

## ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Minutes

**August 9, 2021**

(Approved - August 30, 2021)

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Chairman V. MacDonald convened the meeting at 6:00 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:

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Virgil MacDonald, Chairman  
Paul LaRochelle, Vice Chairman  
Reuben Wentworth, Selectman  
Bob Holt, Selectman  
Brock Mitchell, Selectman  
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator

### Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle would like to add #3 under Old Business Town Hall A/C Exterior Units. R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and B. Holt 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.

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

Ken Roberts stated that the agenda only has a #1.

### Appointments

Ruth Arsenault approached the table. She asked if anybody ever thought about having a "Welcome to Alton" sign. R. Wentworth stated that it happened 20 years ago. She passed around pictures of the Farmington sign. She asked if there is any interest or is it the price. B. Holt feels that Alton is lacking it in his opinion. R. Arsenault feels that putting it in the circle near the Urgent Care sign is appropriate. R. Wentworth stated that is private property. She asked if there would need to be fundraising for it or a Warrant Article. It would be nice to show what could be at Old Home Week. She would like someone to get back to her. The contractor wanted an answer back. R. Wentworth stated that the Town Administrator would get back to her.

### Old Business

#### 1. Parks & Recreation Department - Masonry Work Town Hall Front Steps RFP Specs Recommendation

K. Troendle approached the table. The Board made some recommendations on the bid. B. Holt asked which fiscal year it will be paid out of. L. Dionne stated that it will come out of the Clough Morrill Fund. It was the consensus of the Board to make the changes and it is good to go out to bid.

#### 2. Bay Brick Side Walks

P. LaRochelle stated that we need to coordinate a date to go out and look at the sidewalks. We need to look at the areas of concern. R. Wentworth stated that if we are down there to look at the sidewalks then we should take a look at the parking lot as well. V. MacDonald asked if we could look into revitalization money from grants to do the work. It is the consensus of the Board to have a meeting in the Bay parking lot at the Bandstand on August 18, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

3. Town Hall A/C Exterior Units

P. LaRochelle asked how did we on the A/C units outside, go from a flat surface to a pitched towards the building metal roof. That is going to put all of the snow and ice directly against the building and window. It is probably going to leak or could break the window. The purpose of this was to just put a platform over the pipes. It is going to be a water issue.

**New Business**

None

**Selectmen Reports**

B. Holt had nothing to report.

R. Wentworth had nothing to report.

B. Mitchell had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle stated that the ZBA had one case that went through. The Master Plan Committee will be having draft workshops. The Water Bandstand had a successful wedding last weekend. There will be a concert on the 20<sup>th</sup> 6-8:00pm. The Water Ski Show will be the 21<sup>st</sup>.

V. MacDonald had nothing to report.

**Town Administrator Report**

L. Dionne stated there is an email at their seats in reference to the Atlantic Broadband Consortium. Is there anything that the Board wants changed in the franchise agreement with Atlantic Broadband.

**Approval of Minutes**

July 26, 2021 - Public Session

B. Holt made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2021 Public Session and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

July 26, 2021 - Non-Public Session

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2021 Non-Public Session releasing 1 and 5 only and B. Holt seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Consent Agenda Approval**

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. **Assessing Department**

**Administrative Abatement**

Matthew Bailey; Map 19 Lot 8-2-31; 1439 Wolfeboro Highway #31; \$100

**Timber Tax**

Prospect Forest LLC; Map 6-27 et al; Stockbridge Corner Road; \$401.42

2. **Planning Department**

Engineering Consulting Services, KV Partners, LLC, Annual Contract  
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

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

None

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

K. Roberts approached the table. He discussed his recollection of the Employee Manual and gave some suggestions. He discussed suggestions for the insurance for employees.

L. Carr approached the table. He asked how the Town is going to pay for half of the Fire boat now that the Capital Reserve Fund can't be used. V. MacDonald stated that has not been determined yet. He asked about the grant that was applied for the COVID funds if there is a spreadsheet for it. L. Dionne stated that she would have to get in touch with the Finance Office for that.

**Non-Public Session**

V. MacDonald moved at 6:52pm to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,a,b,c. B. Mitchell seconded.

Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes  
R. Holt - yes

P. LaRochelle - yes  
B. Mitchell - yes

R. Wentworth - yes  
Roll call vote carried unanimously.

R. Wentworth moved at 8:10pm to exit nonpublic session. V. MacDonald seconded. Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes  
R. Holt - yes

P. LaRochelle - yes  
Roll call vote carried unanimously

R. Wentworth - yes

V. MacDonald moved to 'not divulge' the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective. R. Wentworth seconded. Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes  
R. Holt - yes

P. LaRochelle - yes  
Roll call vote carried unanimously

R. Wentworth - yes

**Adjournment**

V. MacDonald moved at 8:11pm to adjourn. P. LaRochelle seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacy L. Bailey  
Recording Secretary