

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2012
6:00pm - PUBLIC SESSION
ALTON TOWN HALL

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At approximately 6:00 p.m. Chairman Hussey convened the meeting of the Board, and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Selectmen and staff present were as follows:

David Hussey, Chairman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
Cydney Johnson, Selectman
Marc DeCoff, Selectman
Loring Carr, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Approval of the Agenda – R. Bailey amended the Agenda to include under Old Business, #4 Transfer Station – Container bids. Add under New Business #5 Speed Radar. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Cydney Johnson, seconded by Marc DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

Announcements – Senior Citizen Week – September 17th – September 21st. Patricia Rockwood – 20th year as Town Executive Secretary.

Selectmen’s Committee Reports

Peter Bolster – There has been an offer from Kingswood Voc-Tech. program, their construction carpentry section to help us with whatever we need at the Senior Center and they are working on how to utilize their services.

Town Administrator Report and Updates

1. Distributed a letter of appreciation from Echo Shores Association. A motion was made by Loring Carr to accept the donation with letter of thanks. Marc DeCoff seconded and passed with all in favor.
2. Roberts Cove, Erosion issue. Draft of sign was distributed. for the Board to review and before it goes to the property owner. This sign is to show public access conservation area. Suggested to add no smoking and no littering to sign. D. Hussey asked about dogs and dog waste. Russ will look into this further regarding allowing dogs and dog dispense bags. Russ will look into further on the dogs and talk with property owner and get their comments and get back to the BOS.
3. Email from Coalition. Peter Bolster is the representative. They are asking for funding and preferences regarding inviting candidates and want the BOS input. Suggested to let the Board review and finalize any issue on this at the next meeting.
4. Rick Farb has volunteers from United Way who want to insulate and sheetrock the stairs of the Senior Center. All labor donated and no more than approximately \$1000. Need approval not exceed \$1000. A motion was made by Loring Carr that donated funds for this project do not exceed \$1000. Second by Marc DeCoff and passed with all in favor. Discussion – that this is part of the Day of Caring.

5. Contacted Kelly regarding the Alton Bay community Center. Old piano sitting there. Not used – in the way. Kelly looked into value – piano has been painted. Would like to move it over to the museum or library. Russ to see if library would like to have it.

Public Input I

D. Hussey – opened public input I.

None seen or heard public input I closed.

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Minutes:

August 9, 2012 – Public Work Shop Sessions I and II

Non-Public (Sealed) Work Shop Session

A motion was made by Loring Carr to approve the minutes of August 9, 2012 Public Workshop Session I seconded by Marc DeCoff. Discussion on 4b Hydraulic add “plow.” On #10 should read “evaluating of projects and to document issues with the contractor. Motion passed with 4 in favor. Cydney abstained. Johnson

A motion was made by Loring Carr to approve the Non-Public minutes of August 9, 2012 as presented. Open to the public #1, #2, #3, #4, #5. Second by Marc DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

A motion was made by Loring Carr to approve the Workshop Session II of August 9, 2012 as presented. Second by Cydney Johnson and passed with all in favor.

August 16, 2012 - Public Work Shop Sessions I and II

Non-Public (Sealed) Work Shop Session

A motion was made by Loring Carr to approve the Minutes of Workshop Session I of August 16, 2012 as presented. Second by Cydney Johnson and passed with all in favor.

A motion was made by Loring Carr to approve the Minutes of Non-public session of August 16, 2012 as presented and open the minutes. Second by Marc DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

A motion was made by Loring Carr to approve the Minutes of Workshop Session II of August 16, 2012 as presented. Second by Marc DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

August 20, 2012 - Public Session I & II

Non-Public (Sealed) Session

A motion was made by Peter Bolster to approve the Minutes of Public Session I of August 20, 2012 as presented. Second by Marc DeCoff and passed with 4 in favor and Loring Carr abstained.

A motion was made by Peter Bolster to approve the Minutes of Non-public sealed of August 20, 2012 as presented and not to be released. Second by David Hussey and passed with 4 in favor and Loring Carr abstained.

