

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes

August 19, 2019

6:00 PM

1 Monument Square

Alton, NH 03809

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Vice-Chairman V. MacDonald convened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following staff members were present:

Reuben Wentworth, Chairman, Excused Absence
Virgil MacDonald, Vice Chairman
Cydney Shapleigh, Selectwoman
Philip V. Wittmann, Selectman
Paul LaRochelle, Selectman
Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval:

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the agenda and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements:

- Town Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.
- The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Thursday, September 12, 2019 in order for the staff to attend the Annual NH City and Town Clerk's Conference.

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

None

Appointments:

- Planning Board Annual Status Update

Roger Sample, Planning Board Chairman addressed the Board stating that recently they had a slight "snafu" that resulted in a resignation however, the alternate stepped in to fill the position. Everything is going well with a knowledgeable Board who know a lot about the Town.

- Old Home Week Committee Annual Status Update

Roger Sample, Old Home Week Committee Chairman addressed the Board stating that the festivities ended yesterday with the car show, which was very well attended. He elaborated on the various events that took place during the week along with noting it is hard to figure out which events will be successful and which ones will not. The Board was informed that the proceeds from the softball game between the Police and Fire Departments (approximately \$200) and the Car Show (approximately \$400) is donated to End 68 Hours of Hunger. It was another successful year.

- Milfoil Committee Annual Status Update

David Gould, Milfoil Committee Chairman addressed the Board. He began with thanking Ted Carl the former Chair for his leadership over the years, he is remaining on the Committee and has the historical perspective which is very helpful. The work this year is much later than it has been in the past. DES completed their first lake survey on June 17th reporting that they did not see anything to warrant a spring herbicide treatment; they will follow up with another survey. They identified some milfoil issues in previously treated areas that would be managed by DASH. On July 31st DES completed the second survey with very little milfoil found in the marinas and more than likely a fall

herbicide treatment would not be necessary. Again, this could be managed with by additional DASH. The Committee approved a third week of DASH, which should occur in September. The surveys are good news and shows that the herbicide treatments last year were effective. Another contributing factor is the cold, wet spring with low water temperatures. With hopes that this trend continues, herbicide treatments may be required in future years. D. Gould ended with a quote from DES. He thanked Kellie Troendle for her support and guidance.

- Transfer Station Annual Status Update

Scott Simonds, Solid Waste Director addressed the Board informing the Board that he had an employee resign the first part of July; it has been advertised with hopes that there will be a recommendation in the very near future. It has been a very busy year, much more so than the last few years. Tonnage is up, his demolition line item is going to be over (unknown at this time how much) which may be a result of stuffed furniture (couches, chairs), mattresses etc. The busy season has just began and after Labor Day will be busy with summer residents leaving. The market is still not good and is still dropping. The second Saturday in September will be the HHW and medication collection at his facility from 8:30 AM to Noon. Recyclables are not looking good; plastic is good money, cardboard has gone from \$70/\$80 a bale down to \$17 a bale. S. Simonds feels that the fees for mattresses and stuffed furniture pricing should be looked at for possible increases.

It was the consensus of the Board for S. Simonds to bring proposed recommended pricing for all items to the Board at a future meeting.

New Business:

1. Capped Landfill; J. Kubiczki, Change Order Request for Monitoring Well Replacement

J. Kubiczki, Hydro-Geochemical Solutions Engineer approached the Board to discuss the change order request for the replacement well and surveying for the closed landfill. Different locations have been tried without success. We are looking at a location just off the road in the easement area. L. Dionne noted that the Board needs to approve the change order with funds coming out of the Capital Reserve Account. DES wants this downgrading well reinstalled. The increase is approximately \$4,400; the account has roughly 50K.

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the change order request for \$14,610 and C. Shapleigh seconded with all in favor of the motion.

