

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
March 26, 2024
Approved - April 9, 2024

Convene: Paul Larochelle calls the on-site meeting to order at 5:01 PM at 74 Hurd Hill Road to review a possible location for an Alton Swap Shop.

The following staff members were present:

Paul LaRochelle, Chairman
Andrew Morse, Selectman
Nicholas Buonopane, Selectman
Richard Shea, Selectmen
Drew Carter, Selectman
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator
Laura Parker, Finance Manager
Robert Barry, Primex

The location could be the same location as the Household Hazardous Waste hold their collection days. The Swap Shop could not be open on the days that Hazardous Waste runs their program.

Would there need to be a building? Scott Simonds mentions that the old location of the previous Swap Shop created traffic concerns. The current dumping protocol may need to be changed to accommodate the additional traffic. This may need to be ground level for safety and the number of people that could be in the area.

Robert Barry mentions that the dumping area currently is a significant risk. Current chains across the drop-off are not sturdy, possibly have barriers or higher chains. Robert Barry questions if the Swap Shop will have a building, and will it be covered? He recommends that the town has a list of items that are not allowed and a list of rules.

Some items that should not be allowed or considered would include items such as:

- ❖ Highchairs
- ❖ No electronics or anything with a power cord
- ❖ Child safety seats
- ❖ Child items (because of packaging of small parts/warnings)
- ❖ Furniture
- ❖ Clothing

Robert Barry also mentions possible safety concerns with public traffic flow in that particular area and conflicts with Solid Waste staff using heavy equipment to move the trash receptacles during the hours of the Swap Shop. He also believes the area would have to be watched by someone for safety concerns even when it is not open to the public.

Other concerns for the town regarding a swap shop would be complying with all the up-to-date DES and ADA codes. The current Solid Waste permit would need to be modified as needed. Another concern would be staffing, it should not be by volunteers. It should also be manned when closed for safety issues and due to it being outside where people can wander through. This could end up being a costly project when you price out a building, camera, code requirements etc.

Ryan Heath explained what the actual proposal that was presented. Discussion on maybe the town should present the people with a warrant article in the future.

Recess:

Paul Larochelle motions to recess the meeting at 5:32 PM at the Solid Waste Facility and to reconvene at the town hall.

Re-Convene:

Chairman P. LaRochelle re-convened the meeting at 5:48 PM at Town Hall.

P. LaRochelle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Agenda Approval

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the agenda for March 26, 2024 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.
- 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

N. Buonopane made a motion to nominate Paul LaRochelle as Chairman and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

A. Morse made a motion to nominate Nick Buonopane as Vice-Chairman and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Paul LaRochelle

	2023	2024
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	Paul LaRochelle	Paul LaRochelle
Board of Selectmen, Vice Chairman	Brock Mitchell	Nick Buonopane
Budget Committee (Must vote the wishes of the Selectmen)	Richard Shea Andrew Morse, Alternate	Drew Carter Andrew Morse, Alternate
Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	Andrew Morse	Andrew Morse
Conservation Commission	Brock Mitchell	Nick Buonopane
Cyanobacteria Mitigation Steering Committee (CMSC)	Paul LaRochelle	Drew Carter
Facility Committee	Brock Mitchell Paul LaRochelle, Alternate	Richard Shea Paul LaRochelle, Alternate
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)	Richard Shea	Richard Shea
Master Plan Committee	Paul LaRochelle Nick Buonopane, Alternate	Paul LaRochelle Nick Buonopane, Alternate
Milfoil Committee	Brock Mitchell	Drew Carter
Old Home Week Committee	Nick Buonopane	Paul LaRochelle
Parks & Recreation Commission	Andrew Morse	Andrew Morse
Planning Board	Nick Buonopane Andrew Morse, Alternate	Nick Buonopane Drew Carter, Alternate
Water Bandstand Committee	Paul LaRochelle	Paul LaRochelle
Zoning & Ordinance Committee (ZAC)	Nick Buonopane Richard Shea, Alternate	Nick Buonopane Richard Shea, Alternate
Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)	Paul LaRochelle	Paul LaRochelle

N. Buonopane made a motion to accept the Board Reorganization for the 2023-2024 year and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

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

J. Blackwood approached the table. She asked the Board if they received the map that she created of the Transfer Station. She stated that the one area that would be the easiest would be the one that would be the most difficult to monitor and

Appointments

None

New Business

1. Disinterment Request

5. Kinmond approached the table.

Old Business

1. Swap Shop Discussion

Selectmen Reports

R. Shea stated that there was a meeting this morning for HHW and they have scheduled a Drop-Off in May. The Budget Committee has not met as there duty is over until next Budget Season.

N. Buonopane had nothing to report.

A. Morse had nothing to report.

P. LaRoche had nothing to report.

Town Administrator Report

Approval of Minutes

February 27, 2024 - Public Session

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2024 - Public Session and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

March 13, 2024 - Public Session

R. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2024 - Public Session and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda Approval

R. Shea made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for March 26, 2024 and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. **Parks and Recreation Commission**

Diveny, Carol, 3 years, expires March 2027

2. **Friends of Parks and Recreation**

Diveny, Carol, 3 years, expires March 2027
Goodrum, Sarah, 1 year, expires March 2025

3. **Milfoil Committee**

Barsanti, Gregory, 3 years, expires March 2027

4. **Water Bandstand Committee**

Barsanti, Gregory, 2 years, expires March 2026

5. **Assessing Consent Items**

Timber Tax

Hillsgrove; Map 4 Lot 29; Dudley Road; \$1,202.76
Chase; Map 1 Lot 9; Muchado Hill Road; \$410.87

Military Service Credit

Crowe; Map 5 Lot 5; 134 Stockbridge Corner Road; \$750
Kenny; map 9 lot 14-125; 16 Merrymeeting Lane; \$2,150

Land Use Change Tax

NH Lakeview House LLC; Map 12 Lot 67-4; Powder Mill Road; \$9,000

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

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

Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment

R. Shea made a motion at 6:36 pm to adjourn and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.
Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey