

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes

April 3, 2017

6:00 PM

1 Monument Square

Alton, NH 03809

Approved: April 17, 2017

Cydney Johnson convened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following members and staff were present:

Cydney Johnson, Chairwoman
Virgil MacDonald, Vice Chairman excused absence
Philip V. Wittmann, Selectman
John Markland, Selectman
Reuben Wentworth, Selectmen
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator

Approval of the Agenda

Phil Wittmann requested adding under New Business an Appointment to the Old Home Week Committee.

Reuben Wentworth made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Non Public Session I Vote to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3, II (a) through (k) as deemed necessary

Cancelled

Board of Health

Cydney Johnson made a motion to recess as the Board of Selectmen and to convene as the Board of Health and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Septic Waiver Request; Map 33 Lot 28, 50 East Side Drive; Anthony Avola

Tom and May Varney were present to explain and answer any questions in regards to the waiver requests. Ms. Varney is asking for a waiver not to use alternative technology for this design for the system being less than 75' to the lake. The two waivers are pump chamber to lake required 75', actual 62' and tank to lake, required 75', actual 67.5' with the EDA being 114' from the lake to be located behind the cottage. The tank cannot be located further back due to the need to be 5' from both the property line and the building. The existing septic is approximately 50 years old so this will be an improvement to the system. Reuben Wentworth

questioned the possibility of any tank leakage. The response was it is a plastic tank with no seals or possibility of leakage.

Phil Wittmann made a motion to approve the septic waiver requests for Map 33 Lot 28, 50 East Side Drive and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to adjourn as the Board of Health and to Re-Convene as the Board of Selectmen and Reuben Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements:

- Town road weight limits are in effect until further notice; exceptions are made on an individual basis by request through the Highway Department.
- 2017 Dog Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office and are due no later than April 30th. A rabies clinic is scheduled for dogs and cats at the Alton Central Fire Station, 65 Frank C. Gilman Highway (Route 140) on April 8th from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. The cost per shot is \$15.00 and microchipping is \$40.00. Dog licenses are available at the clinic for Alton residents only.

Appointments:

None

Public Input I *(limited to 3 minutes per person; subject matter ~ agenda items only)*

None

New Business:

Discussion; Exploratory Recreational Facility Subcommittee creation by John Markland

John Markland wanted to bring his thoughts to the Board's attention for input and comments regarding a possible recreation center for the young folks of the Town. He has spoken with some individuals in town who seem to be excited about the idea. John is looking to set up a committee/sub-committee to explore options for such with people who may be knowledgeable with these types of scenarios to explore all options. This would be something that would not be done immediately; this could be in the future or maybe not at all. He is open for all options. Cydney Johnson inquired if this would be an open space or closed facility; John thought was a closed facility with possibly an indoor soccer field, basketball court, weightlifting room, pool and foosball tables, a general area for kids to socialize after school to bring team building and to encourage sports versus sitting in front of a computer all day. Phil Wittmann has no opposition to a sub-committee to explore this but is not sure that he likes the idea and Reuben Wentworth concurred with him but has no problem of moving forward with the idea if people have voiced the desire. John was not sure if there were any grants out there for this and thought that the committee could look into this. Reuben stated that more and more people are worried about the Fire Department being in a flood zone and that eventually they might be looking for a new building so a location near the Fire Department might be a consideration, not knowing what the future may bring. It was the Board's consensus to allow the sub-committee.

Liquor Commission Letter; Combination Beer/Wine/Tobacco License Approval, Alton Bay Corner Store LLC, 404 Main Street

Reuben Wentworth made a motion to approve the Combination Beverage/Wine/Tobacco liquor license for Alton Bay Corner Store, LLC; Donald Card, Member and Phil Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Home Week Committee Application for Appointment

Phil Wittmann recommended Steve Parker to be appointed as a member of the Old Home Week Committee. He has been participating with the committee.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to appoint Steve Parker to the Old Home Week Committee and Reuben Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

None

Town Administrator's Report and Updates by Liz Dionne

Meeting in New Durham regarding Water Quality in the Merrymeeting River

A letter was received from New Durham regarding the water quality in the Merrymeeting River. There will be a meeting held on April 13th at 7:00 PM. Liz had previously informed the Board and received a few responses. Reuben Wentworth and Phil Wittmann noted they will be attending. This will need to be posted due to a quorum being present at that meeting. This is posted on our website and was sent to each department for posting on their public bulletin boards, Facebook, etc. Reuben suggested contacting the Baysider reporter for public exposure.

Water bandstand Update

Tim MacDonald was in reporting that he has repaired three (3) sides of the water bandstand and the fourth side will be done once the ice is gone. He will be hiring a boat to complete the work. Reuben Wentworth questioned the reasoning for the completion of the work, underbidding, running short on materials and such; he did not indicated to Liz Dionne his reasoning. Cydney Johnson suggested it might be appropriate to move this to Non-Public, under reputation. Cydney responded to Reuben's comments that the bidding was fine. Reuben stated it is the pleasure of the Board to decide how the discussion will be conducted. Cydney stated that there might be specific questions as to why it is not finished. Liz replied that she was formally notified last week in regards to the work.

