

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
June 14, 2021
(Approved - June 28, 2021)

Chairman V. MacDonald convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

V. MacDonald announced the following:

Until Further Notice: To keep our members and staff safe, and to comply with RSA 91-A, the State of Emergency, and Governor's Orders, restrictions on public gatherings, The Town of Alton is moving from "in-person" meetings to "remote audio participation meetings". To remotely attend the meeting (audio only) visit our website: www.alton.nh.gov for telephone access and remote access instructions listed under News and Announcements on the home page or telephone the Selectmen's Office 603-875-2113 or 603-875-0229 between 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for the Dial-in Code and Meeting ID for each Selectmen's Meeting.

V. MacDonald led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following staff members were present:

Virgil MacDonald, Chairman
Paul LaRochelle, Vice Chairman
Reuben Wentworth, Selectman
Bob Holt, Selectman
Brock Mitchell, Selectman
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval

V. MacDonald stated that he would like to add Conservation under New Business and B. Holt would like to add Selectmen's Meetings under New Business. R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements

Public Input I (limited to 3 minutes per person on agenda items only)

None

Submission of Public Comments - Questions - Concerns

Appointments

Michael Fruin - East Side Drive

V. MacDonald stated that he has done his homework. R. Wentworth stated that he has been working on this since last year or the year before. R. Wentworth stated that he believes if a town asks for a state road to be lowered there is a state law that if anyone is caught speeding over the 25mph it will be thrown out by judges because minimum for a class v road is 30 mph. The state had asked the Town to take that road over before but it is cost prohibited for us. B. Holt stated that the State could put up advisory signs. P. LaRochelle stated that there is some confusion on signs. Just before 28a just before a driveway shows an arrow then is saying East Side Drive 25 mph. Further down there is a sign that says watch for pedestrians in crosswalk. There is no crosswalk. M. Fruin remotely joined the meeting. He stated that it will make your head spin coming through that area if you are not familiar with the area. V. MacDonald asked what he would like the Town to do because that is a State road. M. Fruin stated that he understood. It is a heavily populated area. There are well over 50 residential units. It is densely populated. He spoke to DOT and they are willing to work with him on this. Whether it is a seasonal speed limit or year round speed limit. Something needs to be done with the trucks that cut through. There are very large dump trucks. R. Wentworth stated that they should try to have a meeting with Mr. Cass. It is the consensus of the Board to have the Town Administrator set up a meeting with Mr. Cass and have the Police Chief attend.

New Business

1. Sales and Solicitation License Application Request; Dulces Bakery, LLC - Approval

P. LaRochelle stated that there is no list of products they are selling and where they are to be sold. R. Wentworth stated that it needs to go to the Department Heads such as the Health Officer.

R. Wentworth made a motion to not approve the application due to incomplete and B. Holt seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. Freshwater Café, LLC - Restaurant Beverage/Wine/Liquor License Request

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve for Freshwater Café, LLC restaurant beverage/wine/liquor license request and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

3. Alton Bay General Store Inc. - Restaurant Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License Request

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the State Liquor Commission application for beverage/wine/tobacco for Alton Bay General Store Inc. and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the vote.

4. Conservation

V. MacDonald stated that the Conservation wanted him to ask the Board if could create an ordinance to put sign down by the boat launch and possibly put someone down there to make people wash their boats before they put them in the water. To make sure that things like milfoil are not entering the lake. They have been noticing boats that have it when they are being put in. R. Wentworth stated that there was a group of volunteers that used to do that years ago. V. MacDonald was hoping that we could get in contact with them again. R. Wentworth stated that the problem is who would be enforcing the ordinance. P. LaRochelle asked what Fish & Game and Marine Patrol were doing. R. Wentworth suggested that a meeting be set up with one of the Commissioners from the Fish & Game to discuss the concerns. They are the ones who opened a public boat ramp in the Town.

5. Selectmen's Meetings

B. Holt had a conversation with the Town Administrator earlier this evening. We have Zoom and Public but there is a problem with no mics. L. Carr brought it to his attention that he couldn't hear very well out in the audience because there was no mics. We can't do both being Zoom and the mics. R. Wentworth asked if the State of Emergency has ended. V. MacDonald asked J. Monaco if the mics can be used with Zoom. J. Monaco stated that it was not designed that way. It would create feedback and make it difficult for people to hear. The State of Emergency expired Friday. P. LaRochelle stated that Zoom should be stopped.

