

**Alton Board of Selectmen
November 5, 2007
Public Session
Meeting Minutes
Alton Town Hall**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

The Chairman led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence

Approval of the Agenda

W. Curtin motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

The Chairman noted temporary change of office space in the Town Hall for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, They should be back in their own offices within a week.

The Chairman advised the Town Offices would be closed in honor of Veteran's Day.

The Chairman noted the Open House scheduled for November 14th to welcome the Town Planner and Police Chief. The Open House will be held in the Gilman Museum.

Board of Health

A. Sherwood motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and to re-convene as Board of Health, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

- a. Present: Septic Designer, Deborah Hinds
- b. Property Owners – Rattlesnake Island

D. Hinds explained the septic design and soaker hose system as proposed. A. Sherwood read the recommendation of Brian Boyers the Health Officer. It was noted a similar system was approved for a property on Ship Island. Following the review, A. Sherwood motioned to approve the septic waiver and the system design, for Map 79, Lot 7, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

A. Sherwood motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Selectmen's Committee Report

S. McMahon stated he had no report at this time.

P. Bolster reported that the Downtown Revitalization Committee has met with a representative from NH Soils and they are cataloging wild life and Fiona at the park, plans to have a signs made indicating various types of animals, trees, etc. Also the American Legion has donated a flag pole for the park, which will be dedicated to area veterans, elm trees have been donated and planted. More work is scheduled for the spring.

P. Bolster continued the next Beach committee will be held on the 6th at the Meredith Bank. They are working on a presentation for the Selectmen and data for a ballot article.

He reported that the Budget Committee is meeting on schedule, they have 2-3 sessions before a review of CIP and School Items. The Public Hearing on the Budget will be held in January.

P. Fuller reported the ZBA continues to meet the first Thursday of every month. She advised the Legislative Session will be reviewing education funding and the constitutional amendment and what this will mean with regards to NH communities. She encouraged citizens to contact our State senator and Representatives to "get behind the constitutional amendment". She will report back to the Board on the cost of education when the numbers are ready.

W. Curtin had no report at this time.

A. Sherwood reported that 287 households had participated in the HHHW program as compared to 142 households the year before. He advised two special collection events were held in Alton and expressed his appreciation to R. Bailey and staff for their assistance.

Town Administrator Updates and Verbal Report –

R. Bailey noted that the Town Report had gone out to bid for printing of the report, also that the Board may want to consider the cover and a dedication page.

A candidate for the Boston Post Cane has been contacted and a presentation may be made within a few weeks. He will have more information on this soon.

The Town Clerk and Tax Collector should be back in their respective offices within two weeks, the delay was unforeseen.

R. Bailey also noted the up-coming "light-up night" festivities planned for December 1st.

Public Input I –

There was no public input.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

October 3, 2007 – Budget workshop – P. Bolster motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with one abstention (SM).

October 15, 2007, Public Session I – The first paragraph was corrected to change the name "Miller" to *McMahon*. A. Sherwood motioned to approve Public Session I as amended and the Public Session II and sealed Non-Public Session minutes, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

October 22, 2007 – Public Session I & II and Sealed Non-Public Session – W. Curtin motioned to approve the minutes as presented seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. 2007 Tax Rate – R. Bailey noted the tax rate is \$10.57
2. 2008 elections – The Selectmen agreed to hold the deliberative session on February 5th, 2008 with February 6th as a snow date, R. Bailey will contact the school.
3. Engineering Services Approval - The Board reviewed engineering services for Roberts Cove Road, Rand Hill Road and Cook Road. P. Fuller motioned to approve the services as recommended. W. Curtin suggested holding off on approval for Rand Hill Road until after a substantial rain fall. Following a discussion P. Fuller amended her motion to exclude Rand Hill Road at this time, seconded by S. McMahon and motion as amended passed with all in favor
4. Fence Bids - R. Bailey noted East Coast Rent-A-Fence was the low bidder at \$14,500 for a fence at the Solid Waste Center, this bid included 2 gates. W. Curtin motioned to accept the bid as recommended, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
5. R. Bailey reported that the fuel bids had been received and opened. He recommended Irving for the Propane Supplier and Stafford Oil for heating fuel

and 89% octane gasoline. He stated that he has advised Stafford Oil the Town would pursue 87% octane to reduce cost. W. Curtin motioned to accept the recommendations as presented, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

New Business

1) L.R.P.C. Survey – R. Bailey advised that Lakes Region Planning Commission had sent a septage survey. He advised responding in a positive manner and that the Town would be interested in options for sludge disposal in the area, as current sludge disposal options are limited and expensive.

The Board agreed to answer “yes” on items #1 and #2. Response to #3 is no, response to #4 is no., the response to #5 is “yes”. (see attached)

2) Request for Shoreline Restoration - With regards to the Shoreline Restoration letter, R. Bailey advised he had a letter from the abutter and NH DES, they had no objection to the work. A. Sherwood moved to approve the request, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

3) Building Permit Request – Class VI - R. Bailey continued that with regards to a building permit request on Africa Road, a previous building permit had been approved and noted on this request that improvements have already been made, the fire and police and Highway Agency have signed off, W. Curtin noted the property owners had come before the Planning Board. P. Fuller motioned to sign the release conditional that the owners file a waiver of liability with the registry of deeds, and that K. Roberts review the road seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

4) Vote to Approve Pole Petitions (2) NH Electric Co-op - A. Sherwood motioned to sign the petitions for 2663-T on Roger road and 2688-T on Old Wolfeboro Road, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

5) Vote to Approve Items as Recommended by Town Assessor – A. Sherwood read the Intents to Cut, and motioned to sign items accordingly, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

6) Fire Association – Boot Drive Request – The Board reviewed the Boot Drive request scheduled for November 24th. A. Sherwood motioned to approve the request for November 24th and specified that the event take place between 10:00-2:00pm on Main Street across from Maxfield Realty only, and any changes would need prior approval, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor. R. Bailey will notify the Fire Association.

7) Sign Request – The Board reviewed a request from C&G Realty concerning installation of a “dead end “ sign. There was no objection , P. Fuller moved to grant the request conditional that residents pay for the sign, and installation will be under the direction of the Highway Agent, seconded by P. Bolster who noted the residents will be doing the work of installing the sign themselves, the motion passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

The Chairman recognized Representative Laurie Boyce who reviewed issues about a pole tax on utility poles within Town right of ways.

The Chairman recognized Ray Howard who asked about spending money for Roberts Cove Road as the road was rebuilt about 10 years ago. He was advised this expense was for long standing drainage issues.

Vote to enter into Non-Public Session

At 7:40pm, A. Sherwood motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) (c) (e)

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: December 17, 2007

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At 8:47pm the Board reconvened in Public Session, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

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

By unanimous vote the Board sealed the minutes of the Non-Public Session of November 5, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Russell Bailey,
Town Administrator