

Town of Alton
Budget Committee Meeting
Minutes

September 28, 2006

Present: Stephen Miller; William Curtin; Elizabeth Dominick; Virgil MacDonald;
Krista Argiropolis (Secretary)

Absent: Laurie Boyce; Steven McMahon (Alton Selectmen Representative);
Terri Noyes (Alton Central School Board Representative)

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

II. Public Input

There were no members of the public present.

III. Old Business

The meeting dates for October 2006 through January 2007 were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Curtin motioned to accept the meeting dates and Mr. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (SM, WC, ED, VM)

Mr. Miller reviewed the action items from the September 5, 2006 meeting.

- 1-4153-184 Legal Contracted Fees (-\$2084.75) - *ZBA case*
- 1-4191-131 Planning Office Supplies (-\$230.45) – *new filing cabinet*
- 1-4191-133 Planning Postage (-\$1026.50) – *reimbursement to come*
- 1-4194-759 PMG Railroad Park (-\$165.70) – *Railroad Square Park is near Alton Bay, this is not the self-funded park by the Police Station.*
- 1-4312-139 Highway General Expense (\$136.85) – *revenue coming in to cover this expense*
- 1-4312-309 Highway Building Expense (-\$4392.88) – *there were some safety issues with the building. Expense also covers waste oil removal. Mr. Miller will ask why oil removal done when the waste oil furnace is available.*
- 1-4312-699 Highway Emergency Reconstruction (-\$22405.52) – *reimbursement to come*
- 1-4324-401 Solid Waste Oil Removal (-\$2,293.20) – *This was for contracted services to remove waste oil. Mr. Miller will also ask about why this was done, in light of the waste oil furnace that is available.*

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2006

The Meeting Minutes of September 5, 2006 were reviewed and discussed. The following amendments were noted:

- Add “Unofficial Meeting – Posted and Public Input Requested” to the title
- First page; Section V; paragraph 2; strike: “...which he would be completing and submitting soon.”

Mr. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes of September 5, 2006, as amended. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of two, with two abstaining. (yes: SM, WC / abstaining: VM, ED)

V. New Business

The Committee discussed the upcoming scheduled meetings with the department managers. It was the consensus of the Committee that the meetings should be recorded, so that they could be referenced, if needed. Ms. Argiropolis will make a spreadsheet of the action items for the Committee, showing the budget line items they have already discussed with the department heads.

VI. Public Input

There were no members of the public present.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. MacDonald motioned to adjourn and Mr. Curtin seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. (SM, WC, VM, ED) The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

The next Budget Committee Meeting will be held on October 26, 2006 at 6pm.

Mr. Miller motioned to return to the meeting at 6:48 pm to further discuss an official matter. Mr. MacDonald seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. (SM, WC, VM, ED)

Mr. Miller stated that he felt it would be beneficial for each Committee member to be assigned as a liaison for certain departments. This would help facilitate a concentrated review of the budget line items for a specific department. It was the consensus of the Committee that this would be helpful.

The following assignments were made:

- V. MacDonald – Highway Department
- W. Curtin – Police Department
- E. Dominick – Fire Department
- S. Miller – Parks and Recreation

Mr. MacDonald motioned to adjourn and Mr. Curtin seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. (SM, WC, VM, ED) The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Krista A. Argiropolis
Keeper and Transcriber of Minutes