoped the meetings were taped. She thanked the Committee for having the Pledge of Allegiance. She stated that she attended because she didn't want them to say that they hadn't had anyone attend the meetings.

MaryBee Longabaugh stated that the Planning Board also taped meetings.

**IV. AGENDA**

K. Painter motioned to approve the agenda, minus any meeting minutes for approval and R. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SM, KP, ED, RM / absent – GF, School Board Rep., Selectmen’s Rep.)

## V. REORGANIZATION OF THE ALTON BUDGET COMMITTEE

R. MacDonald motioned to nominate S. Miller for the Chair position and E. Dominick seconded the motion. (SM, KP, ED, RM / absent – GF, School Board Rep., Selectmen’s Rep.)

S. Miller nominated K. Painter for Vice Chair and R. MacDonald seconded the motion. S. Miller spoke about a conversation he had with G. Fuller about the Vice Chair position, as G. Fuller felt he was too busy to hold the Vice Chair position. (SM, KP, ED, RM / absent – GF, School Board Rep., Selectmen’s Rep.)

S. Miller nominated R. MacDonald to the JMA Budget Committee representative and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motioned passed by a vote of three, with one “no” vote, and three absent. (SM, KP, ED/ absent – GF, School Board Rep., Selectmen’s Rep. / no - RM)

R. MacDonald nominated G. Fuller to the JMA Budget Committee representative and K. Painter seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SM, KP, ED, RM / absent – GF, School Board Rep., Selectmen’s Rep.)

S. Miller nominated K. Painter to the JMA Budget Committee and R. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SM, KP, ED, RM / absent – GF, School Board Rep., Selectmen’s Rep.)

K. Painter nominated E. Dominick for the alternate for the JMA Budget Committee and S. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SM, KP, ED, RM / absent – GF, School Board Rep., Selectmen’s Rep.)

The Alton Budget Committee was re-organized for the 2008-2009 budget review season, as follows:

- **CHAIRMAN – Steven Miller**
- **VICE CHAIR – Karen Painter**
- **JMA BUDGET – Richard MacDonald, Greg Fuller, Karen Painter**
- **JMA BUDGET ALTERNATE – Elizabeth Dominick**

## SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

S. Miller spoke about the budget schedule. He stated he had spoken with R. Bailey about the budget schedule. The budget schedule would begin on the third Tuesday of October. S. Miller asked if they would like to vacation for July and August. The Committee agreed by consensus to not meet during those two months. S. Miller suggested that the second Thursday of the month for April, May, June and September would be the next meeting dates. The first meeting in October will be October 21 and then October 23, October 28 and 30. The meeting time of 6:30 was agreed on by consensus. The Committee agreed on the schedule, as noted.

## VI. TAPING OF MEETINGS

S. Miller spoke about the taping of the meetings.

S. Miller motioned to tape all further official Budget Committee Meetings and that those meetings should take place in the upstairs of the Town Hall and K. Painter seconded the motion. R. MacDonald felt the issue should be tabled until there was more information about the videographer availability and costs. K. Painter felt they should respond to the recommendation of the voters and then talk about the logistics of videotaping the meetings before proceeding. E. Dominick agreed with K. Painter and stated the voters had spoken and they should address the response of the voters. S. Miller stated the Warrant article was an advisory article and he felt the town had spoke "loud and clear" that they wanted this done. He stated that the Selectmen would provide the funds but as far as the town taping the meetings that would be the responsibility of the Alton Budget Committee. R. MacDonald asked why the selectmen wouldn't set up the Budget Committee with someone to videotape the meetings. S. Miller felt that they should hire a contractor to tape the meetings and felt it should be the responsibility of the contractor to make sure the meetings were taped. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SM, KP, ED, RM / absent – GF, School Board Rep., Selectmen's Rep.)

S. Miller asked B. Longabaugh if he would be available to tape the meeting on 4.10.08. M. Longabaugh felt that they might be able to do it. S. Miller asked B. Longabaugh to bill the Alton Budget Committee directly. There was discussion about billing.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no other new business.

## **VIII. PUBLIC INPUT #2**

R. Messier congratulated the members of the Alton Budget Committee's newly elected officers.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

R. MacDonald motioned to adjourn and E. Dominick seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. (SM, KP, ED, RM / absent – GF, School Board Rep., Selectmen's Rep.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Recorder