

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
December 26, 2023
(Approved - January 9, 2023)

Chairman P. LaRochelle convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

P. LaRochelle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following staff members were present:

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Paul LaRochelle, Chairman
Brock Mitchell, Vice- Chairman, Excused
Andrew Morse, Selectman
Nicholas Buonopane, Selectman
Richard Shea, Selectmen
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle amended the agenda and added an Announcement from the Tax Collector/Town Clerk and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements

- The Public Participation Policy applies to all Selectmen meetings. A copy of it is on the back of each agenda, posted outside this meeting room, and on our website.
- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 for the Presidential Primary held at the Prospect Mountain High School, 242 Suncook Valley Road from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Public Input I (limited to 3 minutes per person on agenda items only)

L. Carr approached the table. He asked under Health Regulations if it is about the Clean Water Solutions issue. P. LaRochelle stated that it is. It is not specifically for one company. It is for all ISDS systems. L. Carr stated that he has been using that name because it was the name at the top of the list. He asked about the Short Term Rent Agreements. He stated that with the Building Inspector being the one who inspects for that, in 5 years another Board comes in and want someone else to do the inspections.

Appointments

None

New Business

1. Encumbrances

R. Heath stated that the first encumbrance is for Alton Flooring & Tile 1 LLC. This is for a commercial grade carpet for the offices. There was also a quote on the table from JTs Royal Painting. They feel they can refinish the hardwood floors. He is looking to encumber the warrant article from last year for one more year. It is the \$65,000.00 for flooring. There may be additional repair needed in some areas.

N. Buonopane made a motion to enter into an agreement with Alton Flooring & Tile for commercial carpet and with JTs Royal Painting for the stripping and refinishing of the hardwood floor surfaces encumbering a total of \$65,000.00 from the flooring Warrant Article and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Heath stated that the next encumbrance is from Two-Way Communications. This proposal has already been seen by the Board. The money can't be fully expended this year. This agreement was already approved.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to encumber the remaining money which is \$82,000.00 from the 2023 Emergency Communications Warrant Article and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Heath stated that the last encumbrance is from Ridgestone Construction. They are the mason that the Town has been using. One issue is on the opposite of the handicap ramp. It would be to redo the area next to the sidewalk. It is moving because there was no stabilization. He is ready to get going. It is a total of \$28,700.00. P. LaRochelle stated that he did look at it and it does need to be addressed.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to accept the quote from Ridgestone Construction Services for the work to be done on the retaining wall for \$28,700.00 and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

1. Health Regulations

P. LaRochelle stated that this has been addressed recently. They discussed the Health Regulations for the Building Inspector/Health Officer no longer doing approvals or reviews for the individual disposal systems. They took it out because there was a backup of applications. The State does the permit process. Since then some people have asked about re-instating the individual sewage system for the Health Inspector to review to attest if all the regulations have been met. There have been concerns with not having a handle on it. R. Heath stated that when this was done there was a backlog of applications. The concern is that the Town is looking at it and then it goes right back to the State.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to re-instate the Health Officer to review of applications for construction of the Individual Sewage Systems when they come into Town Hall in a timely manner and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Selectmen Reports

R. Shea stated the Hazardous Waste meeting for tomorrow has been rescheduled. The Budget Committee needs to approve the School Board budget.

N. Buonopane stated the Planning Board had a meeting that went well. Things are looking good.

A. Morse had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle had nothing to report.

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath stated that the only thing he had was a reminder from the Town Clerk that the Primaries need Selectmen participation.

R. Heath stated that there is a 2024 Solid Waste Holiday schedule for information purposes on the table.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the 2024 Solid Waste Holiday Schedule and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Approval of Minutes

December 12, 2023 - Public Session

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023 - Public Session and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda Approval

None

Discretionary Action on Requests for Appointments (No discussion, majority vote required to allow/not allow appointment)

None

Public Input II (limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business)

L. Carr approached the table. He asked what the amounts are for the flooring. A. Morse stated that it was a \$65,000.00 Warrant Article. The public thinks there is too much frivolous work on the building. This is going over the line now. There was 13 ½% increase for the second half of the year. He agrees with the Planning Board about carpet in the meeting room. It absorbs noise. He is glad they reversed their decision tonight. He asked the Board to review RSA 18 about the Board of Health.

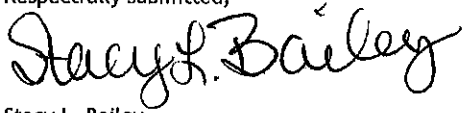
Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment

N. Buonopane made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy L. Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacy L. Bailey
Recording Secretary