

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
June 28, 2021
(Approved - July 12, 2021)

Chairman V. MacDonald convened the meeting at 6:01 PM.

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, Excused
Reuben Wentworth, Selectman
Bob Holt, Selectman
Brock Mitchell, Selectman
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval

B. Holt stated that he would like to add #2 Public Hearings on Roads and a concern on Bay Hill Road under Old Business. R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements

- The Public Participation Policy applies to all Selectmen meetings. A copy of it is on the back of each agenda, posted in this meeting room, and on our website.
- Town Offices will be closed on Monday, July 5th in honor of Independence Day.

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

None

Appointments

New Business

1. Milfoil Committee - Mill Pond and Wentworth Pond

D. Gould, Chairman of the Milfoil Committee, approached the table. Every year the DES recommends the areas for permitting that they might use the herbicide treatment in. This year has new areas that have never been permitted before. The is Mill Pond and Wentworth. DASH work has been done in Wentworth before. There were concerns in the past with previous herbicides. There is a new herbicide that was used last year. It would take 4-6 weeks to get a permit if the Board is in agreement.

V. MacDonald made a motion to allow the Milfoil Committee to apply for the permits and B. Holt seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. Highway Department - Spring Street Extension Maintenance Request

S. Kinmond presented a memo in reference to inquiry that was made. His recommendation is to allow the home owner's association to purchase gravel and maintain it themselves.

R. Wentworth made a motion to go with the Public Works Director's recommendation and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

3. Sales and Solicitation License Application Request; Koda Dog Farm, LLC/Koda's Grill - Approval

B. Holt made a motion to approve the Sales and Solicitation License for Koda Dog Farm and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

1. Assessing Department - 2020 Abatement Recommendations

Map 18 Lot 38-1 16 Tranquility Lane

R. Jutton approached the table. He explained this one was brought to the Board last week. Discussion ensued about the condition of the house.

V. MacDonald made a motion to allow R. Jutton to reassess Longview Trust 16 Tranquility Lane and rebate \$412,600.00 and R. Wentworth seconded. The vote was called 1 affirmative (VM) and 3 opposed.

Map 18 Lot 39-6 42 Tranquility Lane

This entire property was built out of repurposed and recycled materials. The property owner is trying to bring it up to current standards.

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the abatement for the dock and breakwater for Michael Hepworth for the year April 1, 2020 but deny any other abatement requests and B. Holt seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Map 21 Lot 1-6 123 Clay Point Road

The problem with this property is that it has a band of wetland and brook running through the middle of the property. They had to build a bridge to go over the brook.

V. MacDonald made a motion to grant the assessment adjusting land condition from .95 to .80 and the fireplace from 100% to 50% for collective adjustments resulting in an assessment of \$2,961,700.00 and R. Wentworth seconded and 2 affirmative and 2 opposed (BH, RW). Motion failed.

2. Public Hearings on Roads

B. Holt asked what the status of the Public Hearings is. V. McDonald stated that the Town Administrator is going to inform the Board during her report. B. Holt stated that there is a six-ton weight limit sign at the bottom of Bay Hill Road that blocks your view. You cannot see traffic.

Selectmen Reports

B. Holt has nothing to report.

R. Wentworth has nothing to report.

B. Mitchell has nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle has nothing to report.

V. MacDonald has nothing to report.

Town Administrator Report

L. Dionne asked for permission for the Public Works Director to approach the table. S. Kinmond approached the table. He presented a memo with the bid recommendations for the Clearspan building for sand/salt storage.

R. Wentworth made a motion to award ClearSpan the bid for \$35,5558.20 and B. Holt seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Wentworth asked if the Town Administrator needed a motion for the whole lump sum. L. Dionne stated that it needs to be done if Capital Reserve Funds are used.

R. Wentworth made a motion to pay for the Salt/Sand Shed at the Highway Department in the amount of \$92,794.02 to be taken out of Sand Storage Building Capital Reserve Fund of \$70,000.00 and the Highway Building Improvements Fund Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$22,794.02 now that the Town Attorney has approved it and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

L. Dionne asked the Board if they would like to do one road per meeting for the Public Hearings. R. Wentworth stated that he would like all three in one. He would like it done and over with. It was the consensus of the Board to do all three at one meeting.

L. Dionne asked if the Board wanted to reschedule tomorrow's meeting regarding the Personnel Policy. It is the consensus of the Board to postpone the meeting.

R. Wentworth stated that the meeting that is scheduled for July 6 should be cancelled. It was originally scheduled for the ClearSpan unit.

R. Wentworth made a motion to cancel the meeting of July 6, 2021 and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021 Non-Public Session, releasing none and V. MacDonald seconded. 3 affirmative and 1 abstention (BM)

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021 Public Session and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021 Non-Public Session and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda Approval

B. Holt made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented and R. Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. Administration Department

Secretary, Shannon Hart, \$16.88 per hour, effective 7/12/2021

2. Assessing Department

LAND USE CHANGE TAXES

SAMPLE; MAP 9 LOT 53-2; SAMPLE TERRACE; \$6,500

ADMINISTRATIVE ABATEMENTS

BEAULIEU; MAP 33 LOT 77-25; 6 VIEWLAND COURT #25; \$187.39

NH DRA PA-28 INVENTORY RELEASE FORM

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION PA-28 INVENTORY RELEASE FORM

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

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

L. Carr approached the table. He stated that at the last meeting it was mentioned that they were going to meet with the attorney to discuss about the fire boat and the Capital Reserve Fund. He asked what the outcome of the meeting was. L. Dionne stated that she does not feel comfortable discussing information that was discussed with legal counsel. V. MacDonald stated that there is a problem with it and it needs to be taken care of.

K. Roberts approached the table. He stated that it was quite the discussion about abatements. If he had to run around town looking at people's driveways and breaking up. There would be a lot more. The assessment on the breakwater is very low. A serious look needs to be taken at that.

L. Carr approached the table again. He asked about the property that had the boathouse under the lawn. How long before the assessment will show any improvements have been increased.

Non-Public Session

V. MacDonald moved at 7:22pm to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,c (reputational). B. Mitchell seconded. Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes R. Wentworth - yes R. Holt - yes B. Mitchell - yes
Roll call vote carried unanimously

V. MacDonald moved at 7:33pm to exit nonpublic session. B. Mitchell seconded. Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes R. Wentworth - yes R. Holt - yes B. Mitchell - yes
Roll call vote carried unanimously

V. MacDonald moved to release item #2 and 'not divulge' item #1 of the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. R. Holt seconded. Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes R. Wentworth - yes R. Holt - yes B. Mitchell - yes
Roll call vote carried unanimously

R. Wentworth moved to approve the usage of Item #7 in the Whitney Contract, if needed for staff assistance, and not to exceed \$1,500. V. MacDonald seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

V. MacDonald moved at 7:35pm to adjourn. B. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Stacy L. Bailey
Secretary