

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Session I
November 5, 2012
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:00pm Chairman Hussey convened the meeting and led those assembled in the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. Those present included the following members of the Selectboard and staff:

David Hussey, Chairman
R. Loring Carr, Vice-Chairman
Peter Bolster, Member
Cydney Johnson, Member
Marc DeCoff, Member
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Approval of the Agenda – R. Bailey added an item to New Business - Lakes Region Public TV Representative. L. Carr motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by C. Johnson and passed with all in favor.

Announcements – D. Hussey announced the polls will be opened from 7AM – 7PM. On November 6, 2012 and that Town Offices will be closed on Veteran’s Day, November 12, 2012.

Board of Health – D. Hussey motioned to recess as Board of Selectman and to convene as Board of Health, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor. Present; John Devers, III Code Official/Health Officer.

Re: Septic Waiver for Map21A Lot 11 – David Ames, Designer
Also present: JoAnn Coppinger, Beckwith Builders
Ricky the Builder

The Board reviewed the documents which included a map of the site plan, the house is under development. Concerns were raised over access to buried water lines and a propane tank. J. Dever advised there is very little chance that any damages would occur. It was also noted that by approving the waiver, the proposed relocation would be further away from the lake by 100’ , but this waiver is for 35’ from the wetland. The association is on a community system Following their review and based on the recommendation of the Health Officer, M. Decoff moved to approve the waiver, motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

C. Johnson moved to adjourn as Board of Health and to reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by L. Carr and the motion passed with all in favor.

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Selectmen's Committee Reports

M. DeCoff noted that the Budget committee has asked about the Selectmen combining the Police Department Budget and Animal Control Officer under one line item. R. Bailey advised there are pros and cons, combining the two you would not be able to tell how much time is spent on animal control. In a discussion it was agreed to keep it separated in order to track it, that combining the two would reduce transparency. The Board was in agreement not to put these two items under one budget line.

Peter Bolster updated the Board on the Senior Center progress noting a survey will be done, and engineering services have been scheduled, once these are completed applications will be made for permits, including wetlands with Cynthia Balcius and Peter Julia, the site work including bathroom, etc. should begin in the spring. Letters will be sent out this week to previous donors who have previously supported the first phase of construction. He advised there will be a need for approximately \$30,000 in private contributions above the requested amount in the warrant article and in grants.

Town Administrator's Report

R. Bailey and the Board discussed Roberts Cove Beach easement and the existing Right of Way and wetlands permits. The property will need to be surveyed as part of the permit process. In a discussion it was agreed a policy should be in place not to accept land in the future, without proper surveys in place. L. Carr motioned to approve the survey work at Roberts Cove Beach, at a cost of \$1400 seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey advised the budget should be finalized within a week for the Board's review at their next workshop session. He continued there is no formal CIP, he will be meeting with department heads in the coming weeks, to review any requests and concerns.

R. Bailey presented a handout on Milfoil and continued that a meeting is scheduled on November 14th with the Milfoil Committee, Water Commissioners and Representatives from the DES will be in attendance.

Following a discussion about repairs to the R.R. signal at the Alton Bay community Center, and based on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director, the Board approved the use of a lift, preferably with tracks, based on the height and weight of the sign.

Public Input I

None

Approval of the Selectmen's Minutes

October 17, 2012 - L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as follows, correct #8 line 2 add in *maximum* of 60 days for temporary signs, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with one abstention (DH).

October 17, 2012 – Sealed Non-Public Session. L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes With nothing to be released to the public, seconded by M. Decoff and passed with one abstention (DH)

October 17, 2012 – Public Session II – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by M. DeCoff, and passed with one abstention (DH)

October 22, 2012 – Public Session I L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes and to correct the first page under Town Administrator's report, 2nd paragraph, 2nd line to read "R. Bailey *will provide*". Page 3 that L. Carr abstained, change to the word "*voted no*", the motion was seconded by C. Johnson and passed with one abstention (M D)

October 22, 2012, (Sealed) – L Carr, motioned to release #1,2, & 3 & #7 and to correct the wording on #3 to read "were updated on the NH DOT ", seconded by C. Johnson and passed with one abstention (MD)

October 22, 2012 – Public Session II – L. Carr motioned to approve Public Session II as presented, seconded by C. Johnson and passed with one abstention (MD)

October 25, 2012 – Public Session Workshop I – L. Carr motioned to approve the Budget Session as presented, seconded by C. Johnson and passed with all in favor.

October 25, 2012 – Workshop Session – L. Carr motioned to approve the Non-Public Miniutes, and in #3 to read "the Board approved a "*reduced*" payment from \$7351 to \$168, the motion was seconded by M. Decoff as amended and passed with all in favor.

October 25, 2012 – Non-Public Session – L. Carr moved to approve the minutes and to release #1, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

October 25, 2012 – Public Session Workshop II - L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as presented seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. Highway Reconstruction Status – R. Bailey reported that the Highway expenses are now more than \$1.2 million dollars on the road reconstruction work this year. He advised \$200,000 is left in this budget, due to the fact Trask Side Road reconstruction has not started. He noted a resident had requested a speed limit sign on Roger Street. This will be further reviewed. R. Bailey will report back to the Board. The Board also reviewed the sidewalk project, Rand Hill Road culvert expense, the Selectmen asked for breakdown on the additional excavator use, etc.
2. Town Hall Project Status – R. Bailey informed the Board on the status of projects concerning the Town Hall, that the new boiler has been installed, but two more radiator controls are needed, and he is waiting on additional quotes for the chimney inspection, carpenters have been in the Town Hall. He does not have a date yet for fans in the auditorium or when the windows will be installed. Lighting will also be upgraded. D. Hussey made a motion to approve two more radiator controls, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.
3. Highway Requests - The Board tabled a request from a resident to pave a section of Sunset Shores Road.
4. B&M. R.R. Park – R. Bailey noted that M. Cornelissen has permission to remove old R.R. ties but will need approval to use the Town Truck to assist him in this effort. D. Hussey motioned to grant approval, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

New Business

1. Winter Roads – The Board reviewed the issue of maintaining winter roads, and plowing on Roger Street. Following a lengthy review and discussion they agreed to notify the residents that they are responsible for making improvements in grading the road in order for the town to plow. D. Hussey motioned to send a letter to the residents of the road they must make ensure the road is graded, if not they will be billed for this work, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor. P. Bolster noted the Board is following the law.
2. 2012 Tax Rate – R. Bailey advised he has nothing official from DRA as of yet. Following a discussion, D. Hussey motioned to use the fund balance to set the rate, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor. R. Bailey will notify the DRA, and should have the official rate within 48 hours. Following that the bills should be in the mail within a few days.

3. Water Bandstand Historical Marker – The Board accepted a donation from the Alton Historical Society in the amount of \$900 and the Board agreed to pay any additional expenses to have an historical marker installed to recognize the Water Bandstand.
4. Hurricane Sandy - R. Bailey explained the Town expenses as a result of Hurricane Sandy were \$2700. One road was closed for a short time and there was a loss of power in Town.
5. Town report Cover Options – The Board reviewed several cover options and made a choice for the cover of the 2012 Annual Report.
6. Lakes Region Public Access-TV – C. Johnson motioned to appoint Robert Longabaugh as the Town's Representative to LRPA, seconded by M. DeCoff and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

Tim Croes asked about an update on the Rand Hill Road Project, R. Bailey advised he had no breakdown at this time. The Board would look into this, but costs are involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood
Town Secretary

Minutes Approved: 12-3-2012