

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2010
Public Session I
ALTON TOWN HALL

Chairman Hussey convened the meeting at 6:00pm, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

David Hussey, Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Vice-Chair
Stephan McMahon, Selectman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
R. Loring Carr, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Chairman Hussey led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was amended to add items to New Business as follows: Police Grants, Department Heads Review and Selectmen's Walk Through. P. Fuller motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

The Chairman read the announcement from the Town Clerk with regards to the upcoming Rabies Clinic to be held at the Fire Station on April 24th.

Selectmen's Committee Reports –

Peter Bolster – P. Bolster reported that the Downtown Revitalization Committee will meet Tuesday. He continued that the Milfoil Committee is preparing current projects also that every Town should be committed to Milfoil control.

Loring Carr - L. Carr advised the Energy Committee will meet April 20th as a new advisory committee, they will present an annual report and submit goals and objectives.

Patricia Fuller – P. Fuller reported the B.C.E. D.C. had a meeting on March 24th, she was not able to attend but she keeps in touch with what they are doing, including helping small businesses in our county. She will help persons to get in touch with them if they want to start up a business. She noted the Budget Committee meets Thursday, Loring will go as an alternate and she will attend the DOT meeting. She provided an update on the Coalition concerning recent legislative activity on education., including that the senate passed a bill to protect donor towns for another year.

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Stephan McMahon – S. McMahon reported that the Household Hazardous Waste Committee had met but that he was unable to attend.

D. Hussey - D. Hussey advised the Planning Board had met March 16th He attended a workshop with issues of zoning board delineation, and encouraged townspeople to get involved. He advised the Electric Co-op had met with the Planning Board with regards to putting a shelter on their property, the Board also reviewed the cases of two sub-divisions with cease and desist and bond issues.

In other discussions, P. Bolster asked about the height of the tower, it was noted the height is 120' and is approved. L. Carr asked if the Planning Board was aware of any issues with the burned properties at the campground and tax billing. R. Bailey will review this matter with Mr. Sessler.

Town Administrator Verbal Report -

R. Bailey advised the Track & Field Team at Prospect Mtn. H.S., had requested the use of the Town Hall for a car wash fundraiser event. This should be covered by insurance. D. Hussey motioned to approve the request, seconded by P. Bolster and passed.

He advised the NH DOT will be at the High School on April 8th to review the Route 28 project.

He noted the Board would need to set up workshops to discuss goals and objectives and set up a walk through.

R. Bailey provided an update on the compactors at the Solid Waste Center. He advised that once the work is finished on the new compactors, the Center will keep two of the old larger compactors for recycling and parts and put one out to bid. P. Bolster asked about wind testing, R. Bailey advised the 50' antenna is up and monitoring the wind velocity, S. Simonds sends the results to the testing company. S. McMahon commended employees for the job they are doing to keep the landfill neat and safe.

R. Bailey advised the School Board is organizing a committee to look into grant funding for extension of the sidewalk on Route 140 towards the Fire Station, this has to be originated at the school level. R. Bailey has been in contact with Kathy Holt and they want the Town involved. It was recommended that Town staff participate in the committee. He will have more information at a future meeting, it was also noted there is sidewalk money set aside. Discussion included other sidewalk extensions.

Public Input

None

A discussion ensued as to whether more structure was needed for Public Input and if citizens' concerns presented should be designated for items on the agenda, if the Board should have time to review information before issuing an immediate response, and if citizens with concerns should make an appointment to meet with the Board.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

Vote to approve minutes of March 15, 2010, Public Session I and II and (sealed) Non-Public Minutes – S. McMahon motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by P. Fuller for a discussion. L. Carr asked for clarification on page 8, re: a statement made by P. Bolster, once explained, the motion passed with all in favor.

Vote to approve minutes of March 30, 2010 Workshop Session – P. Fuller motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. Health Regulations – The Board and R. Bailey reviewed whether to amend the septic policy noting the Town has more stringent setbacks than the state, also the members reviewed the Health Officer's information showing the difference between the Town and State. A discussion ensued concerning matters of issuing waivers for systems to ensure the newest technology to best fit the location, issues of enforcing more stricter guidelines, protecting all bodies of water, not issuing waivers just for "fixes", if enforcing restrictions would cause a hardship, the need to ensure the system will be safe, setting minimum standards, arbitrary decisions, setting minimum standards, etc. It was agreed to table this matter and to invite a representative from NH DES to a future meeting to review all these issues and concerns.
2. Farmers Market Policy – R. Bailey presented the draft policy. D. Hussey motioned to approve the policy, seconded by P. Fuller noting the policy could change or be modified when an application is received. In a discussion L. Carr suggested attaching an informational handout to the application. The motion was amended to attach the handout and passed as amended with all in favor.
3. Police Bid – L. Carr moved to accept the bid \$4,724 from Adamson Industries of Haverhill MA to equip three new Police vehicles as recommended by the Police Chief, seconded by D. Hussey and passed on a vote of 4-1 ()

4. Special Events Policy – The Board and Town Administrator reviewed the policy, several concerns were discussed including, gathering of large groups, parking on both sides of a public way, blocking traffic and access for emergency vehicles, the need for insurance if event is on Town land, otherwise it would be homeowners or private property owners responsibility, the need for a checklist if event impacts public property, designated parking areas, alcoholic beverages on town property and etc. R. Bailey will “fine tune” the policy and bring it back before the Board. It was noted the Board will also review the Hawkers & Vendors policy soon.
5. Vote to Approve Land Use Items as recommended by Town Assessing Department - L. Carr moved to approve all items as recommended, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
6. Snowmobile Club Request – L. Carr motioned to approve the request of the Mt. Major Snowmobile Club to maintain and approve the trails in the vicinity of Frohock Brook, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
7. Appointments to Transportation Advisory Committee and Health Officers – The Board approved the appointment of John Dever III as Health Officer and Russell Bailey as Deputy Health Officer and to re-appoint Russell Bailey and appoint John Dever III and Sharon Penney as TAC representatives from the Town
8. Police Grants (4) – The Board met with Chief Heath who explained the contractual agreement for the highway safety project grants and how projections and statistical reporting and goals and objectives are necessary to procure grants and to show the State how the department is doing. He noted how criminal activity has increased. Motorcycles will free up Police vehicles. The department has 4 motorcycle officers, 7 line cars, 6 police trained officers, and , and 6 part-time officers in the summer. P. Fuller moved to approve the grants as presented and recommended, seconded by L. Carr for discussion and to vote on each grant separately as follows.
 - DWI Patrol \$6179.63 – Passed 4-1 (LC)
 - Speed Patrol \$6179.63 – Passed Unanimously
 - Motorcycle Lease \$1500 – Passed Unanimously with condition not to operate motorcycles during sanding and salting and adverse weather conditions
 - Smart Radar Display \$7369, Town share \$3684 – Passed 4-1(PF)

9. Department Heads – L. Carr suggested that Department Heads attend Selectmen's Meetings for instance one or two a month to give a review. D. Hussey motioned to have department heads attend a meeting and give a 5 minute presentation that this interaction is a good idea for the public's information, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

The Chairman recognized Barbara Howard – B. Howard questioned the needs of the Police Department, including additional officer, benefits, mutual aid, grants, etc..

Non-Public Session

At approximately 8:00pm, Chairman Hussey motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (a) (c) and (e) the motion was seconded. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: April 19, 2010