

**TOWN OF ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 19, 2010
Draft Minutes**

Members Present: David Hussey, Chairman
Loring Carr, Member
Steve McMahon, Member
Peter Bolster, Member

Others Present: E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

I. CONVENE – Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

D. Hussey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Under Announcements, add closure of Stockbridge Corner Road.
Under Appointments, add Alton Business Association, Old Home Days

Steve McMahon moved the agenda as amended. Loring Carr seconded the motion which passed unopposed.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Old Home Day Events – August 14

There will be a Road Race in the morning and Recreation Department events throughout the day. Fireworks will be at 9:20 p.m. in Alton Bay.

Town Hall Evening Hours – Open every Thursday until 7:00 p.m.

Several town offices are open on Thursday evenings until 7:00 p.m. The new hours went into affect July 8 and will continue going forward.

Closure of Stockbridge Corner Road

Beginning at 6:00 a.m. on July 27, 2010, the Highway Department will close Stockbridge Corner Road to do culvert work. They will work until it is finished, which could be as late as midnight. Police and Fire Departments as well as the abutters will be notified. Rain date will be July 28th or 29th.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

Belknap County Commissioners

Edward Philpot, the Vice-Chairman of the Belknap County Commissioners gave a presentation concerning the direction they are going. He was accompanied by Dick Long, Deb Shackett, and Norm O'Neil. The highlights included the Belknap County Nursing Home, the Juvenile Corrections process, facility studies and cost/energy saving measures, and community corrections issues. There is a discussion in place concerning expanding the County's role in Police Dispatch. The Belknap County Nursing Home was also discussed at length; a private concern has approached the nursing home with interest to buy it. This is being looked into from an information standpoint; there is no plan to sell.

David Hussey asked if there is an opportunity coming up where they can sit down with the commissioners to really discuss and dig into what the county and the towns can get together on. Police dispatch is under

discussion; the police chiefs and sheriff's departments are involved in this. David would like to meet at a workshop to talk back and forth about what might work.

Conservation easement to create a wildlife corridor throughout the county was mentioned. David Hussey suggested getting the conservation committees from all the towns together to work that out. Several towns have worked together to place land in conservation easement. Peter Bolster talked about the Belknap Range. Loring Carr is interested in regionalizing police dispatch. David Hussey added that they are interested in all of this; Mr. Philpot talked about the difficulty of getting the communities together so that a plan that works for everybody can be put together. Loring Carr asked about the three communities that use the juvenile prosecutor through the county. If towns are interested in using the juvenile or adult diversion programs, the police chief can do that now. Alton has a town prosecutor; there is an attorney at the county who specializes in juvenile cases.

Roger Sample, Old Home Day

The Police Chief, Ryan Heath, was involved in this discussion. Parade concerns were addressed. The parade route is 1.8 miles; there are floats and walkers, so the speed will be walking pace. State permits are in place. These parades used to be done and were a big hit. In the past it started in town and went down to the Bay. The event is set to start at 2:30 p.m. The time was changed to that because the Road Race is in the morning and there could be a conflict. Staging and other issues were discussed. The parade will begin at the Alton Central School and go to the Bay. The cost of police for traffic/crowd control is estimated at \$550.

Loring Carr made a motion, seconded by Steve McMahon, to approve the parade and the cost of police presence – next year this will be planned ahead of time and put in the budget. Motion passed without opposition.

V. VOTE TO RECESS AS BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND CONVENE AS BOARD OF HEALTH

D. Hussey made a motion to recess as a Board of Selectmen and to convene as a Board of Health; Loring Carr seconded the motion which passed with all in favor by roll call vote.

2 Septic Waivers – Thomas Varney, PE

There is a surface water waiver requested for Richard Fox, 186 Big Barndoor Island, Map 80 Lot 2, for a previously installed system. The installer did not obtain DES Operational Approval at the time of the installation. The required tank/pump distance is 75' for both; the existing distance is 30' for the tank and 33' on the pump.

Loring Carr made a motion to approve the waiver for the tank and pump to the surface water, with the condition that it is approved by the DES inspector. David Hussey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The second waiver is for Mr. Chamberlain; this is a design for a previously approved replacement system. There is no need to have this system installed at this time; this is a backup in case a quick replacement is needed for a failed system. The Board of Selectmen decided to table this until alternative technologies can be explored.

Exploration of alternative technologies will be discussed with John Dever at an upcoming workshop.

VI. VOTE TO ADJOURN AS BAORD OF HEALTH AND RECONVENE AS BOARD OF SELECTMEN

D. Hussey made a motion to adjourn as a Board of Health and reconvene as a Board of Selectmen; Loring Carr seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

VII. SELECTMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Selectmen reported on their ongoing projects. Mr. Bolter reported on the sale of excess town land. There are ongoing conversations between the chair of the planning board and the conservation commission.

