

**ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Public Session II**  
**December 5, 2011**  
**ALTON TOWN HALL**

---

Chairman Hussey convened the meeting at approximately 6:05pm, and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

David Hussey, Chairman  
R. Loring Carr, Vice-Chair  
Peter Bolster, Selectman  
Cydney Johnson, Selectman  
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator  
*Note: Selectman Stephan McMahon: Absent*

**Approval of the Agenda**

R. Bailey added Item #7 to Old business with regards to a Milfoil Grant. L. Carr motioned to approve the Agenda as amended seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

D. Hussey announced this hearing was in regards to the Franchise Agreement with Metrocast TV. and to he would begin with the Board members input. P. Bolster explained the current contract ends in 2019. This hearing is a review if requirements have been fulfilled, and to look at two things, 1) to look back at any complaints, service, etc, and 2) to look at future needs and what would be available 10 or years from now, what customers want to see, etc. These issues and input will then come back to the Selectmen who will look at any issues as part of the negotiations. This information will go back to Metrocast.

D. Hussey asked for Public Input and recognized Robert Longabaugh

R. Longabaugh – R. Longabaugh noted he has been active in Alton’s Cable TV program since 1999. He continued Channel selection is not allowed, and maybe this would be the time to bargain. Alton cannot originate its own programs presently. And he would like to suggest that major Town buildings be wired for 2-way capability including the Senior Center. He also advised the camera needs to be updated, that images from the still camera are “terrible”.

Other residents expressed concerns about the closed caption option tv, it should go back as it used to be with no disruption and not having to enable a program to use it, that Metrocast TV service has not been helpful. Other statements

Made were to be sure videos of meetings would still go to the library, and to keep taping the meetings for those who cannot come to the meetings. Also that English sub-titles be televised on the Spanish channels.

P. Bolster noted that LRPA will have better equipment, and that the Coalition had discussed the possibility of Metrocast providing an additional channel that every Town could have a channel assigned to them, and LRPA will be part of the negotiations.

**Selectmen's Minutes**  
**December 5, 2011**  
**Page 2**

Discussion also included expanding services at PMHS for curriculum programs, and the percentages charged to residences for installation at residences, if the Town could negotiate with other cable companies, and if they would have to install their own lines and another cable company may not be able to get enough customers to make it feasible for them. It was agreed that anyone else with comments or suggestions could send them to R. Bailey before the end of the year.

The Chairman then closed the Public hearing.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

D. Hussey motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and to reconvene as Board of Health, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

Present: John Dever, III, Health Officer  
Thomas Verney, P.E.

1) Elm Street – J. Dever explained this waiver is to replace an existing system with more innovative technology. J. Dever advised it is also replacing an existing gray water dry well and is required for the construction of the additional living space. Following a discussion, and based on the recommendation, L. Carr motioned to approve the request for the septic waiver for property located on Map65, Lot45 as presented, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

2) Alpine Way - Thomas Varney explained this waiver is necessary to replace an existing system of an unknown age with a "Clean Solutions" system. This is part of the Alternative Technology design as required by the Town's Health regulations. Following a further review of the design to make a correction regarding the 250' buffer, L. Carr motioned to approve the request for Map65, Lot54 as corrected, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

D. Hussey motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and to reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

Announcements – D. Hussey announced the Holiday closing dates for Town Offices. R. Bailey will advise when the Solid Waste Center will close.

**Selectmen's Committee Reports**

Peter Bolster – P. Bolster advised donations continue to come in for the Senior center. Volunteers will be needed for painting, those interested should contact Kenneth McWilliams in the Planning Office.

Loring Carr – L. Carr stated the budget Committee had met and that proposed changes to the Cemetery Department had been approved. At the next meeting budgets will be pre-finalized for the Public Hearing.

**Selectmen's Minutes**  
**December 5, 2011**  
**Page 3**

David Hussey – D. Hussey announced the Selectmen continue to work with various Boards and the zoning regulations and making things easier for citizens, streamlining departments and making gains in different areas, allowing townspeople to make it easier when they come before a board and to be able to properly defend laws, and he thanked the Boards for co-operation in this effort.

Cydney Johnson – C. Johnson had no report at this time.

Town Administrator Report and Updates – R. Bailey had no report

Public Input I

Peter Keen – P. Keen asked for an update on DES. P. Bolster advised they are looking to renew their lease on a branch office here as the Lakes Region has many issues.

**Approval of Selectmen's Minutes**

October 24, 2011 - L. Carr noted a correction to be made in the first sentence of the minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and motioned to approve them as amended, seconded by David Hussey and passed with one abstention (CJ).

November 11, 2011 - L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes of November 11, 2011 – Public Workshop Session, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with one abstention (CJ).

November 14, 2011 – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes of November 14, 2011, Public Session I and II, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

November 14, 2011 – L. Carr motioned to approve the (sealed) Non-Public Session minutes of November 14, 2011 and to release Items 1, 3 and 5, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

November 17, 2011 – L. Carr motioned to approve the Workshop Minutes of November 17, 2011, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with one abstention (CJ)

November 28, 2011 – L. Carr motioned to approve the Public Session I & II, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with one abstention (CJ)

November 28, 2011 – L. Carr motioned to approve the (Sealed) Non-Public Session, and to release items 2 and 3, seconded by D. Hussey for discussion on Item 3.

**Selectmen's Minutes**  
**December 5, 2011**  
**Page 4**

**Old Business**

1) Places Mill Bridge Status – The Board reviewed the memo from NH DOT – R. Bailey noted the process has been completed except for Change Order #5. R. Bailey advised the paving project may be delayed until the spring of 2012, the Town would have to wait for reimbursement.

