

Alton Board of Selectmen
Minutes
Public Session I
April 1, 2013
6:00 PM
Alton Town Hall
1 Monument Square, Alton, NH 03809
Approved April 15, 2013

Chairman R. Loring Carr convened the meeting at 6:00 pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

R. Loring Carr, Chairman
Cydney Johnson, Vice Chairman
David Hussey, Selectman
Marc DeCoff, Selectman
Robert Daniels, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Approval of Agenda

Marc DeCoff motioned to amend the Agenda by adding to Old Business, item #4 School Letter and to New Business, Fire and EMS Staffing. Cydney Johnson made a motion to move the agenda as amended and seconded by David Hussey with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements

None

Selectmen's Committee Report

Bob Daniels presented a report from the Budget Committee:

- Voted to post a notice of vacancy for the open position on the budget committee with another meeting to follow to discuss.
- Clarification on the laws and regulations regarding committee members visiting and talking with town departments pertinent to obtaining information to make informed budget decisions. The committee was looking for the board's opinion regarding this matter.

Marc Decoff stated that it was their decision to make and that the Board of Selectmen could not say either way with the other board members in agreement that they are in charge of themselves.

R. Loring Carr met with the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) to go over the contract which had a few changes and met with a new member from Tuftonboro.

E. Russell Bailey stated Sarah is preparing the draft then he will get it over to Attorney Sessler for his review. Once the contract is reviewed we will sign and have the other two town's sign.

Town Administrator's Reports and Updates with E. Russell Bailey reporting

Annual Fire Ward Appointment Form was presented for signing.

Marc DeCoff questioned if the fire department was closed would there be anyone else that can sign. Other board members shared the same concerns. Cydney Johnson asked if there were any members on the list that would be new to issuing fire permits. Russ Bailey will check into this issue. Once completed then the names should be posted on the website. There may be need to have additional hours at various time of the day or evening.

Dave Hussey moved to approve the Deputy Fire Wardens as presented with Russ Bailey obtaining the requested information regarding being contacted outside of the Fire Station or have evening hours to issue permits. Cydney Johnson seconded the motion with all in favor.

R. Loring Carr wanted to go back to the Selectmen's Committee's; it was requested that Selectman Daniels replace Marc DeCoff as the representative to the Conservation Commission and as School Liaison; Robert Daniels accepted the appointments.

Public Input I

None

Public Input I closed

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve Public Session I of March 18, 2013 Bob Daniels made corrections to several items and R. Loring Carr made a correction. Marc Decoff motioned to approve the minutes as amended and was seconded by David Hussey with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson motioned to approve Non-Public Session (Sealed) of March 18, 2013 opening items 1 and 5 and was seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor.

Cydney Johnson motioned to approve Public Session II of March 18, 2013 and was seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson motioned to approve Public Workshop Session I of March 21, 2013; after a discussion on item 1-d, Military 10 Wheeler, hydraulics, sanding, plow, the motion failed. R. Loring Carr made a motion to table until there was clarification of this item by E. Russell Bailey; Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson motioned to approve Non-Public Session (Sealed) of March 21, 2013 opening item 1 and was seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson motioned to approve Public Workshop Session II of March 21, 2013 and was seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson motioned to approve Public Workshop Session I of March 26, 2013 and was seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson motioned to approve Non-Public Workshop Session (Sealed) of March 26, 2013 opening items 1, 2, 3 and 4 correcting the second number 4 to 5. David Hussey questioned the cell phone issue with E. Russell Bailey stating that he was instructed to send a letter which was going out to all employees but that the policy will need to be formally adopted into the town policy later in the year. This was seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson motioned to approve Public Workshop Session II of March 26, 2013 and was seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

Reconstruction Schedule

E. Russell Bailey reported that the Reconstruction schedule has been laid out from the meeting with Ken Roberts with the first priority being Trask Side Road to complete Phase I which will be to finish the drainage and paving. A list from residents was provided that had requested unusable fill material to be given to the abutters which was committed to them at last year's Public Hearing. Since then a policy was adopted prohibiting distribution of any materials. David Hussey had concerns due to the policy stressing the need to stick to that policy; Marc DeCoff agreed. Further discussion took place regarding the policy and whether to give the materials or not give them to the residents/abutters as previously noted at the Public Hearing. Cydney Johnson mentioned the possibility of considering honoring this request with the stipulation that it was for personal use only and cannot be resold. It has been the practice to give materials to the residents of the road that was being worked on. The materials are now being stockpiled up at the landfill and being sold for \$2.00 per yard so it is much fairer to everyone.

David Hussey made a motion to enforce the policy and was seconded by Marc DeCoff. The Motion Failed. Vote: 2-2-1; Approve: David Hussey, Marc DeCoff; 2 opposed R. Loring Carr, Cydney Johnson; 1 Abstention Bob Daniels.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to honor the request from the 6/18/12 hearing for Trask Side residents only, for personal use only and not to be resold, due to the policy being enacted after the Public Hearing. R. Loring Carr seconded the motion. Vote: 3-2 Approve, R. Loring Carr, Cydney Johnson, Robert Daniels; Opposed, David Hussey, Marc DeCoff.