In addition, J. Kubiczki informed the Board that he presented a budget to L. Dionne regarding the Landfill Closure Warrant Article with an increase of approximately \$2,000 from last year. The reason for the increase is to be sure the Town has the additional funding for the PFAS compound, which is being lowered effective sometime this fall.

2. Request for Change of Road Name from Hasenfuss Lane to Myrtle Street - Approval

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the request from Mr. Remley to change the road name from Hasenfuss Lane to Myrtle Street and P. Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business:

1. Jones Field Upgrades - Status Update

Derek Pappaceno addressed the Board in regards to the Jones Field Upgrades. He provided a handout to the Board, which was a definition of Clerk of the Works as he was informed at a meeting that this would be his title. Looking at the qualifications it defines, he voiced that not many people meet that criteria including himself and/or many others and he clearly is not the case. D. Pappaceno stated he saw the need so he wrote the Petition Article, it passed to make the changes. It was his feeling that everything has rested on his shoulders over the past two (2) years. He understood that he had the ability to call Kellie Troendle or Ken Roberts and voiced that he should have had more support from the beginning. Comparisons were made to the educational process and other departments within the Town. Back and forth, discussion ensued between D. Pappaceno and the Board. D. Pappaceno stated that the AYL helped to write the master plan proposal. He has put a lot of time, effort, work and energy into the upgrades. Respectfully, C. Shapleigh admires the work that D. Pappaceno performed but remembers that with the

initial onset of the project that you were flabbergasted that you needed to get the permissions of the Selectmen to spend the money, which is how all Warrant Articles are done. You were upset when things had to go out to bid due to Town policy. Unfortunately, there are rules and regulations that must be followed that are Town requirements. The master plan was sold to the Board based on D. Pappaceno selling it to them having the right number of volunteers and the people in place with the knowledge and ability to perform the work. His frustration is understood. L. Dionne was given permission to speak stating that it was explained to D. Pappaceno that he was like a Clerk of the Works or manager in charge of this project to do everything that was proposed in the master plan but that Town policies needed to be followed. D. Pappaceno disagreed with the Board that Kellie and Ken were not the answer to everything. Initially the project went well however half way through the project things got very rocky. The discussion became somewhat controversial with D. Pappaceno stating that the process needs to change, he is done with this and is walking away; he left the meeting. At this time, K. Roberts and K. Troendle approached the Board. K. Roberts gave credit to D. Pappaceno for all the work he performed unfortunately the Warrant Article was put together by an individual or the AYL. One of the things that was discussed during the meeting with D. Pappaceno was is AYL being dissolved? If volunteers are not being brought to the project to help out then the Town is not going to bail you out on projects that have been started. Open liabilities were left for the Town and it has been a very trying time for the Parks and Recreation Commission from the very beginning. Time and time again, they were told that they needed to get permission from the Board of Selectmen. K. Roberts stated he had never received a phone call until recently when he was asked by the Parks and Recreation Director who was in the field. There were open trenches in the field and rocks the size of basketballs left in the fields. Road crews were brought in to clean up the area along with some volunteers that did show up and cleaned it to a certain degree so it is in a passable condition. We