

## ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Public Session I

August 7, 2006

ALTON TOWN HALL

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Chairman Blackstone convened the meeting at 6:00pm, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Cris Blackstone, Chairman  
Stephan McMahon, Vice-Chairman  
Patricia Fuller, Selectman  
Alan Sherwood, Selectman  
A. Pete Shibley, Selectman  
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

### **Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

C. Blackstone led the those assembled in the Pledge of allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

R. Bailey requested amendments to New Business added as follows:

- Item #3 - Review request for an extension of the MS-1
- Item #4 - Approval for letters to be mailed in reference to the 2006 factoring
- Item #5 - Review e-mail from DOT concerning the traffic light at the intersection of routes 140 & 11
- Item #6 - Discuss the problem with vandalism at East Side bathroom
- Item #7 - Discuss drainage issues on Robert's Cove Road

P. Fuller motioned to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

### **Announcements**

1. C. Blackstone noted the Town Hall Open House to be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. R. Bailey discussed Old Home Day programs scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. R. Bailey explained an emergency planning forum on the flu pandemic forum will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Gilman Museum.

### **Appointment**

1. The Board met with Mr. Alden Norman. A. Norman and the Board discussed the cell tower ordinance. A. Norman stated the ordinance is too permissive and allows towers to be constructed in any Zoning District. He expressed his disappointment with the Planning Board and stated he wanted this matter brought back to the voters in March 2007 with a petition article. The Board and public made statements that this matter about removing towers from the Lakeshore

Residential Zone appears to be a "not in my backyard" issue, the discussion also included publicity prior to the Town Meeting vote, that the topic was well covered. Consideration was asked for the second home property owners who are tax-payers but who do not have voting privileges and that the Selectmen consider the status of these non-residents.

C. Blackstone asked for comments from the Board. The Board agreed 4-1(PS) that the Selectmen will not support a warrant article to amend the ordinance.

### **Selectmen's Committee Reports**

P. Fuller had no report at this time.

A. Sherwood stated the pharmaceuticals collection is scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup>.

P. Shibley reported the Downtown Revitalization Committee will sell raffle tickets and medallions during Old Home Days.

S. McMahon had no report, and that he is waiting for a schedule from the Budget Committee

C. Blackstone reported she did not attend the last Planning Board workshop session and has no report at this time.

### **Town Administrator Report**

R. Bailey discussed grant applications for the B&M Railroad Park. Once they are approved, the expenditure process will begin.

### **Public Input**

There was no Public Input

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

A. Sherwood moved to approve the minutes of Public Session I& II, and sealed Non-Public Minutes of July 24, 2006, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

### **Old Business**

1. Request for Parking –Antique Car Tour – R. Bailey noted this event includes vintage automobiles and would take place on September 11, 2006 the organization is requesting 25 parking spaces for a stop-over at the Bay. P. Fuller

motioned to approve the request seconded by S. McMahon and the motion passed with all in favor.

NOTE: At this time, A. Sherwood noted he had another item to report and asked for the Board's opinion on preserving an area of the Belknap Mountain Range. Following a discussion about the rights of landowners, the abutters, and ownership of Belknap Mountain the Board was supportive in protecting this range of property from development.

### **New Business (Cont'd)**

2. Review NHMA Legislative Proposals – The Board discussed the proposals and supported issues as presented by A. Sherwood. R. Bailey stated that the Board has time at the next two meetings to discuss any items they oppose.
3. Schedule Meeting – NHDOT – R. Bailey advised the Board on tentative traffic circle designs as proposed by NH DOT. Representatives would like to meet with the Board. Suggested dates would be the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. R. Bailey will confirm a date with DOT.
4. CMA Engineering Proposal - R., Bailey presented a proposal to review the road standards and recommended expending no more that \$2000. P. Fuller motioned to grant approval for the Town Administrator to the sign the agreement for \$2000 with CMA Engineering, seconded by A. Sherwood and the motion passed with all in favor.
5. 2007 Budget Schedule – R. Bailey and the Selectmen reviewed the 2007 budget schedule and made minor changes. R. Bailey advised he will contact the Budget Committee Chairman. Meetings will most probably begin the last week in October. Other issues discussed were to finalize guidelines, step increases, health insurance costs, revenue, tax base, capital items, and that R. Bailey will present these guidelines to the Department Heads. It was recommended that the Fire Chief 's budget be reviewed by the Town Administrator before presentation to the Selectmen.

### **New Business**

1. Vote on recommendations of Town Assessor – A. Sherwood moved to approve the recommendations from the Town Assessor and to sign the items accordingly, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

2. Chestnut Cove Road - The Town Administrator presented a memo from K. Roberts and attached a map for Chestnut Cove Road culvert Replacement. It was noted the bid had previously been approved. In this memo he noted the road would be blocked off during construction beginning in September for 30 days, however 28A would be accessible. P. Fuller motioned to approve the recommendation as noted, seconded by S. McMahon to close the road, and the motion passed.
3. MS-I – R. Bailey noted the Assessing Office is asking for an extension until October 2, 2006 to finish the MS-I process. A. Sherwood motioned to sign the extension appropriately, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
4. Pole Removal – R. Bailey reviewed an e-mail from NH DOT concerning pole removal on the corner of routes 140 and 11 and issue of a street light. A controlled light was recommended. Following a discussion of the pros and cons and when a decision will have to be made, R. Bailey advised he will first review this matter with the Police Chief and State officials.
5. East Side Bathroom - R. Bailey reviewed issues of vandalism to the building and the need to change the closing hours.
6. Roberts Cove Road Drainage – R. Bailey reviewed drainage issues on Roberts cove Road. He had spoken several times to residents who live on DeWitt Drive about drainage from Roberts Cove Rd. culverts onto the Green Tops Campground. This is a Town drainage problem. Culverts would need to be rerouted. R. Bailey asked for authorization to have an engineer look into this issue. P. Fuller motioned to have an engineer look at the drainage problems on Robert's Cove Road, engineering costs not to exceed \$1,000, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

## **Public Input II**

G. Fuller discussed the light at the Rte140/Rte11 intersection and suggested a controlled light during the tourist season to go back to blinking yellow in the off season. He asked about a comparison of Towns with a similar situation.

G. Fuller continued that the issue on cell towers seems to be “not in my back yard”.

C. Blackstone stated she believed the Board was concerned about procedure, such as going against the Town vote.

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**Non-Public Session**

Chairman Blackstone motioned 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

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Approved: Alton Board of Selectmen, August 21, 2006