David Hussey made an amendment to the previous motion with a motion to stockpile the materials as needed for the refurbishing of the Dahl property with whatever is left over may be given to the residents of Trask Side Road this time only and was seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr noted that there is a need to set Public Hearings. E. Russell Bailey recommended setting dates for the two (2) Public Hearings

- May ~ Trask Side Road, Phase II and Bowman Road
- Late May or June ~ Depot Street, which includes Monument Square, new Library drainage, water lines and paving and Old Wolfeboro Road Intersection

For the public's information this year's schedule is

1. Trask Side Road, Phase I
2. Bowman Road for the survey, drainage and gravel reconstruction
3. Depot Street which includes Monument Square will include new drainage, water lines and paving. It will not be completed before Memorial Day with a need to be careful due to traffic and business activity. Dave Hussey inquired if there would be grass before Memorial Day? The Garden Club will be starting the work in the next couple of weeks and our crew will do seeding and bringing in loam which will come from the Sr. Center. Leveling of the area will be coordinated with the Garden Club.
Depot Street will have to be dug up where the septic tank is located, because there is some blockage and confirm whether the line is broken or if the old dry well is no longer useful. If the line is broken we will fix the line, if the dry well is gone and no longer functioning, we will need to have a design completed for a proper leech field.
4. Old Wolfeboro Road which will be done with the sidewalks due to the need for extended curbing and to add parking.
5. R. Loring Carr inquired about the wood disposal that the school wanted to make some benches and tables for the school for an outdoor classroom. The plan for the trees at the Sr. Center is to bring all the wood up to the pit. David Hussey thought that some of the hardwood might be milled for use on the trailers and for sideboards for the trucks with E. Russell Bailey stating he thought that it might already be cut into smaller pieces for easier handling. Russ will check into this matter. The wood will be left at the Sr. Center and will be available on a first come first serve basis taken as is. Post a notice on the website.

Signage Project Status

The signage project is a grant from the State to install high risk signage i.e. sharp curve, blind person or any potential road hazards throughout Town with no cost associated with it. The private contractor will be starting in the next couple of weeks under the supervision of a State consultant, they may need police detail and will make arrangement through the Police Department.

Asbestos Abatement Bid Results ~Hidden Springs

The low bidder is SMS Services, North Andover, MA in the amount of \$6,875.00. The testing has been completed and the next step is to remove the asbestos then have it properly disposed. Once this is complete then we can move forward to demolish the buildings and have the material hauled away. We encumbered the disposal \$9,000.00 out of the Solid Waste Center budget. The amount will need to come from the SWC

budget; Scott Simonds felt it could be covered within the budget. Russell Bailey recommended a conditional approval for SMS Services based on us meeting with them to be sure they can fulfill all the requirements of the job. Dave Hussey moved a motion to move forward with the project and Marc DeCoff seconded the motion with all in favor of the motion.

David Hussey questioned the planks from this project; Scott Simonds has a contact that he will get in touch with a potential for 1-2 thousand for the planks from this building. It might be beneficial to post this publicly for an increased amount. Also, they would have to be fully insured. E. Russell Bailey to receive quotes on the planks.

School Letter

R. Loring Carr read a letter being sent to the School Board requesting a meeting regarding the health and safety of students and employees of Alton Central School. Marc DeCoff made a motion to send the letter to the Alton School Board seconded by David Hussey with all in favor of the motion.

New Business:

Land Use Items

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve 2012 Timber Tax Warrant, Map 15 Lot 77 seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve 2012 Current Use Application, Map 5 Lot 66 seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve 2012 Tax Abatements seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

- Map 21 Lot 30 for \$3,587.00
- Map 11 Lot 12-5 for \$540.00
- Map 31 Lot 19 Denied
- Map 25 Lot 18 Denied

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve 2012 Disability Exemption, Map 17 Lot 28 seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve 2012 Excavation Intent, Map 8 Lot 3-2 seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

David Hussey noted that it has come to his attention that the Board needs to take a better look at these excavation intents, not all of them can be signed by the Board, they need to go before the Planning Department first. Russ Bailey stated that he already checked with that Department and they are now all going to Planning first. Cydney Johnson question why this 2012 Excavation Intent is just now coming before them? E. Russell Bailey stated that this one had been missed and the State advised the Assessing Office as to how to handle.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve 2013 Excavation Intent, Map 21 Lot 36 and Map 8 Lot 3-2 seconded by Marc DeCoff with 4 in favor of the motion with David Hussey conditionally approving upon E. Russell Bailey checking first to be sure that these have been before Planning.

Committee Appointments

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve the following Committee appointments seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

- Fundraising Committee All 1 year terms
 - Muriel Stinson
 - Shirley Young
 - David Countway
 - David Hayden
 - Fred Sallah
 - George Feeney
 - Gerald Theodora

- Milfoil Committee All 1 year terms
 - Brian Fortier
 - Nancy Merrill
 - Paul Richardson
 - William Mannion
 - Henry “Ted” Carl
 - Nancy Downing
 - Joseph Catudal

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve the following Committee appointments seconded by Marc DeCoff with all in favor of the motion.

- Levey Park Trustees
 - Allen Giles 1 year term 2014
 - Chris Blackstone 3 year term 2016

Special Event Applications

Marc DeCoff made a motion to conditionally approve the Special Event Application; St. Katharine Drexel 5K Road Race with the sign off by the Police Department David Hussey seconded the motion with all in favor of the motion.

David Hussey made a motion to approve the Special Event Application; Lake Winnepesaukee Relay Race. Marc DeCoff seconded the motion with all in favor of the motion.

Fire and EMS Staffing

R. Loring Carr stated that there was recently an article in the newspaper that the ambulance wasn't being covered from approximately 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM there is some confusion regarding this there may not be staff at that time but people do get

called out at during times. At the Deliberative Session is was brought up that there is less and less volunteers for this group so the board is initiating a stipend plan in May which is a bit earlier than usual to help the situation.

Public Input II

None

Public Input II closed

Non-Public Session

R. Loring Carr made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA95-A:3, II(a) personnel (c) character/reputation and (e)claims/litigation and David Hussey seconded the motion with all in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis
Recording Secretary