

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Session
September 17, 2007
ALTON TOWN HALL

Alt 6:30pm, Chairman Alan Sherwood convened the meeting of the Selectmen, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman
Stephen McMahon, Selectman
William Curtin, Selectman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Selectman

Chairman Sherwood led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda

R. Bailey advised that the appointment with the Town Moderator has been rescheduled until October 1st. W. Curtin motioned to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

Chairman Sherwood noted the Household Hazardous Waste Collection will take place on October 6th. He continued that the Town Clerk's office will be closed for two days from September 18th-19th.

Chairman Sherwood announced that Philip A. Smith, Jr. has accepted the position of Alton Police Chief.

Appointments

The Selectmen met with members of the Police And Fire Department members who had participated in a rescue mission and presented them with certificates of commendation.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

S. McMahon had no report at this time

P. Bolster reported the B&M R.R. Park is planning an open house at the park on October 13th. He continued the Beach Committee and Selectmen had met seeking guidance, consideration is being given concerning a finance sub-committee on the Beach Committee. P. Bolster stated the Budget Committee has met and meetings have been scheduled with Department Heads.

W. Curtin advised the Water Department is not expecting any rate increase unless something unexpected occurs.

A. Sherwood stated a mini-household hazardous waste collection would take place at the Solid Waste Center on October 6th. and on the following two Saturdays at the Wolfeboro facility.

Town Administrator's Report

R. Bailey discussed tax rate forms, the MS-1 form should be ready within two weeks, MS-5 is ready for Board review and approval, the draft audit is finalized, once approved, the final audit be ready within two weeks.

R. Bailey advised he received a letter concerning the sale of Town property. He will have a draft list for review at a future meeting. He noted a workshop meeting has been scheduled for next week with regards to Echo Point.

Public Input I

Ruth. Messier – The Chairman recognized Ruth Messier. R. Messier expressed her appreciation for replacement of a street light at the corner of School Street and Route 140. She asked that consideration be given to keeping chairs for the public to use in the Town Hall hallway. She suggested that all Town committees and sub-committees receive informational pamphlets on RSA91-A with regards to posting their meetings, keeping minutes, and the Right to Know Law. She asked if the Police Department is up to full force and what number to call when the Police Department is closed.

A. Sherwood advised the police department is down by one officer and when that office is closed to call 911.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Minutes of August 17th, 2007 Public Session I & II and (sealed) Non-Public Session

Vote to Approve the Selectmen's Minutes of August 27th, 2007, Public Session

Vote to Approve the Selectmen's Non-Public Session (sealed) Minutes of September 5, 2007

W. Curtin motioned to approve the minutes as presented for August 17th, August 27th and September 5th, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. Renovations in Town Clerk's Office – R. Bailey noted that upgrades were approved for Aaron Morton Construction to complete the renovations – the goal is to convert to the new system by October 16th. W. Curtin motioned to recommend that Aaron Morton to do the work, seconded by P. Bolster and the motion passed with three in favor and one abstention.

New Business

1. Fiber Optics - Following a discussion of the options, including voice override, it was agree to stay with Union Communications for and rent for now.

2. Vote on recommendations of Town Assessor - A. Sherwood motioned to approve items 6/31 & 27 & 28-6, and to approve the others conditionally, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

3. Town Halloween Schedule – It was agreed that Halloween activities would take place on Wednesday October 31st from 5:00 – 8:00pm.

Public Input II

Gregory Fuller – The Chairman recognized Mr. Fuller. G. Fuller stated the voice override is a good idea.

Non-Public Session – At 7:30pm, Chairman Sherwood moved to enter in non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (a) (c) and (e), seconded by W. Curtin. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Fortin, Secretary Pro Temp
Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: 10-1-07

