

**ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 29, 2007**  
**Alton Town Hall**

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At 6:00pm, Chairman Blackstone convened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

Cris Blackstone, Chairman  
Patricia Fuller, Selectman  
Alan Sherwood, Selectman  
A. Pete Shibley, Selectman  
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

The Chairman led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

**Approval of the Agenda**

R. Bailey noted the applicants for the Public Hearing have asked that it be rescheduled until March 5<sup>th</sup>. P. Fuller motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

**Announcements**

C. Blackstone announced that the Deliberative session would take place at the high school on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Also Town offices will be closed February 19<sup>th</sup> for the Presidents' Day holiday, she continued that Candidates night would be February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Central School and Town Elections would be held March 13<sup>th</sup> at the High School. C. Blackstone stated that Town Reports are due January 31<sup>st</sup>.

It was noted the snow date for the Deliberative Session will be February 8<sup>th</sup> at the school, beginning at 7:00pm.

**Board of Health**

C. Blackstone motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and convene as Board of Health.

The Board met with Thomas Varney, P.E., and Brian Boyers, Health Officer. The following waivers were discussed and action taken as noted:

1. Setback Location for 36 O'Neil Road – A Shibley motioned to approve the waiver request, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
2. Septic Tank and Leach Bed for Map 23, Lot 3, Rustic Shores Road. A. Sherwood motioned to approve the setback waivers on the condition that this is for a seasonal use only and to pass the conditions on to the State, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

C. Blackstone motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and re-convene as Board of Selectmen, the motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

### **Selectmen's Committee Reports**

P. Fuller and the Board discussed education funding, the NH Coalition, the Legislature vote, the Court Decision, and Donor Towns. She received the Board's support with regards to the meeting she will be attending at the Local Government Center. This is also an agenda item in Old Business. She also noted the ZBA will meet next Thursday.

A. Sherwood reported that the Household Hazardous Waste committee had met with the Representative from Clean Harbors. Discussion included setting up a trial collection site in Alton, training courses for the Alton staff at the SWC, liabilities and so forth. He will have more information at a future meeting. He had also met with the Conservation Commission and reviewed dredge and fill applications, and also reviewed road construction on Drew Hill Road, some concerns were raised and R. Bailey will review these with the Road Agent.

P. Shibley reported work on the B&M R.R. Park will continue in warmer weather. The committee has met to discuss fundraisers and grants.

C. Blackstone stated the Planning Board had met with Bruce Mayberry. Discussion had included facts about impact fees and the ramifications of same, development of subdivisions, and a site walk. She stated a Public Hearing will be held. Planning Board meetings usually last late into the evening, as some items are very complex and long.

### **Town Administrator Report**

R. Bailey explained there is a \$2600 matching grant from DES available with regards to controlling milfoil which is now located in the Bay. He continued that there is a line item set up for dealing with this problem. A. Sherwood noted that Fay's Marina in Gilford is choked with milfoil, it is time to take action now. By unanimous vote, the Board granted authorization for the Chairman to sign for the grant.

R. Bailey advised the budget for the road project on Chestnut Cove Road is over budget due to ledge. P. Fuller motioned to approve the change order of \$12,000 and authorized Russ Bailey to sign the change order, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

### **Public Input I**

None

### **Approval of Selectmen's Minutes**

P. Fuller noted in the minutes of January 18<sup>th</sup>, the number of computers should be corrected from *two* to "four" in Public Session I. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Public Session I minutes as amended, the Public Session II minutes and the Sealed Non-Public Minutes of January 18, 2007.

