

**ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 23, 2009**  
**Public Session I**  
**ALTON TOWN HALL**

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The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 6:07pm with Chairman McMahan presiding. Those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

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

S. McMahan led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

P. Fuller motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing with regards to Quarry Road reconstruction. Present, Kenneth Roberts, Highway Agent. K Roberts explained the reconstruction plans to those assembled. Residents expressed concerns about disturbing stone walls, keeping the rural character of the area, not removing certain trees, drainage and the history of the road was also discussed. Following this exchange, the Chairman closed the hearing.

After a review P Fuller motioned to accept the recommendations of the Highway Agent with regards to reconstruction of Quarry Road, seconded by D. Hussey. In a discussion, L. Carr stated he would not want the reconstruction to destroy the rural character of the road. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1(LC)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) The Alton Youth league will be selling tickets for a NH Fisher Cats game on July 22, 2009, persons interested in attending may purchase tickets by contacting any member of the Alton Youth League or through their website.
- 2) Loon Cove R.R. Station – The move of the Station to the B& M R.R. Park will take place on April 26, 2009 at 6:00pm a rain date would be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All preparation is completed for this move.
- 3) Campground Fire – A Press Release has been issued concerning the fire, reportedly the largest emergency incident ever dispatched through Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, as over 40 fire departments were called in.
- 4) Rabies Clinic – The clinic will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Central Fire Station from 12:30-2:00pm, dog licenses will also be available
- 5) Perambulations – R. Bailey noted perambulation of boundaries between the Towns of Gilford and Wolfeboro need to be held soon.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

The Board met with Representative Boyce about legislative issues including perambulation of Town Lines. S. McMahon motioned to have R. Bailey research the perambulation history for the Town, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

The Board met with Jean Ferber from "Access to Ideas" who updated the Board on the donation of the Bench of Friendship. The bench is due to arrive in July to be placed at the Gilman Library. Representatives from Russia and the Rotary and others will be on hand for the welcoming ceremonies. J. Ferber presented a photo of the men who had forged the bench.

## **SELECTMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORTS**

P. Fuller – P. Fuller advised she has no report at this time from the Coalition of Donor Towns. The ZBA continues to meet on a regular basis. She reported she had visited a firefighter who was injured at the fire and commended the fire, police and highway departments for their work at the campground fire, noting they did a tremendous job.

L. Carr reported on the Budget Committee who has requested input on the default budget, and they also discussed water pressure in the Fire hydrants, reimbursement of legal fees from the Planning Board, the use of a trust fund by the school for special education costs and the billing of attorney fees/retainers.

P. Bolster advised that signs will be placed B & M R.R. Park and other improvements that are on-going including a "plaza" area. He continued the caboose needs renovation.

D. Hussey reported that the Planning Board has had a full agenda, William Curtin has been appointed Chair.

S. McMahon noted the first collection of the Household Hazardous Waste will be in May and take place in Wolfeboro, Alton residents are allowed to bring items to the Wolfeboro facility. A 2009 brochure is available at the Town Hall with the schedules and other information.

## **TOWN ADMINISTOR'S REPORT**

R. Bailey reported the NHDOT will conduct an informational meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> to review changes at the traffic circle. The meeting is scheduled to be held at the Museum.

R. Bailey stated that the owner of the Owl's Nest will be making repairs to the town owned dock in West Alton. S. McMahon motioned to approve the repairs of the dock at Owl's Nest, seconded by P. Fuller and passed by unanimous vote.

## **PUBLIC INPUT I**

Mark Northridge asked about maintenance of the Friendship Bench. P. Bolster responded that the Rotary Club may build a small shelter over the top of the bench.

Douglas Kirpatrick asked if the Town website could be updated. S. McMahon noted updates would be posted as soon as possible.

Thomas Hoopes advised a cover could be made for the bench that would be put on easily.

Rep. Laurie Boyce asked if the Board would like her to invite the Governor during the ceremonies for the Friendship Bench. S. McMahon agreed this was a good suggestion.

