

**Alton Board of Selectmen**  
**April 18, 2005**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Alton Town Hall**

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The Chairman convened the meeting at 6:00pm. Present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman  
Cris Blackstone, Vice-Chairman  
A. Pete Shibley, Selectman  
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Chairman Sherwood led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The Chairman made a correction to the items in New Business, changing the number "7" to number "6". A. Sherwood moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by A. Shibley and the motion passed with all in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Sherwood noted this Public Hearing was being held in three parts with regards to two donations relating to the Police Department and thirdly a donation to Parks and Recreation. He continued the \$6182.87 received is from accident insurance towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Animal Control Officer. He further explained that grant money is also available in the amount of \$500, if approved the Chief is requesting to use these funds towards the purchase of an ACO vehicle. Chief Iwans noted if any additional funding was needed he would use line items, and that he expected costs to be approximately \$8800.

Next the Board discussed the donation of C& D Interests. It was agreed to accept the offer of sand and equipment for the Town Beach and to use this donation when appropriate.

The Chairman acknowledged Ruth Messier who asked about the donations. A. Sherwood explained the \$6182 is reimbursement for a vehicle that was totaled. R. Messier asked about the Grant money. Chief Iwans stated there is a line item appropriated for grant funding. He would utilize this line item if necessary.

At 6:15 Chairman Sherwood closed the Public Hearing.

In their review and discussion the Board agreed to accept the donation of sand and use of equipment for the beach. Also the Board agreed with the use of \$6182.00 to be applied towards a replacement vehicle for the ACO officer and also to accept the donation of \$500 from All State Insurance Safety Program. A.. Shibley made a motion for the Chief to work within the \$8800, to use the \$6182 towards the purchase of a vehicle, to accept the sand and excavation equipment and to accept the All State Safety Insurance grant for

\$500 and if no vehicle is suitable, to come back before the Board, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

### **Appointments**

The Board met with members of the Greater Nashua Chapter of Barber Shopper Quartets the Chairman of the Alton Rotary Club. The Barbershoppers are planning a return to Alton Bay on August 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussion included use of the Community Center at the Bay, the sale of beer, posting of banners, cordoning off the town docks, and parking lot, setting up vendor booths, utilizing the American Legion, conducting a Sunday sunrise service at the Boat docks and scholarship programs for Alton students.

The Board advised the members to formulate their planned activities and coordinate the event with Parks & Recreation, Police and Fire Departments and to come back before the Selectmen. The Board expressed their appreciation for bringing this event back to Alton.

### **Selectmen's Committee Reports**

C. Blackstone stated she had attended Gilman Museum committee meetings, there will be two events including the Barbershoppers this year and the committee is working on their mission statement. C. Blackstone she had also attended a statewide conference in Manchester sponsored by the State Office of Energy and Planning. Alton was represented by 11 people.

A. Shibley reported he had attended a Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting and noted the work that had been completed at the site. When Councilor Raymond Burton, from the Governors Council was here last week they viewed the site along with Committee member Marty Cornellisen. Pictures were taken, R. Burton was hopeful he could help with providing RR tracks and other materials from various sites stored by the State. A. Shibley continue the walkway has been shortened, and "things are looking good" he invited the Board to tour the area. He thanked the highway department for the work they provided.

A. Sherwood noted he had also attended the Planning and Zoning Sessions at the conference in Manchester, and that he had made copies of the handouts for the Selectmen's review.

A. Sherwood continued the Planning Board had met and he had attended Master Plan committee meetings. The Planning Board will meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> and on Thursday there will be a Household Hazardous Waste committee meeting at the Town Hall.

**Town Administrator Report and Verbal Updates**

R. Bailey updated the Board on the Swap Shop, that all will be in readiness for the opening scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. He noted the stairs will be constructed and a free standing sign will be made. R. Bailey advised the Board the new fire rescue truck will arrive in May. R. Bailey continued that one monitoring well at the landfill has shown a slight improvement. He will be discussing contamination issues with the engineering firm. R. Bailey noted he had received a letter from Mr. Don Wilson of the Postal Service confirming his conversation with the Board, that the Bay post office will be open Monday – Friday. A. Sherwood will draft a thank you note.

**RECESS AS BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CONVENE AS BOARD OF HEALTH**

A. Sherwood motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and convene as Board of Health, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

Present: Paul Varney, P.E.

P. Varney presented the plan for a septic waiver for Map 39, Lot 34, Georges Way. Following a review and discussion, A. Sherwood motioned to grant the waiver as presented, noted it had been recommended by the Health Officer, seconded by A. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

P. Varney presented the plan for a septic waiver for Map 36, Lot for Kurt Browning. It was noted this request was for a holding tank to be pumped at regular intervals, and this improvement was recommended by the Health Officer. After a discussion and review, A. Sherwood motioned to approve the design as presented, and conditional that records are kept as to when it gets pumped and these receipts will be available for two years, seconded by A. Shibley and passed with all in favor. R. Bailey will discuss monitoring records with the Health Officer.

**Adjourn as Board of Health and re-convene as Board of Selectmen**

A. Sherwood moved to adjourn as Board of Health to reconvene as board of Selectmen, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

**Public Input #1**

R. Messier expressed her pleasure at the return of the Barbershoppers and advised the Board to contact Jonathan Downing if they had any concerns regarding donations etc. R. Messier commended the Board on the Alton Web Site.

