

**ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Minutes**  
**January 28, 2025**  
*(Approved - February 11, 2025)*

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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, Excused  
Richard Shea, Selectman  
Drew Carter, Selectmen  
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator

**Agenda Approval**

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the agenda for January 28, 2025 and D. Carter 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.
- Jean Stone, Retired Town Treasurer, Certificate Presentation  
*P. LaRochelle presented J. Stone with a certificate and the Board thanked her for her service to the Town.*

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

None

**Appointments**

None

**New Business**

1. Milfoil Committee - Milfoil Herbicide Bid

D. Gould and K. Troendle, Parks & Recreation Director, approached the table. He stated that the Milfoil Committee put it out to bid last fall. There was one company that came back with a bid. It is the company that has been doing the service for the Town for years. The Committee met and unanimously decided to send it to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

R. Shea made a motion to award a 3-year contract to Solitude Lake Management for the Milfoil Management Program in accordance with their proposal dated 12-10-24 and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Old Business**

1. Warrant Articles

R. Heath stated that he put a final copy of the Warrant Articles on the table for them tonight. The newest petition article is included.

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve Article #29 Permanent & Total Disabled Veteran's Property Tax Credit moving forward for 2025 *To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 72:35, I-a, to increase the 100% permanent & total disabled veteran's property tax credit from \$1,400 annually to \$3,500. The State of NH has already approved an increase to \$4,000. We are asking for \$3,500. It is now up to the individual towns. This is a petition warrant article* and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Selectmen Reports**

D. Carter had nothing to report.

R. Shea stated there will be an HHW meeting tomorrow. The Swap Shop has been working on a manual.

N. Buonopane stated that there is a Planning Board meeting coming up this week.

P. LaRochelle stated that there was a ZBA meeting.

#### **Town Administrator Report**

R. Heath stated that the generator approved at the last meeting is fully installed and up and running.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

##### **January 14, 2025 - Public Session**

R. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025 Public Session and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

##### **January 14, 2025 - Non-Public**

D. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025 Non-Public Session and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### **Consent Agenda Approval**

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for January 28, 2025 as presented and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### **Assessing Consent Items**

##### **Timber Tax**

Green Acres Woodlands LLC; Map 19 Lot 49; L/O Rines Road; \$184.58

#### **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)*

J. Houser approached the table. She would like to spread the word for a survey for the Friends of Parks and Recreation. She thanked the Board for putting it on the website.

#### **Non-Public Session**

None

#### **Adjournment**

N. Buonopane made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey  
Recording Secretary

