

**ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 11, 2005**  
**ALTON TOWN HALL**

Chairman Sherwood convened the Public Session of the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 p.m. The following members and staff were present:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman  
Cris Blackstone, Vice Chairman  
Stephan McMahon, Selectman  
Patricia Fuller, Selectman

Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Moment of Silence**

Alan Sherwood led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was voted that the agenda be accepted as written.

**Public Hearing**

**Announcements**

Mr. Bailey has arranged for an Open House in the Town Hall, Saturday, August 13 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. This is an opportunity to come in and meet the employees and find out what is new in the Town Hall.

Cris Blackstone complimented Russ Bailey for the design of the Open House flier, the early press going out about it and his endeavors in getting the department heads' interest and support.

**Appointments**

There were no appointments.

**Selectmen's Committee Reports**

**Planning Board** – Cris Blackstone reported attending the Planning Board Committee meeting several times in Alan Sherwood's place. The meetings included a site walk for one of the cases.

**Gilman Museum** – The Gilman Museum will meet Monday, July 18 at 6 p.m., followed by a workshop.

**Conservation Comm.** – S. McMahon was unable to attend the last conservation meeting for personal reasons.

Pat Fuller regretted missing the last Selectmen's meeting when the State Reps were present due to her mother's hospitalization. She added her thanks to all seven of our state representatives who did vote for the Senate amended House Bill 16 and which does for the moment remove Alton as a donor town. She is hopeful that next year we can get rid of the statewide property tax.

The **Zoning Board** has not had any regular meetings.

**Planning Committee** – A. Sherwood stated that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June he sat in on one of the Master Plan Committee discussions regarding the natural resources and a guest spoke about buffers for wetlands and streams.

On July 7 the Planning Board had a workshop where the Board voted to go ahead with the contract for impact fees with Mr. Mayberry.

The Planning Board also voted to adopt a new set of regulations for excavations.

The Planning Board is having a workshop this Thursday evening at 6 p.m. A representative from the Lakes Region Planning Commissioner is going to meet with the Land Use Committee and all of the committee chairmen are asked to be present for the master plan to try to get a status.

### **Town Administrator Report and Verbal Updates**

**Mr. Norby and Mrs. Reynolds application** - R. Bailey spoke to the Selectmen regarding an application from Mr. Norby and Mr. Reynolds on Chamberlain Rd., which is a Class VI road. They have been working with Ken Roberts who gave the same requirements as given to Mr. St. Laurent. They will have to come in formally to the Board for a waiver and to sign off that they will hold the Town harmless because this is a Class VI road. R. Bailey wanted the Board's approval for their work on a Class VI road under the direction of the town highway agent. The Board gave their approval.

A **Highway Dept. Construction Schedule** has been established for this year and the roads that were approved to work on will be Appleyard Lane, Bay Hill Road, Mirimichie Hill Road, Pine Street and Prospect Mountain Road. Old Wolfeboro Road has started construction again, and the final phase, Phase 3, will be finished up this year. This plan is based on the funding that was approved by Town Meeting and the capital reserve that was carried forward.

**The layout of a piece of property on the lake that was given to the Town** was passed out to the Selectmen. Mr. Bailey wanted to confirm with the Board that they would like him to do research and continue reviewing this to see if there is any potential for use for

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the public to access the lake, as well as use it for either boating or swimming purposes. The Board agreed that Mr. Bailey do a history check on this property; verify the boundaries for further direction and status report without incurring any cost.

**County Tax bill** is approximately \$40,000 less than last year. The bill at this point is \$1,755,822.00. Last year we paid \$1,796,775.00.

#### **Upcoming Workshops:**

There is a **workshop scheduled for next Monday, July 18 at 4 p.m.** R. Bailey will have a draft of the personnel policy for the selectmen by Wed. a.m. for this workshop.

#### **Property Mailings**

It was decided to conduct a **workshop on August 9 at 3:30 p.m.** to meet with the assessor to go over the results of his examination of the properties as well as the draft letter to send out to all of the property owners and all of the other public notices. The Board's review and approval will be needed. The goal is to have these items in the mail by August 15.

#### **Air conditioning in Meeting Rooms**

R. Bailey stated that some of the committees have expressed a need for air conditioning in the two meeting rooms. A. Sherwood stated that the need is only for a few times a year and questioned whether it would be worth spending money for. The Board's consensus was that R. Bailey explore with an HVAC person the cost of air conditioning the two meeting rooms.

