

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes  
March 13, 2024  
*Approved - March 26, 2024*

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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, Excused  
Nicholas Buonopane, Selectman  
Richard Shea, Selectmen  
Laura Parker, Finance Director

**Agenda Approval**

P. LaRochelle made a motion Table the Reorganization of the Board and Approval of the February 13, 2024 Minutes and R. Shea 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.
- There will be a rabies clinic for dogs and cats at the Alton Central Fire Station, 65 Frank C. Gilman Hwy. (Route 140) on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. The cost per shot is \$30.00, microchip is \$50.00. Dog licenses available for Alton Residents only.

**Reorganization of the Board**

*Tabled*

**Public Input 1 (limited to 3 minutes per person on agenda items only)**

None

**Appointments**

None

**New Business**

1. Interest Waiver/Abatement - Map 50 Lot 16, 1 Farmington Road

P. LaRochelle stated that it looks like the mailings went out on time. There is also always information on the Town website. The mailings are always the same time every year. The requestor is asking for a waiver of \$57.58 late fee. L. Parker stated that she is looking to have the interest abated.

N. Buonopane made a motion to not grant the abatement of \$57.58 and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. Solid Waste Center - Solid Waste Building Improvement CRF Withdrawal Request

P. LaRochelle stated that he was under the understand that there was only one estimate given for this. The only one that came in was for 603 Seamless Gutters, LLC. It is for the sum of \$2,081.00. N. Buonopane asked if the DPW Director should solicit for another estimate from someone else. P. LaRochelle stated that he was curious as to how long it went out for. L. Parker stated that it does not show when it went out and the quote is not dated. P. LaRochelle stated that this estimate is pretty sketchy. R. Shea stated that it surprised him that it was a sizable cost. The general consensus is to put it out again and try to see if they can get some other prices.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to send it back to S. Simonds for gutters and get more estimates on it and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

### Old Business

#### 1. Swap Shop On Site Visit Discussion

P. LaRochelle had asked to put this on the agenda. It is important to gather the Board, Primex, Town Administrator, Solid Waste Superintendent and convene a meeting to go over the possibilities of having the Swap Shop and the pros and cons. He feels this should be the next step. He stated that he would also like the DPW Director. The Board discussed possible dates for the walk through. It was the consensus of the Board to do it before the next scheduled meeting at 5:00 pm.

### Selectmen Reports

R. Shea stated that the next HHW meeting is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month.

N. Buonopane stated that there is a Planning Board meeting next week.

P. LaRochelle had nothing to report.

### Town Administrator Report

L. Parker stated that there is information for an upcoming workshop for Local Officials. She stated that it is a very good workshop to attend. If anyone would like to sign up they can contact S. Bailey.

### Approval of Minutes

February 27, 2024 - Public Session

*Tabled*

### Consent Agenda Approval

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for March 13, 2024 as presented and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### 1. Fire Department

Richard, Kenneth, FFII/EMT to FFII/Advanced EMT, \$20.18 to \$21.68/hr, effective 2/28/2024

Trombi, Gregory, FFIII Certification, \$36.47 to \$36.72, effective 2/22/2024

Tice, Aaron, Intern/AEMT/FFII to Intern/AEMT/FFIII, \$19.10 to \$19.35, effective 2/28/2024

#### 2. Parks and Recreation Commission

Cleveland, Margaret, Alternate, 1 year term, expires March 2025

Sullivan, Kelly, 1 year term, expires March 2025

#### 3. Master Plan Implementation Committee

Sullivan, Kelly, 1 year term, expires March 2025

#### 4. Land Use Items

##### Timber Tax

Nadeau; Map 9 Lot 9; Henry Wilson Highway (Rt 28); \$59.19

##### Land Use Change Tax

Kowalik; Map 6 Lot 37-8; Dobbins Way; Release Only

**Administrative Abatement**

Williams Trust; Map 34 Lot 33-140; Beacon Avenue; \$500

**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*)

J. Blackwood approached the table. She thanked the Board for looking into opening the Swap Shop.

J. Houser approached the table. She wanted clarification as to if the walk through would be before the next meeting.

**Non-Public Session**

None

**Adjournment**

N. Buonopane made a motion to adjourn at 6:16 pm and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey  
Recording Secretary