R. Wentworth made a motion that all meetings are opened to the Public now and Zoom is no longer required and B. Holt seconded. R. Heath stated that he is in agreement with whatever the Board's pleasure is. Once the State of Emergency is over the powers of the EMT is dissolved. The vote was called and all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

1. Solid Waste Department - Swap Shop

Tabled

2. EMT

R. Heath approached the table. He would like to inform the Board how things were going. The Governor's Office is keeping a Public Incident open. They stopped the Emergency Declaration at midnight on Friday night. Everything has opened back up as of June 1. Things have gone very well. He has been getting a lot of inquires about the fireworks. People in the public want to revisit that issue. Unfortunately going back to the decision that was made cannot be changed because there was a timeframe from Atlas. If you have noticed that on the

weekends we are very congested in the Bay. If you take that with the information that the surrounding communities have cancelled their fireworks all we can do is speculate that we might face an over abundance of people and we do not have the resources to support that. Even though it is an outdoor event there still needs to be some sort of separation. There will not be that kind of separation on the lawn with approximately 5,000 people. It wasn't advisable for us to try and take that on right now. We are setting ourselves up for possible failure. It was decided to put on a much bigger display for Old Home Week. It is important to get that information out there. V. MacDonald stated that he agrees with the decision that was made considering everything that was going on. R. Heath stated that he feels that we are going to get a massive influx of people on that night. It may overwhelm the Bay.

Selectmen Reports

B. Holt stated that the Milfoil Committee is interested in getting permits to treat Merrymeeting River from the dam up to Route 140 and also Mill Pond. A brief discussion ensued about what and where the treatment should be done. P. LaRochelle asked if the Committee looked at other areas like town beaches. B. Holt stated that they want to address that. The way the warrant article was written they can't.

R. Wentworth stated that he would like to bring up one thing. He feels the Town is lacking one crosswalk down in the Bay. From Shibley's Ice Cream Stand. He thinks the Police Chief should have a look at it. He would like the trash bins outside the maintenance door at the west side public restrooms put back this year.

B. Mitchell has nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle stated that the Master Plan Committee met last week. There is going to be a postcard survey going out. It will be for businesses, employees, residents, full time residents, anybody that is in town.

V. MacDonald has nothing to report.

Town Administrator Report

L. Dionne has nothing to report.

Approval of Minutes

None

Consent Agenda Approval

1. **Administration Department**
Executive Secretary, Stacy Bailey, Part-Time, 32 hours per week to Full-Time, 40 hours per week effective 6/14/2021

2. **Assessing Department**
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES
BERTOLAMI III; MAP 8 LOT 47-3; RANGE ROAD; \$0 (RELEASE)

TIMBER TAX
PERELLA; MAP 25 LOT 33; BAXTER PLACE; \$16.49
MAHONEY; MAP 33 LOTS 58/60/63/59/62/64; BAY HILL ROAD; \$184.62

ADMINISTRATIVE ABATEMENTS
FERNHILL CORP; MAP 2 LOT 26-4; 58-64 FERNHILL DRIVE; \$3,416
FERNHILL CORP; MAP 2 LOT 26-4-1; 58 FERNHILL DRIVE; \$760
FERNHILL CORP; MAP 2 LOT 26-4-2; 60 FERNHILL DRIVE; \$898
FERNHILL CORP; MAP 2 LOT 26-4-3; 62 FERNHILL DRIVE; \$717
FERNHILL CORP; MAP 2 LOT 26-4-4; 64 FERNHILL DRIVE; \$719

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted on June 14, 2021 and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of themotion.

Public Input II (limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business)

K. Roberts approached the table. He stated that the only way the Town can change the speed limit on Route 28a is with an engineer. He suggests for the State to do an engineer for design speed. It has been brought to his attention that businesses go to the Swap Shop and pick up things. It was designed for people in need. They fought hard for the crosswalk in the Bay. There will be some costs to put it in.

The owner of the Freshwater Café approached the table. She gave an update on the Freshwater Café and all of the improvements done. She is hoping to be opened next week.

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

Non-Public Session

R. Wentworth moved at 7:01pm to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,a(personnel). R. Holt seconded. Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes	P. LaRochelle - yes	R. Wentworth - yes
R. Holt - yes	B. Mitchell - yes	<u>Roll call vote carried unanimously</u>

R. Wentworth moved at 7:32pm to exit nonpublic session. P. LaRochelle seconded. Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes	P. LaRochelle - yes	R. Wentworth - yes
R. Holt - yes	B. Mitchell - yes	<u>Roll call vote carried unanimously</u>

B. Mitchell back in the meeting at 7:32pm.

V. MacDonald moved to “not divulge” the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. R. Wentworth seconded. Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes	P. LaRochelle - yes	R. Wentworth - yes
R. Holt - yes	B. Mitchell - yes	<u>Roll call vote carried unanimously</u>

B. Mitchell stated that Solid Waste Superintendent Scott Simonds was not notified of the Swap Shop discussion earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

V. MacDonald moved at 7:34pm to adjourn. V. MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacy L. Bailey
Secretary