went over the list and most of the work that was done, was done by other than AYL; it was done by Town personnel. If people want to put Warrant Articles together and ask permission of the Board before they are put together and would like town forces to do the work that would be an entirely different story. Unfortunately, the people of Alton voted for this thinking that this is the greatest thing for the youth of this Town not knowing that this would be dumped on the Town Departments to perform the work on the project. K. Roberts feels that the project needs to be done; he agrees with it and had an open door policy to try to help AYL out. Unfortunately, the only person who showed up 99% of the time was Derek. Everyone does value the work that D. Pappaceno performed. There have been others that have done a Petition Warrant Articles that have gotten things done and finished their project. This is not something that was planned for by the Town and can't suddenly on a whim ask some other department to go work on another project. There has not been any guidance and fell apart or D. Pappaceno chose not to call either Ken or Kellie. K. Roberts stated that it began with the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting long before it even came to the Board; he was told that the Town would bring you through the whole project with an open door policy. Kellie feels moving forward, when there is a Petition Warrant Article there needs to be clearer defined expectations and support from the Town of what the Town would and would not do. At the Parks and Recreation meeting, that AYL attended what was recommended for the project was they were asked to come back and get permission for any additional work to be completed. The electrical work was a total surprise that was stumbled upon with the trenches, left overnight; the building inspector knew about it but it was covered before it could be inspected. We were not informed as to when contractors were coming in to do work, etc. The project needs to be finished. It was agreed upon that there were other members of AYL that previously attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings. The members who wrote the master plan apparently are no longer members of the AYL according to D. Pappaceno however there are new members. At this time, Donald Sorentino spoke up and stated that he is not a member of AYL but his wife, Lisa is now the President. They have not been involved with the process at all, a lot of the bylaws were not followed, not voted on and doesn't feel that the Warrant Article was ever on behalf of AYL believing it was independent or that anything was ever voted on. V. MacDonald asked if they could get some volunteers from AYL to help. There currently is a Board but trying to get anyone to do anything is impossible. The Sorentino's were not aware that this was something that was on an AYL volunteer list to assist with the project; if they were aware of this he thought people might have put time in and thought that this was a D. Pappaceno project. Baseball was always handled by AYL. It was presented as an AYL Master Plan for Jones Field. From the sounds of the discussion it wasn't clear what D. Pappaceno wanted from the Warrant Article. Possibly it was a mistake or omission on his part, the way he wanted it to go. Regardless, this needs to be fixed moving forward and make it work. K. Roberts would like direction from the Board on how to proceed. The particulars of the project needs to be looked into. Joseph MacDonald voiced as a taxpayer of Alton that we should not be paying Town employees of different departments to take care of that field if it was not voted on by the taxpayers of the Town. You can send Parks and Recreation people but the Highway people should be working on the highways/roads; it is a different quality of work. Currently, everything is under a cease and desist. P. LaRoche asked if any negotiations have been made to speak with the involved parties. C. Shapleigh asked if the fields were being used and safe for soccer. Kellie would

