

**Alton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Public Session I
January 5, 2009
Alton Town Hall**

At 6:05pm, Acting Chairman, William Curtin convened the Board in public session, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

William Curtin, Acting Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Selectman
Stephan McMahon, Selectman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

W. Curtin led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda – R. Bailey noted a change in wording to Item #4 in New Business, it should read Franchise Bond. P. Fuller moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

Announcements – W. Curtin noted the Deliberative Session will be held February 4, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Prospect Mountain H.S. auditorium, the snow date would be February 5th. The Building is handicap accessible.

Selectmen's Committee Reports –

P. Bolster reported on the status of the Loon Cove Station, work is in progress to get it ready for moving to its new site at the B&M R.R. Park, snow has hindered some of the operations, but the new site is ready. He continued that Parks and Recreation will have a meeting next week. Also, the school building committee will be conducting two Public Hearings on the 14th concerning acquisition of the Twombly property. He noted that “green energy” weatherization is being considered.

S. McMahon noted the Budget Committee will hold Public Hearings for the School and Town Budgets. He acknowledged the passing of former Selectman James Washburn, that he had worked diligently on behalf of the Town.

P. Fuller also thanked Mr. Washburn and acknowledged his years of service and extended her condolences to the family. She continued the ZBA needs alternates and updated the Board on the Coalition and Education Funding. She advised that the issue of funding the Belknap Country Economic Develop Council will be discussed as an agenda item.

W. Curtin stated the Planning Board will be holding a meeting to review zoning changes.

Town Administrator Report

R. Bailey advised after the latest ice storm that Belknap County was declared a disaster area and the Town could receive some reimbursement. He expects to meet with FEMA representatives within 2-3 weeks.

R. Bailey continued the annual report for the land fill closure showed a summary that he will place on the agenda at the next meeting scheduled for January 19th. Once approved it will be a public record when engineers file it with the state.

R. Bailey advised the Budget committee will conduct a public hearing on the Town Budget, the warrant should be ready by January 26th.

R. Bailey continued that with reference to the Government's proposed stimulus package, that the Local Government Center is requesting a list of Town projects. P. Bolster motioned to provide a list of projects the LGC as prepared by the Town Administrator, seconded by P. Fuller.

Public Input

None

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

- 1) W. Curtin motioned to approve the minutes of December 16, 2009, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.
- 2) W. Curtin motioned to approve the workshop minutes of December 8, 2008, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
- 3) W. Curtin motioned to approve the Public Session I minutes of December 1, 2008 and to add the word "Farm" after word "*Jewett*", seconded by P. Fuller and the motion and amendment passed with all in favor. W. Curtin motioned to approve the minutes of Public Session II and the Sealed Non-public session minutes, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. Encumbrances – The Administrator and Board discussed the encumbrances as presented. P. Fuller motioned to approve \$82,867.52, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
2. Warrant – The Board and Administrator reviewed items on the draft budget. R. Bailey noted it was not yet finalized. On a 2-2 vote the matter of including a snow machine on the warrant failed. It was agreed to table the warrant article this

year. P. Fuller motioned that the Board conduct a Public Hearing on the Bond Issue at their next meeting on the 19th with a snow date of the 20th, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

3. Survey Bid – W. Curtin motioned to award the Bid for Highway Surveys to Jones and Beach, Inc., for \$6940, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

New Business

1. Approve Land Use Items – W. Curtin read the items as submitted and motioned to approve the items as presented from the Town Assessor, and to sign them accordingly, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
2. Sidewalk Review Committee – Following a review, it was agreed to appoint a Sidewalk Committee made up of a member from the Board, a staff member, residents and businesses. Also that at least one member be a resident of the Village. S. McMahon volunteered to represent the Board of Selectmen.
3. Big Lake ½ Marathon – The Board reviewed the request for the organizer of this event to take place on May 9th. P. Fuller motioned to approve the request conditional that the Alton Fire and Police and Parks and Recreation be notified of the schedules, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.
4. Franchise Bond – R. Bailey noted that Metrocast Cable TV was changing the provider of the bond surety bond and needed a signature on the attached documents confirming the bond change. P. Fuller motioned to have the Town Administrator sign the document on behalf of the Town seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.
5. Belknap County Economic Development Council – P. Fuller stated they would like a letter of support to be sent to the County Delegation. R. Bailey advised he would draft a letter from the Selectmen. Also a letter should be sent stating the Board's appreciation for the Commissioners reinstating funding of the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch. W. Curtin motioned to have the Town Administrator draft the two letters, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

Raymond Johnson asked about the a priority list relative to the Bond issue. R. Bailey advised details will be forthcoming once this item is on the warrant.

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Gregory Fuller wished W. Curtin good luck as acting chairman. He asked about Police Equipment, the request for a snow machine, and the increase from MetroCast Cable tv and the possibility of having more channels. R. Bailey advised that the Town is locked into the current Cable TV Franchise until it expires.

Non-Public Session

At 8:00pm, W. Curtin motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A;3, II (a) (c) and (e) seconded by P. Fuller. W. Curtin polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: January 19, 2008