R. Wentworth asked about new tax assessments. A. Sherwood advised a letter will be mailed to property owners in August and following that persons may meet with the assessor if they have questions or concerns about their property assessments.

**Approval of Selectmen's Minutes – April 4, 2005**

A. Shibley made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes of April 4, 2005, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

**Old Business**

1. Transfer Station Collection – Electronics Disposal – Following a review of the recommended fees, A. Shibley made a motion to approve the fees as follows:

- a. \$5.00 for disposal of monitors and tv's 19" or under
- b. \$10.00 for all monitors and tv's 20" or over
- c. no charge for computers, keyboards and mouse units.

The motion was seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor. R. Bailey advised a tracking system will be in place.

2. 2005 Fireworks Display - The Board reviewed the two proposals as received. A. Sherwood motioned accept the Fireworks from Atlas for a \$10,000 display on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and \$7,500 for Old Home week in August and that the barge rental be covered from this account at \$800 for each event, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor

3. Bid Approval – 2 Pickup trucks (Parks & Recreation and Solid Waste Center)

Following a review and discussion which included recommendations that additional costs if needed would come from the SWC and P&R operating budgets, A. Shibley made a motion to accept the bids for \$29,370 for the SWC Pickup truck, and \$29,761 for the Parks and Recreation truck with the understanding that Parks & Recreation will be purchasing a toolbox and headache bar separately, within their budgeted amount of \$33,000, seconded by C. Blackstone. The motion was amended, that the vehicles would be purchased from Grappone Ford and the plows would be purchased from Alton Motor Sports, the motion with amendments was passed with all in favor.

4. Building Policy – R. Bailey noted an ordinance had been previously discussed, this policy would state no animals would be allowed in the Town Hall or public buildings except for service animals under control of their owners or handlers. C. Blackstone moved to accept upon first reading, the ordinance relative to animals in Town facilities with our target date of being in effect for June 15<sup>th</sup>, seconded by A. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission has concerns about dogs being restricted from swim areas and referred the Board to a memo from K. Troendle. This would be an ordinance prohibiting pets on the Town beach area. In a consensus the Board agreed that the Town Administrator draft a policy for the next meeting.

5. AVAS Park – Building Addition – The Board reviewed the costs as presented by the Parks and Recreation Director. A. Sherwood noted this addition could be completed at a cost of \$8790. A. Shibley moved to accept the addition of 16x25' addition and to stay within budget as proposed, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

**New Business.**

1. Hawkers and Vendors License for “Hand Made 4 You” Crafts. A. Sherwood noted the date has to be included. A.. Shibley made a motion to approve the license, subject to the verification of the dates, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

2. Hawkers and Vendors License Application – TAP Enterprises, Inc – Tool Sale  
A. Shibley made a motion to approve the Tool Sale, to take place May 6<sup>th</sup> as requested at the Alton Bay Pavillion, for TAP Enterprises, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

3. Pole Petition - NH Electric Co-op, Route 11D - A. Shibley moved to accept the pole petition license, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor.

4. Vote to approve Items as Presented by the Land Use and Property Records Department – A. Sherwood moved to accept the recommendations of the assessor and to sign the items accordingly, seconded by A. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

5. Welfare Guidelines Update - The Board discussed the request for increase in rental fees from the Welfare Office. A. Shibley made a motion to approve the increase in fees as presented, seconded by C. Blackstone. In a discussion it was agreed that the Board will discuss welfare guidelines in an upcoming workshop. The motion passed with all in favor.

6. Workshop Schedule – The Board set the following dates for workshops as follows:  
April 25<sup>th</sup> Role of Town Selectmen and Review of SB2 at 4:00pm  
May 9<sup>th</sup> - Review of Roads and Highways with the Highway Agent at 3:30pm  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Operating Budget with Fire Wards at 4:00pm  
June 13<sup>th</sup> – Welfare Procedures at 3:30pm

A. Sherwood advised the Board members should have a copy of minutes from the Selectmen's workshop relating to Goals and Objectives.

**Public Input II**

G. Fuller asked if public input was allowed at Selectmen's workshops. With regards to SB2, he would like the budget committee to meet with the Selectmen. A discussion ensued relative to SB2, budgets, hearings and deliberative sessions. It was noted the Town does have a municipal calendar with dates specifically referencing guidelines, and actions to be taken for SB2 municipalities.

**Non-Public Session**

At 8:00pm, the Chairman motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (a) ( c ) and (e), seconded by C. Blackstone, the members were polled and each Selectman voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Cris Blackstone, Vice Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

A. Pete Shibley, Selectman \_\_\_\_\_

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Public Session II – Meeting Minutes  
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ALTON TOWN HALL

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The Chairman convened the public session at 9:00pm. Present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman  
Cris Blackstone, Vice-Chairman  
A. Pete Sshibley, Selectman  
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

The Board took the following actions:

1. The Board voted to seal the non-public session minutes
2. The Board approved the hiring of Larry Alting as a Truck Driver with a starting salary of \$11.33 per hour.
3. The Board approved going out to bid for a lift at the highway garage

At 9:05pm, the Chairman adjourned the meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Russell Bailey  
Town Administrator