need to inspect the fields but feels it was just around the field and they could mark any hazards for awareness. P. LaRochelle would like to have more discussion on the issue and put a step-by-step plan in place for the whole project. C. Shapleigh would like to involve the new members of AYL. K. Roberts feels the present vendors need to be spoken with so they know where they stand. Kellie will provide contact information for AYL.

2. Ridge Road Paving

L. Dionne informed the Board that an email was provided to the Board from the Planning Board Engineer in regards to the updated proposal from GMI Paving for Ridge Road in the amount of \$79,073. K. Roberts addressed the Board stating that he did some negotiations with GMI because the road was going to be chopped up so badly and if we end up owning this road every place that this road was cut would end up being cracked. GMI cut a lot of corners and will grind, grade, compact and pave the entire road including shoulders for approximately \$2,400 additional dollars. There is 55K in the escrow account that the original developer provided and 31K in the account that the broker is holding.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the new amount of \$79,073 with GMI Paving as recommended by the Engineer and P. Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

3. Water Fund

L. Dionne provided a staff report to the Board in reference to the Water Fund. Requested is a motion to approve the transfer of \$171,071.77 from the General Fund "Do To's" to the Water Fund. This was the surplus from the Water Department that was placed into the General Fund. The Auditors have agreed.

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the transfer of \$171,071.77 to the Water Fund as recommended by the Auditors and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

4. Levey Park Water Pipe Discussion by Selectman V. MacDonald

V. MacDonald stated that at the entrance of Levey Park going into the well is a water pipe that froze last year; it is only in the ground about 30 inches. Before fall he would like to request that the road get built up approximately one (1) foot with a need to get Board approval. Courtney Mitchell, Water Superintendent voiced that the main is very shallow that they replaced five (5) sticks which they insulated with blue board which gave it another foot. It would not hurt to add gravel since it needs to be plowed in the event that a truck needs to get into the area for general station checks. The only section that was replaced was the broken section from the corner to the gate. It was suggested that K. Roberts provide the materials from stockpile. At this time, K. Roberts was called to the table for the discussion. He stated that currently there is plenty of material and was asked if he had time to perform the work this fall with a response that it could be done on a rainy day. C. Mitchell will make her crew available for the loader. This is in the gravel area only from the gate to where it drops on the corner to the well house and will need to be built right out and tapered to the main road. C. Mitchell can give an approximate depth at the gate valve. The Levey Park Trustees need to be informed of this work. It was noted that the well will be running this winter.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the work on the water pipe at Levey Park taking the materials from stockpile.

5. Rumble Strip Letter Discussion by Selectman V. MacDonald

V. MacDonald would like for another letter to be sent to the State regarding the rumble strips. They sat in a meeting telling the Board that they were not going to be installing any rumble strips with a speed limit of under 40 MPH. They have installed them in Barnstead right through the 40 MPH zones into the 35 MPH zones. They were supposed to go 300 feet at the entrance ways; they are at 90 degrees again to all the entrance ways. He feels that another letter should be sent to the Governor informing him that they stood in front of us at a Public Hearing telling us what they were going to do and they turned around and did just the opposite. They are not being installed as stated; they are lying to us at Public Hearings. There was no response to the last letter that was sent. L. Dionne mentioned that there was a Public Hearing in Wolfboro a week or so after DOT met with Alton and she attended a meeting with Executive Councilor Mike Cryans and Commissioner Sheehan, they spoke about rumble

strips. They inquired as to the feelings of the Alton Board and was told that you (the Board) would be okay with mumble strips opposed to rumble strips. L. Dionne informed them that the Board does not want any strips. L. Dionne was not encouraged by the meeting. DOT needs to finalize their updated guidelines and present them to the Feds who need to approve them, once that happens they will move forward. Legal action was mentioned as an option. DOT wants all communities to be treated the same with regards to rumble strips. There was a lot of discussion that not all communities are the same. V. MacDonald suggested to send a letter to cut DOT funding, that they have no right to stand in a Public Hearing and lie to the public and do the opposite of what they state. L. Dionne stated that we were told by a State Rep that the federal funding can be used for any sort of a safety aspect within the State not just rumble strips; she was informed that this was incorrect. V. MacDonald feels that a letter should be sent to the Governor referencing they outright lied to the people. L. Dionne voiced that the impression she got is we do not have no choice. If the regulations are approved as presented every community will be treated the same, there will be no section for a waiver. The Commissioner did express a lot of regret for how Alton was treated with the initial install. Again, it was suggested to send a letter to the Senators to cut the funding or send it to the Town Attorney for an injunction. L. Dionne suggested sending the letter that was previously sent to the Governor and every state official be copied and sent to every federal official that represents New Hampshire. This and another letter letting the State officials know it is being sent to the Federal Officials. It was the consensus of the Board to send the letters.

Selectmen Reports

P. Wittmann met with the ZAC committee who spent most of the time carefully working on the rewording of the bylaws. We briefly went over the proposed suggestions to the Committee but haven't moved forward with them as of yet. In addition, he met with the Parks and Recreation Commission discussing the success of the 5K race, the remaining summer programs, Commission projects, presentation of the Barbershopper's Proclamation and the proposed fall/winter programs.

C. Shapleigh had no meeting updates however; she wanted to comment on the great feedback she had received on the Old Home Week activities. People felt that there were more things to do this year and how happy people were with the events.

V. MacDonald had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle reported on the Water Bandstand Committee who had another successful band concert on August 16th on the water bandstand. More will be discussed in future meetings along with continued maintenance.

Town Administrator Report by L. Dionne

Police Union

The proposed police union proposal for certification has been withdrawn.

