

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2006
Public Session I
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
Alan Sherwood, Selectman
A. Pete Shibley, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

C. Blackstone led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda

A. Sherwood motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

R. Bailey announced that the primary elections would take place at the High School on September 12, 2006 from 7:00am - 7:00pm. He noted the hearing for the Cell Towers is also scheduled for that day beginning at 6:30pm in the Town Hall.

Appointment

1. The Selectmen met with William Curtin and his associates, Don Voltz and John Boudreau. This meeting was to review a waiver request on perimeters on widening the right of way from Prospect Mtn. Road. They presented the road construction plans pertaining to the Meadowbrook Subdivision. Discussion included frontage and grade requirements, a public benefit, slopes, ditch lines, cross sections, a retention pond, and an easement right of way around the cistern; also that this waiver request is not a creative way to gain another lot, this subdivision will be for 5 lots. It was noted the Planning Board has the final jurisdiction over approval of the final roadway.

A. Sherwood moved to v. approve the requested waiver to the 50' right of way width for Meadow Lands Realty Trust proposed 5-lot subdivision and the waiver allowing them to have more than a 50' width at the entrance to this subdivision and that we not object to the retention pond being included in the right of way and the cistern too, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor. D. Voltz asked how this action would be referenced on the plan. R. Bailey advised the minutes of this meeting could be used as a reference and a copy would also be submitted to the Planning Board.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

A. Sherwood reported on August 24th he had testified on the second day of the Parkhurst easement arbitration hearing. He advised the findings would not be available for another week or so. On August 28th he attended a HHHW district Meeting and noted Alton participation had increased in August. Overall the pharmaceuticals collection averaged 22 gallons, some consideration will be given if this particular collection should be continued year to year.

A. Shibley noted during the Barbershoppers Weekend, the Downtown Revitalization Committee also had a successful event and raffle at the Bay.

C. Blackstone stated the Planning Board had a successful workshop, the vision text is almost completed, the Board has a site walk coming up for two properties and on September 12th there will be a hearing with regards to cell towers.

Town Administrator's Report

R. Bailey noted the "Moose Grant" for the DownTown Revitalization Commission from the State Conservation Commission has been signed. He asked that the Board reconfirm his authorization to sign off on the final acceptance of the Grant. A. Sherwood motioned to approved this request, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor. It was noted this grant is for \$5000.

R. Bailey noted the DES had sent a lakes and rivers drawdown schedule for the State, concerns were how this would affect construction projects scheduled for November and December at the Town Beach.

R. Bailey advised the new monitoring well at the landfill has been installed. Test results would be within 30-45 days and he will notify the Board on that status.

Public Input I

Gregory Fuller - G. Fuller asked about the cell tower meeting scheduled for the 12th. C. Blackstone responded this is a joint meeting of the ZBA and Planning Board, to hear the case to be made as to where cell towers could be located, per the new regulation that the Town voted on last March. This will be a public input session and is not a response to a proposal for special meeting or a warrant.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

August 21, 2006 Public Session I Minutes – A. Sherwood amended page 2, re: Board of Health, to read that *P. Shibley abstained* and to change the parenthesis to show *(AS)* voted against the motion.

A. Sherwood motioned to approve the minutes of August 21, 2006 Public Session I as amended, Public Session II and the Sealed Non-Public session as submitted, seconded by C. Blackstone for discussion. P. Shibley noted he had asked that the figures for the Animal Control Budget be recorded in the NPS minutes rather than the attached printout, and requested the minutes be amended to record these line items. A. Sherwood amended his motion to include the amounts of the Police Expenditures for 1-4210-258 for \$1313.02 and 1-4210-259 for \$1222.90 relating to these line items, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

August 28, 2006 – Workshop Session Minutes – A. Sherwood motioned to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Workshop Session of August 28, 2006, as submitted, seconded by P. Shibley and passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Boy Scout Eagle Projects – R. Bailey provided a status report prepared by Bryce St. Cyr the Eagle Scout candidate, he noted the project is moving forward as stated on the report. He noted the project at Jones Field has not started yet but is scheduled for the fall. Discussion included Little Fenway Wall Replacement, how there has been some opposition to tearing it down and perhaps some repair could come under the scope of another organization or business. It was agreed to have R. Bailey will put together a cost estimate as part of the budget.
2. Town Hall Improvements – R. Bailey noted the Trustees of the Trust Funds have approved the expenditures for an office and for improvements in the Assessing Office. There is no final cost estimate as of yet and only one quote has been received. The Board had no objection with using only the one quote as submitted. The assessing office has been repainted, more upgrades are needed. These improvement costs have been approved by the Trustees from the Clough-Morrill fund.

3. Results of NH DOT Workshop – R. Bailey advised the DOT will put together a new set of plans with reference to a “round-about”. He is gathering information on CSS concept (context sensitive solutions). He expects the next meeting with DOT will be in 3-4 months. A. Sherwood noted federal money comes in increments, hopefully enough to re-construct the circle. At that time this meeting will include the public, business owners, etc.

New Business

1. NH Electric Co-Op/Verizon JO Pole Petition - Pole to be located on Mauhaut Shores, for 2615-T. A. Sherwood motioned to approve the petition and to sign accordingly, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

None

Vote to Enter into Non-Public Session

At 7:00pm, Chairman Blackstone motioned to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A; 3,II (a) (c) and (e) parenthetically, after a 5-minute recess, she polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Approved: 9-18-06