

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

P. LaRochelle led the assembly for a moment of silence for two residents, Scott and Robyn Blomerth, who passed away over the weekend in a tragic accident.

Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the agenda as presented 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.
- Please be advised that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will operate with **limited hours** on **Wednesday, October 29, 2025**, and **Thursday, October 30, 2025**, due to the majority of staff attending the **New Hampshire City & Town Clerk Association's 100th Annual Fall Conference**.

Adjusted Office Hours:

- **Wednesday, October 29:** Open from 7:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
- **Thursday, October 30:** Open from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

We kindly ask for your patience during this time of reduced staffing. The decision to offer limited hours was made to minimize disruption while allowing staff to attend this required annual training, in accordance with RSA 31:8.

We appreciate your understanding and encourage residents to plan accordingly.

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

None

Appointments

None

New Business

1. Trick or Treat Date and Time October 31 from 5-7 pm

R. Heath stated that this has been run through the Police Department. There are no issues with the date and times.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the date for Trick or Treating as October 31, 2025, from 5 - 7:00 pm.

2. Request for Assignment of Road Names - Corkscrew Circle and Gateway Circle

R. Heath stated that this request has been sent out to the appropriate departments and there are no issues. It has also been sent to E911 and they made their recommendations.

R. Shea made a motion to approve the Request for Assignment of Road names for Corkscrew Circle and Gateway Circle and P. LaRochelle seconded with all in favor of the motion.

3. Liquor License/Banner Request for Harvest Happenings October 18, 2025 - Cold Spring Farm

R. Heath stated that this is a temporary license request. R. Shea mentioned that the date on the Fire Permit is already expired.

T. Heath stated that was already corrected.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the request for the temporary liquor license and banner request for Harvest Happenings on October 18, 2025 and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

4. Liquor License Request for Hart's Turkey Farm Wedding - September 27, 2025

R. Heath stated that this is also a temporary license request for an upcoming wedding at a private residence.

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the request for the temporary liquor license and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

5. Commercial Waste Disposal Request - Transfer Station

S. Garland, Public Works Director approached the table. P. LaRochelle stated that this has been a previous request. There is a private company that comes into Town to collect trash. They would like permission to dump the trash at the Alton Transfer Station. D. Carter asked if a truck comes in with a trailer stacked 6 feet high would that be a red flag. S. Garland stated that it can be depending on the items being thrown away. The Solid Waste Facility does have the authority to refuse any or all material.

It is the general consensus of the Board to deny the request at this time until there is a chance to research what would work out best.

6. Fire Department - Request For Federal Equipment

R. Heath stated that the Fire Chief was not able to be here tonight. This is just paperwork to try and acquire a vehicle through the military surplus. The vehicle that they would like to acquire would be one that is intended for every day use. It would not be intended to fight a fire. N. Buonopane stated that he had spoken to a few of the firefighters who stated that they would have an old radio that they could put in it. D. Carter asked if there was a reason that they do not take their own vehicles and apply for mileage reimbursement. R. Heath stated that we request that they car pool but if they go from their personal houses they would all put in for reimbursement. D. Carter stated that it says that they can get the vehicle for cheap but nothing in the proposal talks about cost. R. Heath stated that this is not a proposal for any specific vehicle. It is for the agreement to even belong to the program. There would be a final approval coming back to the Board for their review. The parameters of the program are that there is not cost to the Town. Once the vehicle is no longer operable or there is no more need then the vehicle goes back to the program. D. Carter stated that the Ford F150 noted does not support car pooling to classes. He would like to understand that the proposal here is that the Board permits the Fire Department to join this group so that they can get their name in on a vehicle but the acquisition of the vehicle would come back to the Board for approval.

D. Carter made a motion to allow the Fire Department to join the program to search for the Federal Surplus Equipment and to get their names in as needed to secure a vehicle and come back to the Board for final approval and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

1. Friends of Parks and Recreation - Fundraising Feasibility/Readiness Study Report

Jill Houser and Carol Diveny approached the table. They gave a short summary of the report they presented to the Board. They are going to continue contacting residents to get more information on factors that they raised. K. Sullivan stated that when they started this they had no idea that there were plans for a DPW facility.

2. Rand Hill Road Detour - Weight Limit

R. Heath stated that there is concern about the detour on Rand Hill Road. He did reach out to the DPW Director for some insight. There are a few key points. The Selectmen have the authority to set a temporary weight limit on any Town road. The State opened that road up for local traffic only. Their main detour advertised is Route 140. There would also be some enforcement issues.

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath stated that the first thing that he had was an update on the Port-A-Potties at the Fish and Game lot. Executive Councilor Kenney came into the office yesterday. He went down to Downings Landing. He reached out to F & G to get a response.

R. Heath stated that the last thing that he had was an update on the Library Director, Holly Brown. She will be retiring at the end of the year.

Selectmen Reports/Questions

D. Carter stated that he had a Conservation Commission meeting.

R. Shea stated that there was a Milfoil meeting last week. He asked if there was a list of all of the Town owned property as well as the parks. R. Heath stated that he would get that information to him.

A. Morse stated that the CIP Committee is starting to wrap up.

P. LaRochelle stated that with the water level being so low that he was able to inspect the cribbing under the Water Bandstand. There is significant damage from the ice. He would also like to thank the DPW for the new railings in the bay at the Community Center.

N. Buonopane stated that he attended a ZAC meeting and a Planning Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

None

Consent Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. Town Clerk/Tax Collector

James Gillis, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Part-Time, \$19.00/hr, effective October 8, 2025

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. Houser approached the table. She stated that she has made multiple trips to the dump over the last 6 months. She stated that there is a great amount of vehicles with license plates from other states. She thinks that there is an abuse of that system.

K. Sullivan approached the table. She stated that there was a lot of thinking after the last meeting. It was discussed about how the vehicles are used. She thinks the SRO vehicle should be used for the K9 unit. There is a red flag for the Fire Department vehicle. There was a Hum-V purchased and sold that now has a line item for it.

Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment

D. Carter made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey

Recording Secretary

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Nick Buonopane III, Chairman

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