Workshop Date for the Sales and Solicitation Ordinance

A suggestion to choose a date to go over the Sales and Solicitation Ordinance was requested. The date will be brought up at the next meeting.

Gilman Museum Exterior Work

The Board was informed that the Re-Bid for the Gilman Museum as requested by the Board was put back out for only items #1 and #2. The Trustee of Trust Funds informed L. Dionne that both principal (106K) and interest (11K) can be used from the Trust Account. In addition, the contractors who previously bid have been contacted.

Hardware Store

A woman came to visit from the Hardware Store next door expressing concerns about Monument Square being blocked off three (3) times a year with their customers not being able to access the area to get to their store. She stated that this past Sunday, Monument Square was blocked off for the Car Show. Another event is the American

Legion Parade Ceremony. Legally they have two (2) designated parking spaces that are being taken, they are in the process of having signs created. L. Dionne was told that her brother will be writing a letter to the Selectmen in reference to this issue to see if anything can be changed in the future with a potential for the Car Show to be in a different location other than Monument Square. Once the letter is received, it will be brought to the Board again.

Approval of Minutes

Public Session, August 5, 2019

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session, August 5, 2019 and C. Shapleigh seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Non-Public Session, August 5, 2019

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of Non-Public Session, August 5, 2019 releasing #2. P. LaRochelle noted a correction to his name from L. LaRochelle to P. LaRochelle. C. Shapleigh seconded. The motion held with all in favor of the motion.

Approval of Consent Agenda

C. Shapleigh made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and P. Wittmann seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2019 Administrative Abatement Requests – Grants

Mark Gallo	Map 19 Lot 8-2-57	Camper	Refund \$83.61
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Timber Yield Tax

Rand Hill Realty LLC	Map 49 Lots 4, 5, 5-1	Operation #18-011-32 T	\$962.26
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Land Use Change Tax

Jonathan Carlson	Map 21 Lot 38-1	Rines Road	\$5,000
Arlene Gaskell	Map 19 Lot 4-4	Roberts Cove Road	\$10,000
Heidi Hamel & Dustin Butler	Map 19 Lot 4-6	Roberts Cove Road	\$15,500
Peter DeJager 1982 Trust	Map 19 Lot 4-5	Roberts Cove Road	\$0
Dobbins Brook LLC	Map 6 Lot 37-11	32 Dobbins Way	\$4,500
Dobbins Brook LLC	Map 6 Lot 37-5	17 Dobbins Way	\$4,500
Dobbins Brook LLC	Map 6 Lot 37-12	18 Dobbins Way	\$5,000

Administration Department - Contract approval Jefferson Solutions - Annual GASB75 requirements.

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

Joseph MacDonald asked if his appointment was approved to speak at another meeting. He was informed that it had not been discussed yet.

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

- Joseph MacDonald

C. Shapleigh made a motion to allow the appointment request by Joseph MacDonald for ten (10) minutes and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

- Joseph Haas

C. Shapleigh made a motion to deny the appointment request by Joseph Haas and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Non-Public Session:

V. MacDonald made a motion at 7:24 AM to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b) and (c) and C. Shapleigh seconded. The Board was polled in the affirmative by roll call with all in favor of the motion.

P. LaRochelle, yes
P. Wittmann, yes
C. Shapleigh, yes
V. MacDonald, yes

Adjournment:

V. MacDonald moved at 8:33pm to exit nonpublic session. Roll call vote:

C. Shapleigh - yes	V. MacDonald - yes	
P. Wittmann - yes	P. LaRochelle - yes	Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Shapleigh 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. V. MacDonald seconded. Roll call vote:

C. Shapleigh - yes	V. MacDonald - yes	
P. Wittmann - yes	P. LaRochelle - yes	Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Shapleigh moved at 8:34pm to adjourn. P. Wittmann seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis

Mary K. Jarvis
Recording Secretary

