

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
August 15, 2022
(Approved - September 12, 2022)

Chairman B. Mitchell convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

B. Mitchell 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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Brock Mitchell, Chairman
Paul LaRochelle, Vice-Chairman
Reuben Wentworth, Selectman
Bob Holt, Selectman, Selectman
Andrew Morse, Selectmen, Excused
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval

B. Holt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and P. LaRochelle 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.
- The Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's Office will be closed on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 to attend the Tax Collector's 83rd Annual Conference.
- Alton Town Clerk/ Tax Collectors Office will be Closed - Due to the State Primary Election held at St. Katharine Drexel Church the Alton Town Clerk/ Tax Collectors office will be closed on Tuesday, September 13th, 2022

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

None

Appointments

Timothy Pellowe - Intersection of Route 28 and Old Wolfeboro Road

T. Pellowe of 76 Old Wolfeboro Road approached the table. He stated that there are always accidents at the intersection of Route 28N and Old Wolfeboro Road. He stated that it had steadily gotten worse as time goes on. He went to District 3 and was referred to DOT Traffic Standards and was sent back to get Town support. He is looking to have a traffic study to do safety improvements, possibly lower the speed limit. He has noticed that over the last couple of weeks the Fire Department going on a call with lights and sirens couldn't get out. It is a very dangerous situation. B. Mitchell stated that is definitely something that can be looked into. Have the Town Administrator look into it. R. Heath stated that what usually happens is the Town writes a letter in support of the issue at hand and then their Traffic Studies Standard will go out and look at the intersection, look at statistical data and then let the Town know what they are thinking as far as recommendations. It is the consensus of the Board to have the Town Administrator compose a letter to the Department of Transportation.

John Cronin - Sandy Point Water Line Extension

J. Cronin approached the table. He is an attorney from Manchester that has been working with the Ouellette Family in connection to Sandy Point. About a year and a half when the market was moving along briskly they had a lot of interest in it to sell it and gave it some consideration. A number of people were interested in it. There were some people who wanted to put it under agreement. There were some issues with the water and septic. He met with DES several times. Some of their provisions state that you cannot take a non-conforming property and convert them to condominiums unless they are brought up to existing standards for septic today. There were some septic designers and engineers looked at it and based on the land size and level of improvements that's an impossibility. He worked with DES and drafted some legislation sent it to the House and it was tabled because DES is not crazy about it and want to do some rule making. As far as the water side of it, it is his understanding that the water line that goes up to it is a seasonal water line. It shuts down. There is an estimate of \$1,500,000.00 to hook into the line on Spring Street. He is asking if there is any way to try and do a public/private partnership type deal to get the water up to Sandy Point and use one of the many resources. He explained several ways that this project could be funded. He is looking for support from the Town. B. Holt stated that he had no comments on this as he doesn't believe our Attorney has gotten involved in this yet. B. Mitchell stated that he is on the fence with it as well. He doesn't think that the Town is prepared to drop that kind of money. P. LaRochelle stated that we would have to get the general consensus of the public. If they would even be interested in this. B. Mitchell stated that the water system isn't based off the all of the taxpayers. It is based off of the rate payers. R. Wentworth asked if there is a reason that the developer wouldn't do this and recoup up to 75% of the cost. J. Cronin

thinks that they would but in terms of time and only schools can recoup those costs. He thanked the Board and will keep working on a solution.

New Business

1. Water Bandstand Committee - Water Ski Show Requests

P. LaRochelle stated that this is pretty standard. This request is put in every year. There are two signs that are "No Trespassing" that are on the bandstand and you can't read them anymore. They need to be re-lettered or new signs. R. Wentworth asked if the ramp dock is closed. P. LaRochelle stated that it is.

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the requests for the Water Bandstand Committee for the Water Ski Show and the "Not Trespassing" signs and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. DPW - Equipment Accessories Purchase

S. Kinmond approached the table. He stated that they will be taking delivery on Thursday of the 2022 Ford F550 which was ordered. We are just waiting for the Finance Office to process and get a check. They are actually going to be coming in under budget because they ordered the 2022. They will save about \$8,000.00. There are some accessory items that are needed to outfit this truck so that it will be set up to accept the 10 foot Fischer plow which was purchased in 2020 that was on the Dodge. There is a quote from Alton Motor Sports.