2) Solid Waste Transfer Station Agreement – The board reviewed the agreement as submitted, R. Bailey advised S. Simonds is recommending amendments but basically the agreement is in accordance, P. Bolster motioned to approve the agreement with amendments from the former agreement and additional changes, and that the Board signs accordingly. In a discussion, there were questions on Item #5, page 3 and other concerns. The motion was not seconded. D. Hussey then motioned to agree conditionally on the Town Attorney's review and approval, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

3) Ventilation Bid – Based on the recommendation of the Highway Agent, L. Carr motioned to accept the bid from Clean Aire Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$29,995 for a Plymovent System, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

4) Reed Road Status – R. Bailey updated the Board on the Reed Road Bridge Project, and stated he had received a memo from NH DOT that the temporary bridge is removed and other work may be completed within a week to 10 days and weather permitting paving may be done on the easements. He asked the Board to approve a change order, D. Hussey motioned to approve the change order, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

5) Safety Sign Agreement – R. Bailey noted the State would be responsible for the program, the Town would maintain the signs. D. Hussey motioned to have the Town Administrator sign the Municipal Agreement and that the Board Members sign the Municipal Work Zone Agreement, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

6) 2012 Warrant Articles – R. Bailey and the Board reviewed the draft articles, no final actions were taken on wording.

7) Milfoil Grant – R. Bailey explained the status of the Grant conditions and advised the Chairman must sign documents pertaining to the grant. L. Carr motioned to apply for the grant and have the Chairman sign and to have R. Bailey sign accordingly as requested, seconded by C. Johnson and passed with one abstention (PB)

**New Business**

1. Vote to Approve Land Use Items as Presented - L. Carr motioned to approve a Timber Tax Warrant as recommended by the Town Assessor, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

2. Castleberry Faire – R. Bailey advised this is an annual event, and has the same conditions as in past approvals, pumping septic before and after the event and restoring the property, including no exclusivity. L. Carr motioned to approve the event with the conditions as noted, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

## **Selectmen's Minutes**

**December 5, 2011**

**Page 5**

3. Powder Mill Snowmobile Club Request – The Board reviewed a request by the Snowmobile Club to utilize part of a Class 6 portion of Drew Hill Road. R. Bailey advised the Highway Agent had no problems with this request. L. Carr motioned to grant permission to Powder Mill Snow Mobile Club for the use of the Class 6 only portion of Drew Hill Road, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

4. Road Race Request – R. Bailey noted this would be for a 5K road race in September 2012 and part of it would utilize Old Wolfeboro Road, this would require officers to be present. L. Carr motioned to approve the request of the St. Katherine Church Organization to use the Town road conditional that traffic control permission is granted by the Police and State DOT, etc., seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

### **Public Input II**

Peter Keen – P. Keen asked if there is any knowledge of how Police Department vehicles are equipped with optical character recognition, this would be in addition to the regular video they take when they are going through their regular procedures, this is for enhancement to law enforcement that we made available under 9 -1-1. Basically they are taking pictures of every license plate that they pass by whether it's parked in your yard on the street or anywhere else, wide screen. He continued this would be for instance, if they drove by tonight, and hypothetically, if Mr. Bolster was supposed to be at a different meeting and said he was at this meeting and if somebody wanted to know they could say wait a minute he was here. And this is wide screen it goes right to Homeland Defense into their computer system.

P. Keen asked about the Selectmen walking Trask Road it was his understanding the Selectmen would begin at 8:30 on Wednesday morning. That the best time to walk the road would be in the rain then they could understand the storm water runoff and drainage. He asked if the Board would start at the 28A entrance to the road and asked if the Board could make a commitment tonight, he would be walking the whole way. P. Keen stated the area from the Trask Swamp stream to Mrs. Rockwood's area has not been addressed because it will be significant to do that work. So the prudent thing would be to start at the 28A end and work towards Ft. Point. P. Keen was advised the Board would first meet at the Town Hall before going out. P. Keen advised he would be happy to give people a ride back to their car. The Board agreed to start at Ft. Point Road.

P. Keen noted the change at Alton Circle has taken away a pit stop for truckers to park and use the restroom facility, so they park now on the Rte 11 scenic overview overnight, including trucks carrying hazardous materials, He stated he can see them across the lake as he has the optical character recognition equipment himself. And noted a concrete truck was there today, that the driver left the vehicle and went into the wooded area. He asked if a porta-potty would be considered. P. Bolster stated the public bathroom at the Bay is available. They cannot stay at the Bay overnight however.

Mr. Keen asked about warrant articles for the school being submitted in blank form to the Budget Committee, if this was normal procedure, they were not prepared with numbers. L. Carr replied it was not. He asked about costs for a fence that had been installed by the Town on private

property. R. Bailey advised it was approximately \$1600 , from either the Building & Grounds or the Highway Budget, he would have to verify.

Mr. Keen asked if there was a Town Policy that a health insurance policy was necessary to participate in recreation programs. This was disconcerting to him because he wanted to play recreational volleyball at the school. He wanted someone to look into that as it seemed to him to be disconcerting and prejudice, he was a taxpayer and should be able to participate in Town recreational programs. He wanted to benefit from recreational programs, he is paying for them.

He complimented Parker Marine for their efforts at the water bandstand and thanked Virgil MacDonald for his work on the Budget Committee He asked about maintenance for the water bandstand and was advised plans are being made on that.

At 8:45 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, the Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Russell Bailey  
Town Administrator

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes Approved: January 25, 2011