

**ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Minutes**  
**August 10, 2020**  
**Approved – August 17, 2020**

---

R. Wentworth announced:

Until further notice: To keep our members and staff safe, and to comply with RSA 91-A, the State of Emergency, and Governor’s Orders, restrictions on public gatherings, The Town of Alton is moving from "in-person" meetings to "remote audio participation meetings". To remotely attend the meeting (audio only) visit our website: [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) for telephone access and remote access instructions listed under News and Announcements on the home page or telephone the Selectmen’s Office 603-875-2113 or 603-875-0229 between 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for the Dial-in Code and Meeting ID for each Selectmen’s Meeting. There continues to be no Public Input at this time.

**Convene:** Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence

**Agenda Approval**

R. Wentworth requested to approve and amend the agenda adding Selectmen’s Meetings as #2 under New Business and V. MacDonald seconded. Roll call vote:

B. Holt, yes	P. LaRochelle, yes	P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, yes	R. Wentworth, yes	

**Announcements:**

- A band concert will be held on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> on the Water Bandstand.
- The Old Home Day Car Show Event will be held Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the downtown area.
- The Chicken BBQ will be August 15 at the Fire Station

**Submission of Public Comments - Questions - Concerns**

None

**New Business:**

1. Highway Department - 550 Dump Truck Bid Award

K. Roberts joined the meeting remotely. He explained that the 550 Dump Truck did go back out to bid and several bids were received. He stated that they would like to award the bid to Tri-City Dodge in the amount of \$58,766.00 and also get the 7-year warranty for \$3,265.00 for a total of \$62,031.00. V. MacDonald asked how many miles are put on those trucks a year. K. Roberts stated that the one they have now is about 10 years old and has approximately 70,000 miles on it. R. Wentworth asked about the warranty. He asked why he doesn’t wait until the end of the standard 3 year warranty to purchase the extended one. K. Roberts stated that he did not have a problem with that.

R. Wentworth made a motion to award the Truck Bid for the Dodge to Tri-City Dodge in amount of \$58,766.00 and set aside \$3,265.00 for a 7-year warranty after Mr. Roberts looks into not buying it until the end of the second year and seconded by V. MacDonald. B. Holt asked what they are voting on. R. Wentworth stated that they are voting on awarding the bid. B. Holt asked if it included a possible warranty change. R. Wentworth stated that it does. R. Wentworth explained the motion. Roll Call vote:

B. Holt, yes	P. LaRochelle, yes	P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, yes	R. Wentworth, yes	

## 2. Selectmen's Meetings

R. Wentworth stated that he has been out for the last two weeks waiting for test results to come back. He stated that it came back negative. He stated that he listened to the last two meetings. He would like the board to consider the idea to moving the meetings to every two weeks like before with the second Monday and fourth Monday for workshops on the budget. No agenda items other than department heads coming in to present their budgets unless it is an emergency. The consensus of the board is to go back to the first and third Mondays as regular meetings and the second and fourth Mondays as workshops for budget.

### Appointments:

Jim Round - Encroachments, NH Route 11

Jim Round joined the meeting remotely. He has a house at 159 Mount Major Highway. He stated that he represents about 27 homeowners on the Mount Major/ Spring Street area. He has been a home owner for about 17 years and is in the process of building a new house there. He stated that homeowners in that area received a letter from the DOT this summer informing them that they will be charging the homeowners for permission to utilize their right of way. Basically charging them to walk down a flight of steps to access deeded property at the waterfront. Amongst the 27 homeowners every situation is unique, ie: not everyone has a deed, some have houses on the right of way, some have just a dock. There seems to be a bit of confusion as to who owns portions of these properties. He doesn't have any evidence that DOT was concerned when Route 11 was put in with cutting through properties. The biggest impact is the value of the homes. They were told that DOT will create a lease. The cost is unknown at this time. He wants to make sure that the Board is aware of what DOT is doing. R. Wentworth asked if Mr. Round has contacted the Governor and the Governor's Council. Mr. Round stated that he has not. Of the 27 homeowners only 2 are actually residents. R. Wentworth stated that they should think about getting together and sending a petition to the Governor's office and let him know what they are facing.

