

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2006
ALTON TOWN HALL

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

Cris Blackstone, Chairman
Stephan McMahon, Vice-Chair
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 those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda

R. Bailey noted two amendments:

- 1) To add a second cemetery deed to New Business
- 2) To delete the elderly exemption from the Land Use Items in New Business.

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

Appointment

The Board met with Susan Lavarack, Network Coordinator from Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health. S. Lavarack explained her work with the emergency planning council of the Lakes Region to make preparations for any emergency such as a flu pandemic, ice storm, blizzard or flood. Communities have been divided up regionally. She continued public forums are being held to inform families about the emergency plans underway in the region. She also explained in an emergency communities will “be on their own” and the Alton should be prepared at the local level. In January there will be a mock exercise. She also handed out brochures for posting to keep the public informed on the forums. It was also noted a grant has been received towards this effort, more funds are expected.

Announcements

R. Bailey noted the forum as discussed is scheduled for 8/24/06 at the Gilman Museum
Primary Elections will be held at the high school on September 12, 2006
The next Selectmen’s Meeting is September 5, 2006
Chestnut Cove Road is scheduled to be closed beginning September 4, 2006.

BOARD OF HEALTH

A motion was made and seconded to recess as Board of Selectmen and Convene as Board of Health, then withdrawn due to the fact the engineer was not yet present.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

P. Fuller reported on the Joint Planning Board and ZBA Session that the meeting will be September 12th at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

A. Sherwood reported the arbitration hearing with reference to the Parkhurst easement. was held today at the museum and will conclude on Thursday. Also he noted the next meeting with reference to the Belknap Range Project will take place on October 5th.

P. Shibley stated the Downtown Revitalization Meetings will begin again in September, but volunteers are still working on the B&M R.R. Park project.

S. McMahon noted the Budget Committee should be meeting soon.

C. Blackstone reported the Planning Board had met and their lengthy agenda covered two evening meetings. Progress is being made with the Master Plan and draft recommendations should be available soon.

Town Administrator's Report

R. Bailey advised the NH DOT reps will be attending the Board's workshop scheduled for the 28th to discuss traffic circle ideas.

R. Bailey continued the Barbershoppers, "Harmony on the Lake" will take place this weekend at the Bay, events are basically the same as last year's programs. The Winnepesaukee Belle will be docked at the Bay, some vendors will also be present.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Recess as Board of Selectmen, Reconvene as Board of Health

P. Fuller motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and to reconvene as Board of Health, seconded by C. Blackstone and passed with all in favor. The Board met with Tom Varney, P.E., and Richard Anderson, property owner. T. Varney noted these waiver requests were for Map 51, Lot 14,21. It was noted the leach bed would be 65' from the lake and the septic tank will be 50' from the lake, that the leach bed would be 1' to the property line and be 23' to the neighbor's well. The Board and T. Varney and R. Anderson reviewed the waiver requests and the process of notifying abutters and in this case the well owner. P. Shibley motioned to approve pending a registered letter be sent to the property owner and whether the state will approve or disapprove the waiver, seconded by S.McMahon, the motion failed three to two (AS) (CB) and (PF).

It was agreed that this matter needs more of an explanation from the Health Officer and to postpone any action until the Board's next meeting.

C. Blackstone motioned to recess as Board of Health and to reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Public Input

G. Fuller asked what % of ambulance calls are paid for, noting a revolving fund that the Town had enacted for this purpose.

G. Fuller noted with regards to the Water Department budget, a deficit has occurred for the past two years, in the amounts of \$5000 and \$40,000 respectfully. He asked if the water department has paid this back, and if the Town would make up the difference. He also noted the Water Commissioners have stated in the past that deficits are paid by water users not tax payers, he continued this is not true as Town Departments use Town water paid which is paid for by taxpayers. He asked that the Water Department be checked with "a finer pencil" that he would not want to see this deficit grow

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

P. Fuller motioned to approve the minutes of Public Session I & II and Sealed Non-Public Minutes of 8-7-06 as presented, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

A. Sherwood motion to approve the minutes of 8/14/14 for Public and Sealed Non-Public Sessions as presented, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with one abstention (PF)

Old Business

1. Legislative Policy Review – R. Bailey and the Board briefly discussed the items on the review, it was noted there is still time for suggestions until the end of September.
2. Landfill Monitoring/Transfer Station Status – R. Bailey advised drilling for the 3rd monitoring well will begin this week, results should be available within 30 days. Also he and Scott had met with engineers and roughed out a first sketch for a layout of the facility, including traffic flow and the ability to monitor different operations. This is a multiphase project, to be completed in yearly stages. He will present a draft within the next month.

3. 2007 Budget Schedule – It was noted the CIP will need Selectmen's representation to the committee. It was agreed to have Cris Blackstone attend the first organizational meeting and she will contact the Board members about a schedule. P. Fuller and S. McMahon stated their willingness to serve.

4. Review Amendment to Road Policy – It was noted the Board had adopted an amendment at their August 14th meeting. R. Bailey advised Town Counsel had stated the language is fine. A. Sherwood made a motion as follows: not to accept any more than the 50 foot right-of-way unless there is a clear public benefit and any excess must be approved by the Board of Selectmen, seconded by P. Shibley and passed by unanimous vote.

5. Castleberry Fair Request - R. Bailey noted this item was to have the Tim Janis Ensemble Band perform during the Craft Fair at the Bay on Labor Day Weekend. R. Bailey advised the Parks & Recreation Director did not foresee a problem with this request. P. Shibley moved to allow the Tim Janis Ensemble to perform at the Craft Fair during Labor Day weekend, seconded by P. Fuller. S. McMahon noted in the past the Selectmen had allowed crafts only to be sold, and asked if the band would be selling tapes, he did not consider musical tapes as a craft. Following a discussion that including the pros and cons of identifying what may constitute a craft, the motion was amended to include allowing the Tim Janis Ensemble Band to sell their own musical tapes, and the motion passed 4-1(SM)

New Business

1. Vote on Land Use Items as presented by the Assessing Office – S. McMahon read the items as recommended by the Town Assessing Department, noting the elderly exemption had been removed from the list. A. Sherwood motioned to approve these recommendations as submitted and to sign them accordingly, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

2. Vote on Cemetery Deeds (2) as presented by the Trustees – S. McMahon motioned to approve the deeds as submitted for Row A, Lot 13 and for Row S, Lots 29 & 30, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Public Input

None

Non-Public Session

At 7:00pm, Chairman Blackstone moved to enter into non-public session, pursuant to RSA91-A:2,II (a) (c) and (e), the motion was seconded. The Chairman polled the members who each responded in the affirmative and the motion passed.

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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

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Approved: September 5, 2006