

Until Further Notice: To keep our members and staff safe, and to comply with RSA 91-A, the State of Emergency, and Governor's Orders, restrictions on public gatherings, The Town of Alton has moved from "in-person" meetings to "remote audio participation meetings". To remotely attend the meeting (audio only) visit our website: [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) on the day of the meeting for instructions or telephone the Selectmen's Office 603-875-2113 or 603-875-0229. There continues to be no Public Input at this time.

**Budget Committee**  
**APPROVED Meeting Minutes (Approved 11/19/20)**  
**November 12, 2020 @ 6:00 PM**  
**Alton Town Hall**  
**1 Monument Square, Alton, NH 03809**

Call to order at 6:04 by Chairman O'Brien and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Patrick O'Brien, Chairman  
David Hershey, Vice Chairman  
Brock Mitchell, Member  
Reuben Parker, Member  
Peter Leavitt, School Board Representative  
Reuben Wentworth, Selectmen Representative

Via Zoom:

Scott Simonds, Solid Waste Director  
Gene Young, Conservation Commission Chairman

Others Present:

Liz Dione, Town Administrator  
Laura Parker, Town Financial Administrator

Absent: Beth Varney, Member

Approval of Agenda

**MOTION** by P. Leavitt to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by B. Mitchell. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (6-0).

New Business

1. Budget Presentations/Approvals

- a. Conservation Commission (4612) Gene Young, Chairman  
Bottom line no change from last year. Line item changed in supporting local organizations now has its own line item.  
**MOTION** by D. Hershey to approve the presented budget for the Conservation Commission of \$21,906. Second B. Mitchell. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (6-0).
- b. Solid Waste (4326) Scott Simonds (via Zoom)  
Contracts (7 years 2.5% increase each year). Tonnage up this year and may be over budget this year. D. Hershey asked if they have thought about raising fees? S Simonds noted that if you raise fees you find items on the side of the road. Discussion on why raise fees. R. Wentworth strongly recommend not raising fees. Haul fees for MSW is \$221 and this increases each year of 2.5%. Metal is different. R. Wentworth would recommend any suggestions to the Board of Selectmen be submitted accordingly. P. O'Brien noted this issue is more of a policy issue. Line 405 increased \$7600.

**MOTION** by B. Mitchell to approve the presented budget for Solid Waste for \$486,643. Second by R. Wentworth. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor 6-0.

- c. Fire Department (4220) James Beaudoin  
4% increase in total mostly from payroll. Adding a Fulltime employee. Daytime person. Dispatch center increase approx. \$2000. Turnout gear gets replaced on a cycle (4 sets at a time).

**MOTION** by D. Hershey to approve the presented budget for the Fire Department of \$1,017,902. Second by B. Mitchell. No discussion. Motion passes with 5 in favor and one abstention (P. O'Brien) 5-0-1.

- d. Insurance (4196) Liz Dione  
Town insurance (not benefits) This budget gone down. Line 275 Level funded, Line 276 same, Line 277 6% decrease, Line 278 4.2% increase, Line 279 Level funded.  
**MOTION** by D. Hershey to approve the presented budget for Insurance of \$289,073. Second by R. Wentworth. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (6-0).

Old Business None

Approval of Minutes

- November 5, 2020

**MOTION** by D. Hershey to approve the Minutes of November 5, 2020 as presented. Second by B. Mitchell. No discussion. Motion passes with 5 in favor and one abstention (P. O'Brien) (5-0-1).

Other Business (if necessary)

**MOTION** by D. Hershey for the Budget Committee to send an email to the Board of Selectmen recommending an escalation of the scale fee in the same rate of increase of the disposal rate fee increase. Second - no second. Motion fails.

P. O'Brien would like to formally welcome our two new members, Brock Mitchell and Reuben Parker and thanked them for their commitment to the community of Alton.

Adjournment at 7:00 p.m. **MOTION** by R. Wentworth to adjourn at 7 pm. Second by P. Leavitt. No discussion. Motion passes with all in favor (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Schaeffner  
Recording Secretary