

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes  
June 10, 2025  
*(Approved - June 24, 2025)*

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Chairman N. Buonopane convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

N. Buonopane 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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N. Buonopane, Chairman  
Paul LaRochelle, Vice-Chairman  
Andrew Morse, Selectman  
Richard Shea, Selectman  
Drew Carter, Selectmen  
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator

**Agenda Approval**

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the agenda for June 10, 2025 and P. LaRochelle 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.

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

None

**Appointments**

None

**New Business**

1. Voluntary Change of Address - 232 Jesus Valley Road

R. Heath stated that this came as a result of a two lot subdivision. One parcel had two existing structures. They were granted a subdivision with a shared driveway at the end of Jesus Valley Road. This is a resulting request. This is an address change to distinctly identify the two properties. P. LaRochelle asked if there were any issues from any other departments. R. Heath stated that there wasn't.

N. Buonopane made a motion to do the Voluntary Change of Address for 232 Jesus Valley Road and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. Interest Waiver Request - Map 35 Lot 52-5 and Map 34 Lot 45

R. Heath stated that this is a situation that is outlined by the Tax Collector's memo to the Board. N. Buonopane stated that they made the proper changes for online billing and other things to make sure it doesn't happen again.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to waive the \$32.40 for Map 35 Lot 52-5 and Map 34 Lot 45 interest only and N. Buonopane seconded stating that this is due to extenuating circumstances and not setting a precedence with all in favor of the motion.

3. Interest Waiver Request - Map 3 Lot 4-5

D. Carter stated that this is apparently a situation that the tax payer did not update the Town Clerk. N. Buonopane stated that they were under the assumption that the Town Clerk would be notify. He doesn't think the Board

should waive this one. P. LaRochelle stated that in this particular case he thinks he is correct on that. A. Morse asked if it was sent out Certified. It was.

N. Buonopane made a motion to deny the interest waiver request for Map 3 Lot 4-5 and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### 4. Africa Road Sign Requests

S. Garland, Public Works Director, approached the table. R. Heath stated that this a request from a resident. There is a section of Africa Road that is a Class VI. There have been some people who have attempted to traverse it. The request was to put some signage. S. Garland stated that he did go out to Africa Road both ends. He did not traverse it all the way through as it is rough. In 1904 the Town had voted to discontinue the road. The current classification system that they use now done it 1945 they wouldn't have called it Class VI. It didn't exist yet. They essentially meant to discontinue maintenance of the road. It is from Muchado Road to Prospect Mountain Road. Being a Class VI road it is open with the same rights of travel as any road. They can't restrict traffic from using the road but signing it as such isn't a bad idea. He would put a sign that states that it is a Class VI road, not Town maintained.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to have the Public Works Director put up on either end of Africa Road stating Class VI Road Not Maintained by Town and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

### Old Business

#### 1. Welcome to Alton Sign - Update

R. Arsenault approached the table. She stated that she started out by going to the Legion. Within half an hour she had approximately \$1,700.00. the biggest amount came from the Bay. She started off at the diner and went around to everybody. Her envelope filled up pretty fast. The next week she went downtown. People could leave money at the bank as well. She went on a 9 day road trip with \$5,000.00 in the bank. She had money promised from several businesses. When she came back she was almost \$2,000.00 over her goal. She would like to put the extra money into a fund for maintenance of the sign. She doesn't want any frills added to it like shrubs, etc. R. Heath stated that the next step would be to schedule a Public Hearing in order for the Town to take possession of the donation of the sign by law. R. Heath stated that Town Counsel has said that the Town has the authority to accept any residual funds that are raised for the sign and put them into a maintenance trust.

It is the consensus of the Board to move forward to advertising a Public Hearing for the next meeting.

#### 2. Civil Forfeiture Notices - Unlicensed Dogs

R. Heath stated that the Board needs to vote to accept the Warrant. This list of all unlicensed dogs serves as the Warrant to collect the fees due under State statutes.