Reuben Wentworth requested that this be reserved for Non-Public Session and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the request.

The Rock

Liz Dionne is in the process of obtaining the two (2) names for the rock. This has been taken back to the Garden Club who have some concerns on the size of the rock due to potential interference with the underground irrigation lines. It has been suggested that perhaps a smaller rock or placement of the plaque inside the bandstand. Reuben Wentworth suggested possibly a granite post with the plaque. Liz will keep working with the Garden Club for some sort of resolution to get this done so that all parties will be happy. Cydney Johnson thought a post would work.

Ambulance Policy Workshop Date

The following dates were given to the Board for the Ambulance Workshop: April 12th, 19th, or the 26th, all dates are Wednesdays.

It was the consensus of the Board to set the Workshop date for April 26th at 6:00 PM.

Scheduling Boards and Committee's with the BOS on an annual basis

Last fall it was suggested that once a year the Board meet with the various Committees and Commissions for a brief status update. Liz asked the Board if they wanted to continue and move forward with that for 2017. Cydney Johnson noted that we were annually going to have the Town Attorney come in to meet as well to discuss roles, rules, responsibilities and changes to the law (91A meeting). Cydney would like to tie them together.

Selectmen's Committee Report

Reuben Wentworth stated that there will be a meeting of the Budget Committee on April 13th however he will not be in attendance due to the meeting in New Durham.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes:

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session I, March 27, 2017 and Reuben Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

John Markland made a motion to approve the minutes of Non-Public Session I, March 27, 2017 and Phil Wittmann seconded. Cydney Johnson amended the motion to approve the Non-Public Session of March 27, 2017 opening items #1, 2 & 5 and Reuben Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the amended motion.

Approval of Consent Agenda

John Markland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 3, 2017 and Cydney Johnson seconded. Reuben Wentworth would like to see the reason why the

Assessing Department is recommending the 2016 Abatement Denials. Cydney Johnson will amend the motion to approve and revisit the 2016 Abatement Denials at the next meeting.

Reuben Wentworth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below and John Markland seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. 2016 Abatements

OBlenes Kenneth & Cheryl	Map 15 Lot 25-2	182 Chestnut Cove Road	\$107.38
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3. 2017 Veteran's Tax Credits

Lemay Daniel L & Susan	Map 11 Lot 13-17	87 Alton Mountain Road	\$500.00
Brown Carleton & Jonette	Map 12 Lot 10	79 Bay Hill Road	\$500.00

4. 2017 "All" Veteran's Tax Credits

Glidden Richard & Germaine	Map 28 Lot 62	129 Frank C Gilman Hwy	\$500.00
DeRoche Dean & Monique	Map 12 Lot 39-3	78 Powder Mill Road	\$500.00

Approval - Parks and Recreation Hire; Summer Camp Counselor, Lucas Therrien, \$8.00/hr.

Public Input II (limited to 5 minutes per person; subject matter ~ any Governmental/Town Business)

Loring Carr approached the Board with a couple of concerns. He asked that for Public Input for the Ambulance Workshop that there be handouts for that meeting. He would like to see the dollar values in the accounts; what was left over and what was spent. There has been a lot of different information from different people; he feels it should come from the Board what the official numbers are. It would help to have that some input so the public would know what is being discussed. Loring noted that at the last meeting \$75.00 was discussed, to be put into the budget for the Catholic Church expense; he would like to bring it to the Board's attention that back in 2008 he then referred to the Annual Report, Article 41, page 27 and read it as follows:

We the undersigned, voters in the Town of Alton, hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to place the following articles on the 2008 town warrant. Shall the Town adopt the following ordinance: To promote openness in the conduct of public Business all Alton Public Proceedings as defined as RSA 91-A:1-a, except in the event of an Emergency circumstances shall be held in Alton owned public facilities.

Loring continued with RSA 91-A:1-d states that anything that any body holds is authority over the Town, it is considered a meeting, so an ordinance was violated by holding the voting up at the Catholic Church. Several people told him that they did not think that this was an

appropriate location; it is a nice facility but we have our own buildings. As one member of the public stated, that was a promise that the school was built for us and we would be able to use the facility so he thinks that there is enough time to work with the school, ask them to maybe have teacher/student conferences on election day. He would like to see the school used again. Part of the problem is the parking; it has always been a problem addressing that would solve some of those issues. He also mentioned that there is the elementary school, believing that there are other options available and this should be addressed.

Discretionary Action on Requests for Appointments (No discussion, majority vote required to allow/not allow appointment)

This is a request for an appoint for an Involuntary Lot Merger for Map 37 Lot 34, 10 Donald Drive, Maurice Couture.

John Markland made a motion to approve the appointment for Maurice Couture and Reuben Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Non-Public Session II: Vote to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3, II (a) through (k) as deemed necessary.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (c) and Reuben Wentworth seconded. The Board was polled in the affirmative by roll call with all in favor of the motion.

Roll call vote:

Reuben Wentworth, yes
Philip V. Wittmann, yes
John Markland, yes
Cydney Johnson, yes

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis
Recording Secretary

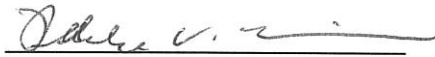
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