### Old Business:

None

### Selectmen Reports

B. Holt has nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle stated that there is the concert at the Water Bandstand this Friday.

P. Wittmann stated that OHWC has not met since their last meeting. They will be meeting tomorrow night.

V. MacDonald has nothing to report.

R. Wentworth has nothing to report.

### Town Administrator Report

L. Dionne stated that the first item would be 2009 International 10-Wheel Dump Truck. K. Roberts remotely rejoined the meeting. K. Roberts stated that the bid ended at \$10,300.00. A gentleman from Pennsylvania. He would like permission from the Board of Selectmen to sell the truck to Mr. Tibbens. R. Wentworth asked if he will be picking it up or shipping it. K. Roberts stated that there will be a certified check to the Finance office and once it is cashed Mr. Tibbens will be given permission to figure out transport. R. Wentworth asked if it included everything on the truck like the plow. K. Roberts stated that it is just the truck.

P. Wittmann made a motion to sell the truck to Mr. Tibbens for \$10,300.00 and V. MacDonald seconded. B. Holt stated that he would like to remind the board that this is the second vehicle that we have sold this way. He feels that they should almost make it a statement practice. R. Wentworth stated that when the Police Chief came in last week he should try this for the Humvee. Roll call vote:

B. Holt, yes	P. LaRochelle, yes	P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, yes	R. Wentworth, yes	

L. Dionne stated that the second item she would like to report on is the discussion that K. Roberts wanted to have in regards to the Westside wall repairs and the brick sidewalk repairs. K. Roberts remained on the line. He stated that he has contacted several people. He has a set of numbers. The estimates for the fence are \$50,000.00 and the redi-block wall is \$150,000.00. The wall project could cost between \$250,000.00 and \$300,000.00. Two of the biggest trees in the area would also be lost. He has contacted someone in Meredith about having a conceptual drawing done which would average about \$10,000.00. The overall project could cost \$500,000.00 to \$650,000.00. He suggests with the present money in the account to do a warrant article for \$75,000.00 and put it out to bid again and repair the existing wall and figure out future plans from there. The wall is in need of repair sooner rather than later. R. Wentworth feels that there are local masons that could give a price on the project. L. Dionne stated that our current insurance company, Primex, offers a plan for vendors who cannot get insurance called the Tulip program. P. LaRochelle stated that one thing to think about is ADA compliance. B. Holt stated that keeping the existing wall and making it look good is an important point. R. Wentworth stated that he would like someone to reach out and see if they can get some grants. K. Roberts stated that he would like to talk about the sidewalk. He stated that it can be made concrete and reset all the granite or make it brick again. R. Wentworth stated that he would like the Highway Department to relay the brick after the work is done.

L. Dionne stated that she has one more item. She stated that at the last meeting there were some questions about needing to have a public hearing in order to accept the funds for the crosswalk signs. She provided a copy of the RSA that states that a public hearing is needed for anything that is over \$10,000.00. She stated that the public hearing will be on August 24.

**Approval of Minutes**

August 3, 2020 - Regular

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Session, August 3, 2020 as presented and P. LaRochelle seconded. Roll call vote:

B. Holt, yes	P. LaRochelle, yes	P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, yes	R. Wentworth, abstain	

August 3, 2020 - Non-Public

B. Holt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Session, August 3, 2020 as presented divulging none and P. LaRochelle seconded. Roll call vote:

B. Holt, yes	P. LaRochelle, yes	P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, yes	R. Wentworth, abstain	

**Consent Agenda Approval**

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted on August 10, 2020 and P. Wittmann seconded. Roll call vote:

B. Holt, yes	P. LaRochelle, yes	P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, no	R. Wentworth, yes	

1. Approval, Fire Department; New Hire; Mark Steven Beetz, Paramedic/, \$18.36/hr
2. Special Event Application; Chicken BBQ; 8/15/2020

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

**Non-Public Session:**

None

**Adjournment**

R. Wentworth moved at 6:45 pm to adjourn. B. Holt seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote:

B. Holt, yes	P. LaRochelle, yes	P. Wittmann, yes
V. MacDonald, yes	R. Wentworth, yes	

Respectfully submitted,

*Stacy L. Bailey*

Stacy L. Bailey  
Recording Secretary