Old Business:

1. Highway Reconstruction Status – Russ – Work projected to be done on Rand Hill mid-week. Paving completed – depending on weather. Spent \$1,150,000 started with \$1,079,000. Still some paving costs on Rand Hill. By the time of completion will be over \$450,000. Ken checking on pricing for some center lines on Rand Hill, Coffin Brook, and New Durham Road. Russ will present costs when received. Sidewalks next project – week of the 17th. 2 weeks removal and

prep work and then curbing and have cement work done by the middle of October. Need a workshop before the end of September. Russ working on drainage plan with Ken and Russ. Discussed scheduling a workshop.

2. Town Hall Status/Bid – Russ noted items in the packet and also distributed the HVAC bid has been finalized. Subcommittee reviewed. Looking at October 1 time line for bid to be due in. An appointment is scheduled with propane people to look at that site. One item to finalize is to what to do with all old radiators. Scrap for metal unless they can be sold. Electric company is upgrading power. Russ will look into possible internet sale (ie. Craig’s List). Windows out to bid and committee reviewed \$35,637.44 Harvey windows as the low bidder. A motion was made by David Hussey to accept the recommendation of the committee regarding the windows (Harvey windows at \$35,637.44). Second by Cydney Johnson and passed with all in favor. Looked at dormers to be powered – not economical. Looking at other options. Looking at Rod and open as louver window or put air vents in the dormers. Carpentry bid did not get any bidders. Window installation out to bid. Town employees to remove wood and insulate before installation of windows. With the same date of October 1. Roof and trim (trim above windows) at the same time with one bid. This will have to be a Warrant Article.
3. Easement Request – Town Road – Mr. Courounis was present. Discussion of yellow tape. Russ took photos of property in question. Tape is the 25 foot mark. The town has 50 ft right of way. 25 ft from center line either way. Russ to check and Mr. Courounis to work with Russ.
4. Transfer station and container. Open bids today – 6 bidders. Recommending the 50 yard HD containers for \$24,580 for 4. Second page option 2 - basically 2 double transport at the same price, saving \$7,600 the first year – they will pay for themselves in 4 years. A motion was made by Cydney Johnson to accept recommendation of Scott for the containers. Second by Peter Bolster . Discussion - Loring Carr has gauge question. Discussion on what is standard gauge compared to HD gauge. Buck proposal is heavier than Atlantic. Scott recommending Buck. No further discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.

New Business:

1. Tax Deeding Guidelines – these have been gone over before – does not cover with what to do with the property after. Town has not acted on all the properties. – some remain unpaid. If the guidelines are approved they will act on the outstanding properties. Cydney Johnson suggested to add under #1 “with documentation.” Loring suggested these are just guidelines and another board of selectmen can just change these. Russ noted by statute the Board has authority. A motion was made by Marc DeCoff to accept the Tax Deed Guidelines with addition to #1 “with documentation”. Second by Loring Carr and passed with all in favor.

Russ noted these will be applied to the outstanding ones and get back to the BOS with a list.

2. New Voter ID Law – let the public know that there is a new law and asking for ID. Educate the public for the November election. It will be required. You can sign an affidavit instead of id. Election – need 3 board members Tuesday night and have some volunteers during the day. Loring and Dave will be there in the morning and Cydney in the evening. Need 3 present
3. Raffle Permit – October 6 – 28, American legion. For food pantry and Christmas party of needy. A motion was made by Peter Bolster to approve the Raffle Permit as presented. Second by Cydney Johnson and passed with all in favor.

4. Speed Radar. A motion was made by Loring Carr for the Board to offer a \$250 reward for information leading to the prosecution of people that did the damage to the speed sign. Peter said he spoke with the Alton Police Chief and stated that legally the Board cannot do this. Russ to check whether this is possible and how to go about this. Damage was - tongue bent and sheet metal on front, no electronics were damaged. Discussion on prosecution of persons. Board feels this is an insult to the town. Motion not seconded and failed.
5. Local Government Center – Legislative Proposals. The Board finished discussion of the LCG Legislative Proposals.

Public Input II – closed.

D. Hussey – opened public input II.

None seen or heard public input II closed.

Loring Carr reminded the Board to recognize 9/11

Non-Public Session - Vote to Enter into Non-Public Session. At 7:40 p.m. Chairman Hussey motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) Personnel (c)Character/Reputation and (e) Claims/Litigation, the motion was seconded, the Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Schaeffner
Recording Secretary

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Minutes Approved: September 24, 2012