

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
August 30, 2021
(Approved - September 13, 2021)

Chairman MacDonald opened the meeting at 5:31pm.

V. MacDonald moved at 5:31pm to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,a,c,d. R. Wentworth seconded.

Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes

P. LaRochelle - yes

R. Wentworth - yes

R. Holt - yes

B. Mitchell - yes

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

At 5:31pm, Chair MacDonald convened the nonpublic session with the following people present:

V. MacDonald, Chairman

P. LaRochelle, Vice Chairman

R. Wentworth

R. Holt

B. Mitchell

E. Dionne, Town Administrator

R. Wentworth moved at 5:51pm to exit nonpublic session. B. Mitchell seconded. Roll call vote:

V. MacDonald - yes

P. LaRochelle - yes

R. Wentworth - yes

R. Holt - yes

B. Mitchell - yes

Roll call vote carried unanimously

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

P. LaRochelle - yes

R. Wentworth - yes

R. Holt - yes

B. Mitchell - yes

Roll call vote carried unanimously

Chairman V. MacDonald convened the meeting at 5:52 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

R. Wentworth amended the agenda and added #3 to Old Business School and Church Street Update. B. Holt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and B. Mitchell 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 Alton Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed on Thursday, September 9, 2021 in order to attend the NH City & Town Clerks Association 96th Annual Conference.

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

None

Appointments

None

Old Business

1. Gene Young - Culvert/ Drainage Issue - 550 Drew Hill Road

G. Young and S. Kinmond approached the table. A letter was presented to the Board that explains the easement on the property. G. Young explained that what was not discussed at the last meeting was there are three catch basins in the landowner's driveway and one culvert that brings water from the other side of the road.

2. Bay Parking Lot - Brick Sidewalks and Boardwalk Discussion

S. Kinmond remained at the table. Discussion ensued about the walk through of the parking lot and sidewalks in the Bay. He stated that the Highway Department will try and work the repairs into their schedule. He explained the list of jobs that need to be completed before the winter. Several options were discussed for the sidewalks. B. Holt asked what is going to be done about the Boardwalk. R. Wentworth stated that it should be power washed and sealed. P. LaRochelle stated that it was talked about last year.

3. School Street Update

R. Wentworth stated that he went back and looked at the plans for School Street. There is supposed to be more of a straight intersection. Right now it is still flared out. The residents are concerned that people coming off Route 140 at 40-50 miles per hour and continue right on. The Shields property at the other end of School Street lost their entrance to their back parcel. They had an entrance before driveway permits were required. That one should be grandfathered.

New Business

1. Police Department - ARPA Request

R. Heath approached the table. He explained that before them is a breakdown of the Police Department Revolving Account. He is here to request from the Board to allocate some of the ARPA funding to the Police Department Revolving Account to make fleet payments. He explained that due to COVID that account took a hit. L. Parker explained that because it is public safety the funds can be used to pay the lease payment.

R. Wentworth made a motion to allow the Chief to use \$82,000.00 of the ARPA funding to pay for two fleet lease payments and V. MacDonald seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Heath gave an update on the COVID situation in the Town. He had an EMT meeting today and they discussed recommendations. Within the last four or five days there are 18 active cases in the Town. The Fire Department took three people to the hospital last week alone for COVID related symptoms. The entire year of 2020 they roughly took three people to the hospital. They recommend doing a new drafted policy governing employees for the Town of Alton.

2. Special Event Application - Harvest Happenings 2021 - Alton Business Association

K. Sullivan approached the table. She stated that there would be one change to the application to add the Loon Cove Station for kid's crafts.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the application for Harvest Happenings 2021 from the Alton Business Association for the date 10/16/2021 and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

3. Special Event Application - 9/11 Candlelight Vigil - Tri-County Republicans

P. Terry approached the table. B. Holt stated that the Fire Chief had a concern with traffic. V. MacDonald stated that one thing that can't be done is close off the hardware store. R. Wentworth stated that the Police Chief would like to be contacted to have an officer there.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the Special Event Application for 9/11 Candlelight Vigil with the condition that she contact the Police Chief and coordinate safety and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

4. Planning Department - Building Permit Route 28N/ Miramichie Hill Road, Map 15 Lot 9-3, Class VI Road

J. Call approached the table. R. Wentworth asked if the applicant was asked to bring the road up to current standards. J. Call stated that is why they came to the Selectmen.