### **APPROVAL OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES**

Public Session I & II and Sealed Non-Public Session minutes of April 6, 2009 – P. Bolster corrected the word “Senate” to *House* on page 6 of the Public Session Minutes. L. Carr motioned to accept the Public Session Minutes I, as amended and Public Session Minutes II and the (sealed) Non-Public session minutes of April 6, 2009.

Workshop Minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup> and March 30, 2009 – L. Carr motioned to accept the workshop minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and the workshop minutes of March 30, 2009, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with one abstention (SM).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Conservation Easement – The Board, Attorney Melissa Gulbrandsen and Brad Hunter discussed Mr. Hunter's application for a subdivision and mitigation requirements for Lot 55, Map 15. Concerns were expressed about the impact on conservation land, logging and clear-cutting rights, protecting the watershed and the lake, preserving wetlands and wildlife, protecting endangered plant life, what benefit this land would be to the Town, etc. M. Gulbrandsen presented a mylar of the land to show uplands and wetlands. P. Bolster motioned to accept this piece of land as mitigation for the land that is being disturbed, seconded by S. Mahon and passed by a vote of 4-1(LC) A discussion ensued concerning management of the Conservation Land.

P Fuller stated that although there were objections, she had only voted for this because Mr. Hunter had put in so much time, (four years) money and effort into this under the guidelines that had been set forth, David Hussey agreed with P. Fuller. The Selectmen do not have control over this and it does not benefit the Town.a

Thomas Hoopes remarked that the Chair of the Conservation Commission was asked not to come by R. Bailey. A point of order was called by L. Carr. S. McMahon stated he would not tolerate “personal attacks”. L Carr then motioned for the Selectmen to meet with the Conservation Committee, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Road and Parking Issues – Present: Kenneth Roberts

a) Parking Signs on Hidden Springs Road - Following a review L. Carr motioned to approve installation of the “No Parking” signs for \$438.48, the costs of the signs to be borne by St. Katherine's Church and the installation will be completed by the Town, seconded by D. Hussey, for discussion which included compliance with no parking on the road, and the desire to comply to the wishes of the Planning Board by the church. The motion then passed with all in favor.

b) Wallsten Road Closure – R. Bailey advised that the portion of the road would need to be temporarily closed for repairs. L Carr motioned to approve the request to temporarily close Wallsten Road for repairs, seconded by D. Hussey, for discussion. It was noted that pending approval on a future Town Warrant, the road could be closed permanently. The motion then passed with all in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Memorial Day Parade Request – L Carr motioned to approve the Memorial Day Parade permit, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

2. Annual Lake Winnepesaukee Relay Race – D. Hussey motioned to approve the permit for the Annual Lake Winnepesaukee Relay Race contingent that notification of the event has been provided to appropriate departments; Parks & Recreation, Fire and Police, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

2. Vote on the recommendations of the Town Assessor –

Note: David Hussey recused himself for this discussion and did not participate or take part in a vote. S. McMahon motioned to approve the recommendations of the Town Assessor, seconded by P. Fuller and the motion passed with all in favor. Note: D. Hussey returned to the Board

3. Bid Approvals – Highway Department – P. Fuller motioned to approve the recommendations of the Highway Agent for bids as submitted by Phoenix Precast for catch basins, Water Industries for individual culverts, Owens Leasing for Road-side Mowing also included was A.H Harris (no bid received) but who quoted 2008 pricing for geo-tech and as recommended by K. Roberts, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

4. NH Elec. Co-op – Pole Location - L. Carr motioned to approve the request for the Pole License as requested for No. 2771-T, Chestnut Cove Road, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

### **PUBLIC INPUT II**

L. Boyce stated she did not think the church wanted signs installed on their property. R. Bailey clarified the signs would not be on church property and that they had been requested by the church. L. Boyce stated she was not clear on that and thanked Mr. Bailey and withdrew her comments.

### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

At 8:35pm, S. McMahon motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (a) ( c) and (e ), seconded by P. Fuller. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary  
Krista Argiropolis, Recorder

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