

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Session I
October 1, 2007
Alton Town Hall

Convene

Chairman Sherwood convened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:30pm, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman
Stephan McMahon, Selectman
William Curtin, Selectman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

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

Approval of the Agenda – S. McMahon motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

A. Sherwood noted that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection would be at the Alton Solid Waste Center on October 6th. He continued the Town Web site also contains information on items that citizens are allowed to bring, or not.

The Chairman continued an Open House will be held October 13th at the B&M R.R. Park.

Appointment

The Board met with Mark Northridge, Town Moderator and Marybee Longabaugh, Chairman, Supervisors of the Check List. Discussion included the number of elections in 2008, voting spaces, using the High School gym, the auditorium, or the gym at Alton Central School, that there are more voters, the need for more booths, polling places, convenient parking and distance to voting spaces, adequate space for handicapped booth, observer space, and more space allowed for the supervisors of the check list and spaces for non-profit groups. It was also recommended that direction signs for handicapped parking be in place, constructing a temporary ramp to solve any wheel chair issues, etc. Following their review and discussion, R. Bailey advised he will meet with school principals and bring back options to the Board.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

S. McMahon – Selectmen McMahon had no report at this time.

P. Bolster - Selectman Bolster made an appeal to the public for donations of Food to the Food Pantry as there is a serious shortage at this time. He continued the Budget Committee will begin their meetings on October 27th. He advised that he had attended a budget training seminar last week. P. Bolster continued that there will be a public meeting on Tuesday relative to facility options for renovations of Alton Central School including expansion or a new facility on a new site, a decision will be made on the 11th and the proposal will go to the voters in March. P. Bolster noted the Beach Committee will meet October 3rd. He also noted that parks & Recreation is still looking for new members.

W. Curtin – Selectman Curtin advised the Planning Board continues to work on the Master Plan. Persons who have signed up have not been forgotten and will be contacted with a week to 10 days relative to sub-committees.

A. Sherwood – Selectman Sherwood reported on the Belknap Range Commission, he noted that many people have been showing up on the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days, costs are shared between Wolfeboro and Alton.

It was also noted that the Lakes Region Planning Commission meetings on Mondays conflict with the Alton Selectmen's Meetings. They will need more representation from Alton.

Town Administrator Report

Russell Bailey – R. Bailey noted the stage curtain needs to be replaced, one quote has been received. The Board was in agreement to replace the curtain. R. Bailey will come back to the Board on this issue.

R. Bailey noted the Town is in the process of locating the oldest citizen with regards to presenting the Boston Post Cane acknowledgement.

R. Bailey advised that if there was no objection from the Board, he would go out to bid on a fencing project for the Solid Waste Center. It was agreed to have the Town Administrator to put this project out to bid. R. Bailey also advised the stone wall on the lake side of Harmony Park is deteriorating and could become a structural issue. He will address this matter with Kellie Troendle and come back to the Board with recommendations.

Public Input I

The Chairman recognized Robert Longabaugh. – R. Longabaugh noted his request for worksheets from the Police Department was denied. A. Sherwood advised this material is not subject to the Right to Know law.

There was no other Public Input

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

1. Public Session Minutes I & II – September 5, 2007 – Corrections were made to page 2, Public Session I, W. Curtin motioned to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed, with all in favor.
2. Workshop Session Minutes – September 11, 2007, Public & Sealed Non-Public – W. Curtin motioned to approved the minutes as presented, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
3. Minutes of September 13, 2007 – Workshop Session – Public & Sealed Non-Public – W. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
4. Minutes of September 17, 2007 – Public Session I & II & Sealed Non-Public Session - W. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.
5. Minutes of September 24, 2007 – Budget Workshop Session – W. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. FEMA Status – R. Bailey noted a Public Hearing would be necessary in order to accept the FEMA reimbursement and recommended that it be held at the next regular meeting on October 15th. It was agreed to conduct a Public Hearing following the swearing-in ceremony for the new Police Chief. R. Bailey continued that the State has not sent any funds including those due from last year.
2. Bid Status – R. Bailey advised the Board on the need for Bids as follows:
 - a. Annual Town Report - The 3-year Bid term is expired. There have been no problems with the printing firm. It was agreed to go out to bid rather than waive the bidding process.
 - b. Fireworks – Following a review including using barges for the shoot, it was agreed to go out to bid with provisions for an appropriate barge.

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New Business

1. Raffle Permit Request – American Legion Post – The Board voted unanimously to allow the American Legion Auxiliary to sell raffle tickets at the American Legion on the dates requested.
2. Vote on the Recommendations of Town Assessor – Intent to Cut – A. Sherwood motioned to sign the Intent to Cut as recommended, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II – None

Vote to Enter into Non-Public Session – At 7:45pm, Chairman Sherwood motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) (c) and (e), the motion was seconded by W. Curtin, the Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood

Minutes Approved: October 15, 2007