R. Wentworth made a motion to allow the Hertel's to have access off of Miramichie Road Class VI as long as they bring the road up to minimum road standards signed off by Public Works Director, Town Planner, and Building Inspector and a Performance Bond be issued after final design is approved by the Planning Board in the amount that the Planning Board recommends and B. Mitchell seconded. The vote is 4 affirmative and 1 abstention (VM).

5. Planning Department - Building Permit Africa Road, Map 3 Lot 29, Class VI Road

J. Call remained at the table.

B. Mitchell made a motion to issue a building permit for Africa Road Map, 3 Lot 29 and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Selectmen Reports

B. Holt had nothing to report.

R. Wentworth had nothing to report.

B. Mitchell had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle had nothing to report.

V. MacDonald had nothing to report.

Town Administrator Report

L. Dionne stated that next week's meeting will be September 6th and it is Labor Day and Town Hall will be closed. She asked the Board if they would to reschedule that meeting during the week or skip it. The consensus of the Board is to cancel it.

L. Dionne stated that the auction of tax deeded properties that will happen sometime in October. Last discussed during the State of Emergency it was going to be held outside rain or shine. Now that the State of Emergency is over with the Board was asked if they wanted to hold the auction in the Meeting Room. It was the consensus of the Board to have it in the Meeting Room.

L. Dionne stated that it is legal to use the Ambulance Revolving Fund to pay for the Fire Boat. She has spoken to the Town Attorney.

Approval of Minutes

August 9, 2021 - Public Session

B. Holt made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021 Public Session and B. Mitchell seconded with all in favor of the motion.

August 9, 2021 - Non-Public Session

V. MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021 Non-Public Session releasing 1, 2, and 3 and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

August 16, 2021 - Public Session

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2021 Public Session and B. Mitchell seconded. The vote is 4 affirmative and 1 abstention (RW).

Consent Agenda Approval

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

1. Assessing Department

Land Use Change Tax

Young/Rollins Family Rev Trust; Map 1 Lot 29; 100 Meaderboro Road; \$7,290

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

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

A. Cornelisson approached the table. He disagrees with the Public Works Director with the issues of the intersection of Route 140 and School Street. The end of his driveway needs to be taken care of before winter.

T. Blier approached the table. She stated that she has concerns. There have been four cars that have ended up on her lawn in the past. There needs to be something permanent. Her daughter is not allowed to go out front because of the speeds of the cars coming off of Route 140.

C. DeRoche approached the table. She asked if the Bay sidewalks have to be ADA compliant. Maintenance on the Building, Sidewalks and things needs to be addressed.

M. Fogg approached the table. She is concerned with 2 feet of granite that went into her driveway.

M. Pickles approached the table. The speed on School Street is a concern. His property has taken a little bit of a beating. He would like the Board to be aware of it. The wall needs to be taken care of.

L. DiVito approached the table. There is a major ticking time bomb going on. None of the old existing culverts were filled in. They put geo fabric over them and put the grates back on. There has already been one washout.

K. Roberts approached the table. He stated that he agrees about the man power and maintenance. It was given to the Board about making Capital Reserve Funds for the building in the Bay.

K. Sullivan approached the table. She appreciates where the Board is coming from in reference to the brick sidewalks.

L. Carr approached the table. He asked about the Fire Boat.

Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment

R. Wentworth moved at 8:05 pm to adjourn. B. Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey
Recording Secretary