

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2007
ALTON TOWN HALL

Public Session I

At 6:00pm, Chairman Alan Sherwood convened the meeting of the Selectmen, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Vice-Chairman
William Curtin, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Chairman Sherwood led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Approval of the Agenda

R. Bailey advised he had two items to add items to New Business: Item #4 request for Hawkers and Venders Permit and Item #5 – request for permission to conduct a Farmers Market. P. Fuller motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

A. Sherwood noted the Town Clerk's Office would be closed August 13th
Old Home Days include a fireworks display on August 11th at the Bay.

Informational Meeting

A. Sherwood advised those in attendance this portion of the meeting would be opened to those residents of Town who had concerns and/or input about Echo Point Road and town owned parcels of land. He noted this meeting was scheduled for informational purposes only, the Board has not held any discussions or made any decisions concerning this area. He continued the two Selectmen absent this evening would be watching the taped video of this meeting.

R. Bailey advised handouts showing a map of the area were made for the meeting tonight. The map shows four pieces of Town property including a boat ramp.

A. Sherwood stated if the Board comes up with recommendations, they will hold another meeting. And at this point opened the Information Meeting. Note: There were approximately 52 individuals present.

Approximately 10 residents of the area expressed their concerns about parking violations, enforcement issues, trash issues, widening the road, creating excess traffic, disturbing wetlands, safety and environmental matters, deeded rights, vandalism, usage by

fishermen and snowmobilers, legal issues, access for emergency vehicles, etc, and how more public access and parking would adversely impact the area.

At 6:45pm, A. Sherwood concluded the Informational Meeting and advised that although no decision would be made at this meeting, the residents will be informed when the Selectmen have another meeting concerning Echo Point Road.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

P. Fuller stated she had no report on the ZBA. She added that she appreciated townspeople who came forward about the damaged highway truck. Repairs will be made at a fraction of the original repair costs and hopefully the truck can be used throughout the winter months. W. Curtin advised this is not a permanent fix. A. Sherwood added that it was hoped it would get through the winter. After further discussion on this matter, P. Fuller advised v. the truck will be on the warrant next spring. Secretary's Note: At the meeting of 8-6-2007, P. Fuller asked that this last sentence be amended to read v. "a truck may be added to the warrant in the spring".

W. Curtin advised the Planning Board will be meeting on the 25th, they are working on the master plan, continuing to remove certain chapters. He noted the newly appointed Town Planner is doing a "great job."

A. Sherwood advised the Board that the HHHW collection on July 20th at the landfill site in Alton was very successful. 92 Households participated. Last year 142 households participated during 6 collection days in Wolfboro. He was hopeful that one more collection in Alton will be held this year.

Town Administrator Report

R. Bailey noted the Beach committee is working on finalizing the beach improvement and they need \$1425 for work on an extension of the rock wall to help relieve erosion. P. Fuller motioned to approve the expenditure from the Capital Reserve Account, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey advised the Highway Department has a stockpile of old asphalt from the recent floods, he would need approval to have this material ground up to use as road base on Powdermill Road, the Highway Agent obtained four quotes and the lowest quote is \$4500 to \$5000 for up to 1500 tons. W. Curtin motioned to accept the quote from K&B Rock Crushing, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey and the Selectmen discussed opening and closing hours for the West Side Bathroom. The facility could be opened at 5:30am when the janitor comes in, and to close it by 11:00pm, P. Fuller motioned in favor of these hours, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

P. Fuller noted that the reporter from *The Baysider* did not accurately report about FEMA funds. v. and the reporter stated that the Town could easily cover the 154,000 – 180,000 within our general budget that we're going to be short, but we going to go our Emergency Fund, that is not the case. We cannot cover that money in our general fund, that is why we have to go to our emergency fund, because we can't cover it and I am asking that that reporter get with Mr. Bailey and please re-run a new story, getting the facts straight on that so that the people of Town of Alton understand the situation. It is important that they understand where the money is coming from and the situation that the Town is in.

Public Input I

B. Howard addressed the Board with her views concerning repairs to the highway truck Town Meeting and the Selectmen's support for the Highway Agent in his request for a new truck. She asked about costs to repair to the highway truck. Board members advised the Truck is currently being repaired for less cost then originally anticipated and that at the deliberative session, the Board did support the Highway Agent's request to purchase a new truck.