N. Buonopane made a motion to accept the Warrant as presented and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### 3. Police Department - NH Office of Highway Safety Grant Contract

T. MacDougall, Police Chief, and B. Tolios, Lieutenant, approached the table. B. Tolios stated that this is the application for the Highway Safety Grant for the Federal fiscal year 2026. This allows them to participate in State and National efforts for DUI, Speed Enforcements, Distracted Driving, etc. It gives them another person on the road dedicated to traffic enforcement during the busy time of year in the next few months. There is a 25% soft match that they will use the billable cruiser rate for. It has been done for several years.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the Police Department to enter into a Safety Grant of \$10,500.00 and authorize the Town Administrator to sign and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

### Selectmen Reports

D. Carter stated that he attended the Conservation Commission meeting.

R. Shea stated that Milfoil season kicks off on June 18 with the first meeting. HHW has it's next event in Wolfeboro on June 21 8:30 - 12. The Swap Shop is open and there have been no issues.

A. Morse had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle stated that he will be attending the Water Bandstand Committee on June 11. He attended the ZBA meeting on June 5.

N. Buonopane had nothing to report.

#### **Town Administrator Report**

R. Heath stated that the first thing is some correspondence referring to the columbarium at New Riverside Cemetery. We do have the engineered plans but we have not raised any funds to do the work.

R. Heath stated that the next thing is some correspondence from the Mount Washington. It states that as a result of the dock being in need of repair they will not be docking in Alton this year. The work is not able to be completed this year.

R. Heath stated that the third thing is an update on an incident on Monday night. The holding tanks for the floor drains at the Highway Department overflowed. Some waste oil water combo leaked down into the swale next to the Highway Department. Fire Department came out and helped contain everything. The containment was successful. We have to do some cleanup. The float alarm was not operational.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

##### **May 13, 2025 - Public Session**

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the minutes for May 13, 2025 Public Session and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

#### **Consent Agenda Approval**

##### **1. Assessing Consent Items**

###### **Timber Tax**

Prospect Forest Ent LLC; Map 6 Lots 27& 31; Map 28 Lots 5 & 6; Map 3 Lots 22 & 23; L/O Stockbridge Corner Road; \$100.54

###### **Abatements**

Town of Alton; Map 14 Lot 2; Jesus Valley Road; \$520.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Roberts; Map 8 Lot 30; 170 Frank C Gilman Highway; \$865.00  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Bergeron; Map 65 Lot 63; 12 Park Street; \$4,674.00  
Michael Trapula; Map 19 Lot 8-2-53; 1439 Wolfeboro Highway; \$175.00  
Glenn & Barbara Wilson; Map 34 Lot 33-60; 139 Mitchell Avenue; \$355.00  
Mr. & Mrs. James Brevigleiri; Map 8 Lot 49-150; 150 Fox Trot; \$70.00  
Thomas Kenny III; Map 9 Lot 14-125; 16 Merrymeeting Lane; \$251.00

###### **Supplemental Warrant**

Meadow Lark Holdings LLC; Map 19 Lot 8-2-53; 1439 Wolfeboro Highway; \$175.00

##### **2. Water Department**

Theresa Gosselin	Map 38 Lot 28-0 14 Dore Drive	Check came late Acct: 283	Credit \$5.27 TO ACCOUNT
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##### **3. Special Event Application**

Winnepesaukee Masonic Lodge #75, Winnepesaukee Lodge Cruise Night, Every Friday 6/6-10/10/2025

4. **Raffle Application**

Winnepesaukee Masonic Lodge #75, 50/50 Raffle, Every Friday 6/6-10/10/2025

5. **Notice of Limitations/Road Waiver of Liability**

Kiki & Raymond Schmalzl, Map 37 Lot 5, 16 Coast Lane

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

Donna Richardson - Building Department Complaint

N. Buonopane made a motion to deny the appointment and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

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

**Non-Public Session**

None

**Adjournment**

D. Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacy L. Bailey

Recording Secretary