#### **Public Input I**

**Mrs. Ruth Messer** said the fireworks this year off the barge were absolutely fantastic. She has talked to people who have attended the fireworks everywhere in the area and they all say "Alton's was the very best". She also personally expressed her appreciation to Wendell Beck who was responsible for putting on the fireworks on the beach for many years. She said he did a great job, but she thinks we have reached the point now where the barge is the way to go. She said if it costs a little more she thinks it is well worth it.

Alan Sherwood thanked Mr. Bailey, Parks and Recreation staff and all who made it a successful night, including the firemen and policemen.

#### **Approval of Selectmen's Minutes**

##### **Public Session I & II, And Non-Public Session – June 20, 2005**

Alan Sherwood moved we approve the minutes as amended from Public Session I and II, and Non-public sessions as amended from June 20, 2005. C. Blackstone seconded the motion. 3 were in favor and P. Fuller abstained.

**Old Business**

**FEMA Funds** – The next meeting for the FEMA Funds public hearing was scheduled for the July 25 at 6 p.m.

**Alarm Policy** - It was recommended that the alarm policy also be done at the July 25 meeting.

**NH DOT Construction Schedule** – Construction on Route 11 north from Rand Hill Road to Minge Cove will start tomorrow to include a drainage guard rail. The actual paving will be in August. They are doing a new entrance to Minge Cove to give it a better sight distance when they pull out. Construction will go on for a couple of months and if they do have to run a detour they will use Route 11D.

**Landfill Monitoring Well/Engineering Approval** - Stephen McMahon made a motion that the Board grant \$18,000 be taken from the landfill closure capital reserve for monitoring well, surveying and engineering at the landfill. C. Blackstone seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

**Approval of Dock Repair Bid**

P. Fuller moved that the bid for the dock repair be awarded to the lowest bidder, Winnepesaukee Marine at \$53,800. A. Sherwood seconded the motion. The motion passed all in favor.

R. Bailey stated that there is a **long bench on the side walkway** in which the wood seats are very weathered and could cause splintering issues. It was decided that Mr. Bailey should get an estimate for putting some type of plastic or trex type seating that won't need maintenance, painting, staining, and splintering. **This will be added to our next meeting.**

**New Business**

**TAP, Industries – Request for Hawkers and Vendors License** – T.A.P. Enterprises, Inc. General Merchandise Camping equip. on Friday, August 12 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. S. McMahon said in the past when they have set up they have sent a tractor trailer in the middle of the parking lot in front of the pavilion for their stock. Parking is at a premium and the trailer is blocking traffic. Parking spaces will be taken up on a Friday in the summer months. Russ will research further and come back with more info on July 25.

**Land Use and Property Records Department:**

Alan Sherwood moved that we approve the assessor's recommendations for 3 Intent to Cut; 1 Land Use Change Tax; and 1 Abatement and sign them accordingly. Cris Blackstone seconded the motion. The motion was passed all in favor.

**MS-5 Approval** has been put together by our auditors which is a financial report of last year's revenues and expenditures that go to the DRA. P. Fuller moved that the Selectmen sign the report. A. Sherwood seconded the motion and it was passed all in favor.

**Driveway Permits and Standards**

We have a proposed interim standard dealing with driveways as follows: one class of 100-200 ft., another class of 201 – 500 ft., and another class over 500 ft. As it goes up in length proposed standards get more stringent. As proposed by the Fire Chief and after some discussion with staff and the Board in a work session, it is suggested that we schedule a **public hearing on this for August 8 meeting.**

**Correspondence from Winnepesaukee Family Alliance for Boating Safety** – Relative to House Bill 162. The correspondence from this organization is in favor of speed limits on the lake. This Board does not have a position on this. The 3<sup>rd</sup> public hearing on this is July 13 at Gilford High School from 7-11 p.m. People are encouraged to attend this hearing.

**Metro Cast Agreement** is a reorganization of the family trust that owns Metro Cast and other businesses and will now be known as the Harron Communications. Because we have a franchise with them, they have to notify us of any such changes to make sure we have no objections. P. Fuller moved to authorize the Town Administrator to sign off on the Metro Cast reorganization so long as the town attorney does not have any problem with it. A. Sherwood seconded the motion and the motion was carried with all in favor.

**Public Input II**

C. Blackstone reported that two people called her and were extremely articulate and emphatic to encourage the Selectmen not to have any permits for vendors at the Bay, citing that it is congested, it is beautiful, that it is touristy, etc., and they felt that over the years they have seen time spent, if not wasted, discussing the size, color, location of vendor carts, and they are encouraging less vending rather than permitting more vending.

Public Input II was closed.

At 6:56 p.m., it was moved that the Board of Selectmen enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,11 (a) (b) (c). The motion was seconded and moved with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pritchard  
Secretary Pro-Tem

APPROVED:

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

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