Dave Hussey and Russ Bailey have been looking at the IT needs; Andy MacLeod is part of this discussion. They are looking at going forward with IT. David has also been talking with Kenny Roberts about highway maintenance; they are discussing how to take care of the 80 miles of roads in town.

VIII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

There is nothing to report.

IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

John Dever, the Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector is the Department Head reporting this evening. He handed out a spreadsheet showing the level of activity for building. 89 permits have been issued for new construction; 300 permits have been issued total, if you count plumbing, electrical, etc. Of those only 5 are new houses; there are 2 more on his desk. He has been going through open permits and getting them either renewed or closed out. The cost to renew is 10% of the cost of the original permit or \$30, whichever is higher. He pointed out some information sheets concerning permitting and inspection criteria. He has put out pamphlets about what you do not need a permit for; the townspeople seem to like them. There have been five reports of failed septic systems; three were actually failed systems and they have been dealt with. He is working closely with the Planning Department and the zoning board. He is also working on health regulations with an eye toward updating and eliminating regulations that are out of date or no longer relevant.

Dave Hussey suggested that he work with the planner to look at old laws that are out of date.

Mr. Dever spoke about the slow building market here and throughout the state. He discussed the dangers of using CSST – Corrugated Stainless Steel – and the new state requirements for bonding (grounding).

X. PUBLIC INPUT I

Barbara Howard asked about having the Police Logs in the newspaper; she would like this information so that neighborhood watches more effective, and also to be able to make informed decisions when voting. Chief Heath explained that even though there is a program that captures this information, it includes personal information as well. It would take manpower and additional funds to compile the information for publication in the newspaper. Other towns do this, but they are far smaller than Alton. Mrs. Howard asked if the police receive comp time; the Selectmen did away with that. She spoke about the presentation with the County Commissioners; they are paying off the bond on the ski area this year and she is wondering if that money could go to the nursing home. Peter Bolster said that the ski area has been paying into the county commission system for the last several years. She would also like to see the County Commission kept small; this is not the economy to be expanding them.

Weston Sager introduced himself. He is the new reporter for the Baysider, replacing Brandon Berube.

George Hurt, running for State Senate, came forward to introduce himself to the Board.

Raymond Howard came forward to speak about the County Commission wanting to buy land for wildlife corridors; he is a sportsman, and wildlife does not follow corridors. It is an effort to buy up land. David

Hussey talked about the intent of the conservation easement and the fact that with this use, the land is out of the tax base.

XI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2010 – Public Session I and II and (Sealed) Non-Public Session Minutes

Loring Carr made motions to approve the minutes for Public Session I, Public Session II, and the Non-Public Session. Motions were seconded and passed with majority votes. Steve McMahon abstained from all three of these votes.

June 28, 2010 – Workshop Session Minutes

Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2010 Workshop. Motion was seconded and approved by majority vote; Steve McMahon abstained.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Intersection Review – The intersection of Old Wolfeboro Road and Route 11 was discussed. Information from highway, fire, and police departments indicate that a solution would be to make the entrances down near the gas station and near the pizza place one way. Parking on the side of the road in that area was also discussed. The line of sight issue was discussed; the trees in the island cause sight issues. There is also an issue with definition of the parking area at the Village Store; people come down the hill and cut through the parking lot.

This issue is going to be discussed more; public input is being sought on this issue.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Loring Carr made a motion to adjourn to go look at the rain water issues at Rand Hill Road and other areas of town where there are runoff issues. There was no second; motion failed.

Vote on Recommendation of Land Use Items from the Town Assessor

Peter Bolster made a motion to approve the Assessor's recommendation for Land Use Items. Steve McMahon seconded the motion which passed unopposed.

Road Request – Residents are requesting ledge pack on Rogers Street. This is not a town owned road, but they do have right of way; there is a lawsuit decision stating that the town can not pave it. Ken Roberts estimates \$10,000 to ledge pack. Members discussed this road and compared it with Linwood Drive. This is not in the budget, and can not be done until later in the year because of other projects. This could be done at the end of the year, or even put in next year's budget. This issue is being tabled until Kenny Roberts can fill in some of the information.

Legislative Policy – LGC

The Board is to review the legislative policy to see if there is any new or revised legislation they would like brought forward. Dates and deadlines were discussed. The Board will also have to designate a representative, if they intend to move anything forward for legislation.

Hawkers and Vendors Permit – Item missed in Agenda Review

David Hussey made a motion to add this item to tonight's agenda. Motion was seconded by Loring Carr and approved by majority vote.

The Meat Market at Fiddlehead Farms wants to give away free samples in the Bay on Old Home Day.

David Hussey made a motion to approve the requested Hawkers and Vendors Permit. Motion was seconded by Loring Carr and approved by majority vote.

XIV. PUBLIC INPUT II

There was none.

XIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by David Hussey seconded by Loring Carr, the Board entered into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:II;3 (a), (c), and (e). The roll call vote was unanimously in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tetreau
Recorder, Public Session

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