

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
January 14, 2025
(Approved - January 28, 2025)

Chairman P. LaRochelle convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

P. LaRochelle 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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Paul LaRochelle, Chairman
N. Buonopane, Vice-Chairman
Andrew Morse, Selectman
Richard Shea, Selectman
Drew Carter, Selectmen
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the agenda for October 22, 2024 and R. Shea 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 outside this meeting room, and on our website.

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

None

Appointments

None

New Business

1. Water Department - Jones Field - Back Up Generator Purchase

R. Heath, Town Administrator, stated that there was an emergency situation at the Jones Field Pump House. Their back-up generator had seized. It was in excess of 20 years old. They were not able to repair it. They were renting one which was about \$2,100.00 a month. They called all the distributors they knew. A lot of the generators that were quoted were not available for 18-26 weeks. There was a poll done with the Board. They were able to find a 100kw Kohler Generator. It was in a distribution center in New York. It arrived this morning at 8:00 am. It was the cheaper of the three options. It was the consensus of the Board through a poll that they were in support of the purchase. The old generator has already been disconnected and removed from the pad. Tomorrow the propane and regulators will be done. This is for transparency for the public.

2. Interest Waiver - 314 Big Barndoor Island Map 81 Lot 1

R. Heath stated that this is a memo from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. The resident claims that there was an issue with the Post Office. There has never been an issue before.

D. Carter made a motion to waive the interest fee of \$122.27 and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

1. Mill Pond Remediation Grant

R. Heath stated that this is for a quick update. The Town was going to get a grant from NH Lakes. They are on their third or Fourth attempt. Part of this grant is for the parking lot across from Central Fire Station. It is dealing with run off from School Street. It is to filter off the sediment before it enters Mill Pond.

2. Warrant Articles

Article #8: Benefit Pay Capital Reserve Trust Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #8 Capital Reserve Trust Fund and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #9: Town Operating Budget

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #9 Town Operating Budget and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #10: Water Works Operating Budget

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #10 Water Works Operating Budget and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #11: Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #11 Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #12: Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #12 Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #13: Fire Department Building Improvements Capital Reserve

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #13 Fire Department Building Improvements Capital Reserve and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #14: Fire Department Additional Personnel

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #14 Fire Department Additional Personnel and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #15: Highway Building Improvements/Repairs Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #15 Highway Building Improvements/Repairs Capital Reserve and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #16: Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #16 Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #17: Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #17 Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #18: Retaining Wall Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #18 Retaining Wall Capital Reserve Fund and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #19: Grounds & Maintenance Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #19 Grounds & Maintenance Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #20: Town Hall Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #20 Town Hall Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #21: Town Hall Part-time Personnel

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #21 Town Hall Part-Time Personnel and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #22: New Riverside Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #22 New Riverside Cemetery Capital Reserve and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #23: Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #23 Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #24: IT Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #24 IT Capital Reserve Fund and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #25: Solar Exemption

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #25 Solar Exemption and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #26: Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #26 Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #27: Nonprofits

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #27 Nonprofits and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Article #28: Welcome to Alton Sign

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #28 Welcome to Alton Sign and A. Morse seconded with four in favor and 1` against (PL) of the motion.

Selectmen Reports

D. Carter stated that he and R. Shea had a Zoom meeting for the Milfoil Committee.

R. Shea had nothing to report.

A. Morse had nothing to report.

N. Buonopane had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle stated that there was a ZBA meeting.

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath stated that there is an update for Solid Waste Facility hours. There were a few typos on the previous list.

Approval of Minutes

December 23, 2024 - Public Session

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the minutes of December 23, 2024 Public Session as amended and A. Morse seconded.

D. Carter stated that there was discussion about the Fire Department sign quotes. There was talk about electrical. The vote was called with four in favor and 1 abstention (RS).

Consent Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for January 14, 2025 as presented and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. **Land Use Items**

Abatelements

Lesser & Sapir; Map 69 Lot 1; L/O Places Mill Road; \$33
Lesser & Sapir; Map 69 Lot 2; L/O Places Mill Road; \$68
Secret Farm LLC; Map 2 Lot 4; 229 Dudley Road; \$3,789
Roberts; Map 8 Lot 30; 170 Frank C Gilman Highway; 7,256.26
Dickey; Map 15 Lot 63; 564 Old Wolfeboro Road; \$472
Wilksam, LLC; Map 54 Lot 26; 62 Roger Street; \$1,072
PSNH / Eversource; Map 0 Lot 1-0-0; Utility; \$951
NH Electric Cooperative Inc.; Map 0 lot 0-0-0; \$15,003
NH Electric Cooperative Inc.; Map 27 Lot 52-1; \$164
NH Electric Cooperative Inc.; Map 9 Lot 3-0; \$1,280
Parsons; Map 19 Lot 8-2-44; 1439 Wolfeboro Highway #44; \$94.92

Timber Tax

Roberts; Map 8 Lot 30; 170 Frank C Gilman Highway; \$6,388.17
Countway; Map 21 Lot 36; 1748 Wolfeboro Highway; \$823.64

Current Use Application

Miramichie Hill, LLC; Map 15 Lots 10; 11-1; 11-2; 11-3; L/O Miramichie Hill Road; \$N/A
Jolly Holdings LLC; Map 15 Lots 13 & 25; 53 Miramichie Hill Road; \$N/A

2. **Water Bandstand Committee**

Nancy Merrill, 3 years, Expires March 2028

3. **Alton Parks & Rec Commission**

Erik Boudreau, 3 years, Expires March 2028

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

None

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

None

Non-Public Session

P. LaRochelle moved at 6:46 pm to enter nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, I (legal advice). N. Buonopane seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle - yes N. Buonopane III - yes R. Shea - yes
D. Carter - yes A. Morse - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously.

At 6:45 pm Chairman LaRochelle convened the nonpublic session with the following people present:

P. LaRochelle, Chairman
N. Buonopane III, Vice-chairman
R. Shea, Selectmen
A. Morse, Selectmen
D. Carter, Selectmen
R. Heath, Town Administrator

P. LaRochelle moved at 8:09 pm to exit the nonpublic session. N. Buonopane seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle - yes N. Buonopane III - yes R. Shea - yes

D. Carter - yes

A. Morse - yes

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

P. LaRochelle moved to 'not divulge' item two of the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this board or render the proposed action of the board ineffective. D. Carter seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle - yes N. Buonopane III - yes

R. Shea - yes

D. Carter - yes

A. Morse - yes

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Adjournment

P. LaRochelle moved at 8:10 pm to adjourn. A. Morse seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Stacy L. Bailey
Recording Secretary**