At this time, C. Blackstone amended the agenda to address Item 5 and change it to Item I in Old Business, and asked those present who were representing a building permit request to come before the Board. The Board met with Leo Trembly of Africa Road and Michael Sievert, P.E. M. Sievert advised he had met with the Highway Agent and Fire Chief on any road issues they had, and stated that the Planning Board had recommended they(the property owners)move forward. Concerns included, turn off access, widening the road, a turn-around, and extending the culverts. Following further discussion, A. Sherwood motioned to allow improvements to Africa Road, and subsequently, issuance of a building permit subject to conditions as noted, including a turn-off at least 18' foot wide approximately ½ way on the road and signing an indemnification and filing with the registry of deeds, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

### **Old Business**

1. 2007/Elections/Budget/Warrant - R. Bailey reported the warrant and budget have been posted as of 1/26/07. Also the town report is in progress, A. Sherwood is assisting. Copies of the budget and warrant will be made available for the Deliberative Session. Workbooks will be available for the Moderator and a workshop is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. He continued the ballot will be listed alphabetically.
2. Coalition Survey - It was noted the Coalition wants feedback and input from the Board of Selectmen relative to Education funding. In a discussion it was agreed, needy schools should be targeted, not to bring back donor towns, the coalition and legislatures need to be more vocal and get something done. It was also noted if this is not accomplished by July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Supreme Court will step in, The Board agreed it is up to the legislature and this matter should not have to go to Court. P. Fuller stated she has already spoken to Reps. Michael Whalley and Janet Allen on this issue and will contact the others.

3. Landfill Contamination – Annual Report - R. Bailey asked for permission to forward the Engineer's Report to the State DES, he also advised the wells will be continually monitored in 2007 and at this time there was no need for new wells. P. Fuller moved to have the Town Administrator send the report as recommended, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

### **New Business**

1. Vote on Items as Recommended by the Town Assessor – C. Blackstone read the items as presented and motioned to approve the recommendations of the Assessor, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

2. Update Record - R. Bailey noted in this case, that although the current use approval had not been approved it was never signed or recorded at the Registry of Deeds. He recommended the current use dated in 1992 be signed, it was also noted there are no abatements to be given, A. Sherwood motioned to sign the document, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor. The Board asked the Town Administrator to research the approval procedures with regards to Notices to Cut Timber for the next meeting

3. 2007 Fireworks – R. Bailey and Board discussed 2007 Fireworks. It was agreed not to go out to bid, and to use Atlas Fireworks for the display as recommended by the Town Administrator. P. Shibley motioned to use Atlas Fireworks for the display on the dates of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup> with rain dates as noted, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

4. Review of Dam Application – The Board discussed the aspects of the dam and reviewed Interim Planner, Peer Kraft-Lund's comments and photographs from the Conservation Commission. They also took input from Thomas Varney, P.E. who advised this was originally designed as a farm pond, now interpreted as a 4' dam. The matter has been referred to the State Dam Bureau. The Selectmen authorized Peer Kraft-Lund's memo to be forwarded to the Dam Bureau.

5. Vote to Approve Hawkers & Vendors Application – P. Fuller motioned to approve the request of White Mountain Kettle Corn for dates as specified including July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>, to utilize 2 spaces at the Bay #1 and #2, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with 1 abstention (PS).

6. Vote to Approve Request of Castleberry Faires and Festivals - R. Bailey advised this is the same request as in past years, the Town will perform a pre-check on the grassy area prior to the event. The Board denied the 30 day exclusivity. P. Fuller motioned to approve the request as stated, except there will be no exclusivity clause, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with 1 abstention (PS).

7. Donation to Fire Department – R. Bailey noted the check had been made out to the Town from Sam's Club for \$1000 and recommended the check be accepted with the understanding the funds be used for the purpose of the donation for accessories to the 6x6 vehicle used by the Fire Department, P. Shibley moved to approve, seconded by P. Fuller. In a discussion it was noted, funds will be under control of the Town but used specifically for the 6x6 vehicle, the vote passed with all in favor.

**Public Input**

None

R. Bailey advised he would contact Attorney Walker relative to the meeting.

Non-Public Session - At 7:40pm, Chairman Blackstone motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A,3, II (a) (c) and (e). and polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes approved: February 12, 2007