G. Fuller asked about road problems such as flooding and wash-outs and when these will be fixed. He asked if road issues could be added to the Town web-site, such as a link to click on the site when citizens notice a problem on their roads. It was noted the best way, may be to e-mail the Administrator, Selectmen or Highway Agent.

R. Messier wanted to clarify that voters had voted down a new highway truck, and if nothing were to be done to repair the vehicle we now have, then we would be leasing. P. Fuller advised v. we are leasing and will be contracting out the snowplowing and right now as far as I know we are leasing a truck due to highway reconstruction until that other truck gets back on line. A. Sherwood advised due to ongoing highway construction it would be possible that the ongoing highway reconstruction and need for extra gravel would require a leased vehicle.

Secretary's Note: At the Selectmen's Meeting of 8-6-07, W. Curtin stated that during the discussion with Mrs. Messier in Public Input of 7-23-07 a statement was made that the Town is leasing a truck until our own is on line, but that he did not believe this was true. P. Fuller noted that Mr. Roberts v. had mentioned leasing a truck during the summer time. R. Bailey stated v. to his knowledge, no lease has been signed. Mr. Roberts may have contracted out a driver and a truck to help out during reconstruction. P. Fuller agreed that is right. R. Bailey continued, the Highway Agent may have considered leasing during the winter, but at the present time the Town is not leasing a vehicle.

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W. Curtin amended Public Input #2, to add the words v. *“at the High School.”*

A. Sherwood amended Public Input # 2, Para #1 to read: A. Sherwood stated he would like to clarify the minutes to read as follows: v. *“A. Sherwood made a statement concerning the rangeway extending from Lot Line Road and noted the Board would not discuss any issues in public relating to the rangeway at this meeting.”*

P. Fuller – Amended the Town Administrator's Report, Para. #2 to read, v. *“It was noted that there would be a future increase in valuation because the legislature has tied the nursing home care to the county bill, this will be a year or two down the road, that is not accounting for this year's increase.”* It will be a future billing as opposed to valuation.

A. Sherwood noted he had an amendment for the Sealed Non-Public Session Minutes but he would bring this up during non-public session and a vote would be taken in Public Session II.

A. Sherwood motioned to approve the minutes as amended, with the exception of the sealed non-public session minutes, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

Approval of Minutes for July 13, 2007 – Public and Non-Public Session (sealed) – P. Fuller motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. Landfill Status – R. Bailey reported the annual reports have been sent to NH DES With reference to the monitoring wells, there have been no changes in the test results and well # 7 remains clean. He requested authorization for the engineer to send the report to DES and we are is still waiting for the new groundwater permit. The Board had no objections to the engineer sending a report to NH DES as prepared.

New Business

1. Vote to Approve Recommendations of the Town Assessor - A. Sherwood motioned to approve the recommendations as presented and to sign them accordingly, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.
2. Road Sign Request – P. Fuller motioned to grant the request for two “Hidden Driveway” signs and a Handicapped Person sign on Alton Shores Road as

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- recommended by the Police Department seconded by William Curtin and passed with all in favor.
3. Old Home Day Sidewalk Sales– Alton Business Association Request – A. Sherwood motioned to approve the request, also that the ABA co-ordinate this activity with the Parks & Recreation Director and the Alton Police Department, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
 4. Hawkers & Vendors Permit Request – P. Fuller motioned to approve the Hawkers & Vendors Permit for Little Jimmy's Italian Ice for a specified space at Alton Bay, seconded by A. Sherwood, following a brief discussion about this product, the motion passed with all in favor.
 5. Request for Farmer's Market – R. Bailey advised this event would be held at the Bay, on property located in the vicinity of "Pops Clam Shell." Hours would be Saturdays, 8-12, and items limited to what is produced or baked themselves, no crafts or resale. P. Fuller moved to approve the Farmers Market with restrictions as noted, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

None

Non-Public Session – At 7:30pm, Chairman Sherwood moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) (c) and (e), the motion was seconded and the Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved 8-6-2007

