

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
PUBLIC SESSION I
October 22, 2012
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:00pm Chairman Hussey convened the Public Session Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Members and staff present were as follows:

David Hussey, Chairman
R. Loring Carr, Vice-Chair
Peter Bolster, Selectman
Cydney Johnson, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator
Note: Selectman Marc DeCoff absent

Approval of the Agenda

R. Bailey amended the Old Business to add Item #6 – W. Alton Fire Station Roof and in New Business to add Item # 6 – Tax Map Agreement. L. Carr motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by P. Bolster and the motion passed with all in favor.

Announcements

D. Hussey announced the Halloween Trick or Treat hours from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Wednesday, October 31, 2012.

Public Input

None

Town Administrator Report & Updates:

R. Bailey explained the Highway Department generator has been delivered, and once the wiring is done and propane delivered, it should operational in a few weeks.

R. Bailey advised that JoAnne Shubert has resigned from the Levey Park Trustees. The Board voted to approve posting a notice to fill the vacancy. R. Bailey will provide a brief description of the care and maintenance duties of the park.

Approval of the Selectmen's Minutes:

October 9 2012 – Public Work S Session I – L. Carr motioned to approve with amendments in Item #8 : Line 2, add the words *to only install* seconded by C. Johnson and passed with all in favor.

October 8, 2012 – L. Carr motioned to approved the minutes with amendments on page 3, in Old Business to change \$1.9 to *\$1.1 million*, seconded by C. Johnson and passed with all in favor.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes, Con't.

October 8, 2012 – (Sealed) Non-Public Session - L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes and to release #1, adding the words *Dahl Property #'s 3,5,7,9,and #10*, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

October 8, 2012 – Public Session II - L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as presented seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

October 4, 2012 – Public Workshop Session - L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Peter Bolster and passed with all in favor.

October 2, 2012 – Public Workshop Session – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

October 2, 2012 – (Sealed) Non-Public Session – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes and to release #2,3, and 5, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

October 2, 2012 – Public Workshop Session II – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. 2013 Updates - R. Bailey handed out budget work sheets, he and the Board discussed capital warrant articles, vehicle issues, land fill, ambulance improvement, construction, and he will put in those figures later. Other topics included, whether or not to put properties up for sale, DOT easements, contingency fund, costs of fuel, labor, over-time, salt and sand, gas and building fuels. And requests of non-profit agencies, and if they should be combined under one article. R. Bailey advised that he expected to have the tax rate within two weeks, the State is still waiting on data. R. Bailey also handed out a cover sheet for the Solid Waste Department showing reductions made.
2. Road Reconstruction – R. Bailey provided the status of work on Roger Street reconstruction and advised that trees are being cut on Trask Side Road. Although the cut logs are available to residents, but they are mostly pine and any left over will be taken to the Town pit area. The Board reviewed totals of road reconstruction to date. The Board also reviewed Monument Square and landscaping improvements. It was agreed to ask if the Garden Club and American Legion would be willing to combine costs to put in new landscaping. R. Bailey to follow through on this matter.

3. Town Hall Project Status – R. Bailey advised the old furnace has been removed and the new steam furnace will be delivered on the 23rd., some zoning will be changed in the building, and new valves installed on the radiators. There are 20 radiators, each valve cost \$189 each. Circulating fans will be installed in the auditorium ceiling. The quote was for \$5902.00. D. Hussey motioned to accept this quote for rezoning valves. seconded by C. Johnson and passed with all in favor.
4. Town Property Disposal – Bids – It was agreed to table this item.
5. Sidewalks Project Status – R. Bailey advised the cement work on the project is completed., final asphalt work depends on the weather. The work was done under budget, excluding the Alton Highway Department costs. The Board asked about crosswalks on Main Street and a sidewalk near the Medical Center. R. Bailey to review.
6. West Alton Fire Station – R. Bailey advised five bids had been received, C. Johnson read the bids with the lowest being from T. Mac for \$12,295. C. Johnson motioned to award the bid to T. Mac, pending worker's comp. ins. conditional that all requirements are in place, seconded by D. Hussey and C. Johnson amended the motion that if not, than the project will be awarded to the second lowest bidder, L. Carr seconded the amendment, the motion and amendment passed with all in favor .

New Business:

1. Special Event Request – R. Bailey advised this was a Halloween Function sponsored by the Alton Centennial Rotary Club to be held at the Loon Cove Station on October 31st. C. Johnson motioned to approve the request seconded by L. Carr and passed with one abstention (Peter Bolster).
2. Welfare Guidelines Update – The Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Welfare Officer to raise monthly rental assistance by \$25 and raise the monthly gasoline allotment to \$75.
3. Grant Applications – R. Bailey explained these applications are federal grant requests for DWI, and Speed Enforcement. The Board approved \$7200 for DWI Patrols with L. Carr voting no, and they approved \$5400 for speed enforcement patrols unanimously.

4. Loon Cove Station – The Board agreed to recognize those citizens who have volunteered and made donations by having a framed plaque installed inside the station with their names including M. Cornelissen.
5. Water Bandstand – The Board discussed an historical marker for the water bandstand, R. Bailey advised this is still being researched. It was noted the Alton Historical society is willing to pay for ½ the cost of a marker. C. Johnson motioned to approve the marker, but not to exceed the difference between the Historical Society Cost and \$1500, seconded by L. Carr in a discussion it was noted Town funding for the marker would come from the Building & Grounds budget, the motion passed with all in favor.
6. Tax Maps – R. Bailey advised the agreement with Cartographics, Inc, who produce the Town maps has to be signed. C. Johnson motioned to have the Town Administrator sign the agreement, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.
7. Line Painting – The Board reviewed certain streets for painting. P bolster motioned to approve New Durham Road and Coffin Brook Road, and to wait on Rand Hill Road until the reconstruction work is completed, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
8. LGC Payment – The Board and Town Administrator reviewed the surplus reserves of the Local Government Center. The Town will receive \$28,000, however it has not been sent out as of yet.

Public Input II

None

Non-Public Session – At 7:10pm, Chairman Hussey motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) personnel, (b)character/reputation and (e)claims/litigation, the motion was seconded and the Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood
Secretary

Minutes approved: November 5, 2012