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve \$2,631.00 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of the wiring harnesses for the plow and sander and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

1. DPW - Mower Purchase

S. Kinmond remained at the table. He stated that when he went to order the mower that was approved at a previous meeting there was a 10% increase in the price. It is still the preferred mower of the Cemetery Sexton. He is asking the Board for consideration in amending or rescinding the previous action and going forward with the new dollar amount. B. Holt asked why there was a price increase. S. Kinmond stated that it is the same situation as cars.

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve an extra \$451.30 to United Ag and Turf of Pembroke for the John Deere X350 due to the 10% increase after the bid was awarded and B. Holt seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Selectmen Reports

B. Holt had nothing to report.

R. Wentworth had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle stated that the next Master Plan meeting will be Wednesday, August 17. They are still working on finalizing chapters 4, 5, and 6 to present again to the Planning Board. The next Alternative Housing Committee meeting will be August 22 at 6:00 pm. They will be going over various items for alternatives. The first ZAC meeting will be on August 23 at 6:00 pm. The ZBA met on August 4. They had seven cases.

B. Mitchell had nothing to report.

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath stated that the next meeting scheduled falls on Labor Day. The date for the meeting will need to be adjusted. The meeting room will be occupied by other Committees and Board on the 6th, 7th, and 8th. He suggested to push it out later in the week or meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month instead of the first and third. It is the consensus of the Board to have the meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of September which are the 12th and 26th. He also suggested to have a joint work session on the 21st with the Budget Committee which would be the off week in between.

R. Heath stated that he had sent an email out advising that the IT Manager is doing some of the alarm work. The alarm company is two to three weeks out. The IT Manager's private company was able to provide the services on a temporary basis. Other issues may be encountered. He was able to strip out some of the old wiring that been left in the walls.

R. Heath stated that the last thing that he had was just an update on the construction. The demolition portion of the section of the balcony has been finished. They have put the framing in. The bleachers have been pulled out. The HVAC system boilers have been installed and the steam boiler has been dismantled and removed.

Approval of Minutes

August 1, 2022 Public Session

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022 Public Session and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

August 1, 2022 Non-Public Session

B. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022 Non-Public Session releasing #1 and R. Wentworth seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda Approval

R. Wentworth made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Alton Water Works

Abatement:
Brent Bowden, Map 34 Lot 33-101, 9 Summit Ave, \$100.00
Jonathan Brown, Map 34 Lot 33-134, 12 Winni Ave, \$48.00

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. Sullivan approached the table. She stated that when the Board was talking about COLA that they need to keep in mind that the teachers only got a 4%. They lost a lot of good teachers over the last couple of years. Employee retention is very important and it is important to be fair across the board. She thanked everyone who came out on Saturday for the Old Home Week parade.

Non-Public Session

B. Mitchell moved at 6:36 pm to enter into Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, d (acquisition of property). R. Wentworth seconded. Roll call vote:

B. Mitchell - yes P. LaRochelle - yes R. Wentworth - yes
R. Holt - yes A. Morse - Excused Roll call vote carried unanimously.

At 6:36 pm Chairman Mitchell convened the nonpublic session with the following people present:

- B. Mitchell, Chairman
- P. LaRochelle, Vice-Chairman
- R. Wentworth, Selectmen
- R. Holt, Selectmen
- R. Heath, Town Administrator

B. Mitchell moved at 6:45 pm to exit nonpublic session. R. Holt seconded. Roll call vote:

B. Mitchell - yes P. LaRochelle - yes R. Wentworth - yes
R. Holt - yes A. Morse - Excused Roll call vote carried unanimously.

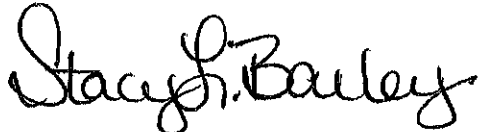
B. Mitchell moved to 'not divulge' the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board or render the proposed action of the board ineffective. R. Holt seconded. Roll call vote:

B. Mitchell - yes P. LaRochelle - yes R. Wentworth - yes
R. Holt - Yes A. Morse - Excused Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Adjournment

R. Holt moved at 6:45 pm to adjourn. P. LaRochelle seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy L. Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Stacy L. Bailey
Recording Secretary