

## **ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Public Session I

February 4, 2008

ALTON TOWN HALL

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At 6:00pm, Chairman Sherwood convened the meeting of the Selectmen, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman

Patricia Fuller, Vice-Chair

William Curtin, Selectman

Peter Bolster, Selectman

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

The Chairman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda – P. Fuller moved to accept the agenda as written, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

### **Announcements**

The Chairman announced the dates of Winter Carnival events and noted the Deliberative Session would take place this week. He concluded that Town Offices would be closed on President's Day, February 18<sup>th</sup>. At this point the Board was in agreement to meet on Friday at 5:00pm, February 15, 2008.

### **Appointment**

The Board met with representatives from the Town of Barnstead, Locke Lake Association and Gordon Preston a Barnstead Selectmen to discuss their letter relative to preventive measures concerning the spread of aquatic weeds and milfoil and programs available to deal with this problem. R. Bailey noted there is a line item in the Grounds & Building Budget for \$2500 in 2008. Also two areas in the Bay were sprayed in 2007 and that the next step would be to hire divers and volunteers to hand pick the milfoil. Discussion also included a recommended plan of action and the benefits of area towns working together, forming a committee and ensuring there is an awareness plan in place for Boaters and how to prevent the spread of milfoil.

### **Presentations**

The Board next acknowledged Police Chief Philip Smith who presented employee awards to the police officers and staff as follows; Eric Borge, Kirk Hart, Ryan Heath, Christine Hughes, Dispatcher, Peter Llewellyn, Todd McDougal, Duanne Pitman and Susan Roberts, Secretary who maintained the Department during the transition to a new chief. Chief Smith also made a brotherhood award to Tom Brooks a civilian who has been supportive of the Police Department.

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

Peter Bolster – P. Bolster reported on School Building & Grounds committee relative to a new school building, locating land and bond issues. They are continuing to work through this year to find the best options to meet the needs of the school and will continue to meet with the School Board and others.

He had no report on the Beach Committee or the Downtown Revitalization Committee as they have not met recently. He noted the Budget Committee has completed the deliberative session for the school.

The Recreation Commission has staffing issues, and needs volunteers for the Commission to work with the Director. He asked for volunteers to contact the Town Hall.

Before continuing, A. Sherwood mentioned that Belknap County Attorney, Jim Carroll has commended a number of local Police organizations, including the Alton Police Department for the way they handled a potentially explosive event in December.

Patricia Fuller – P. Fuller advised the Zoning Board did deny the special exception for the motor cross track. P. Fuller continued the NH Coalition of Donor Towns should know soon about the costs of an adequate education, some issues will not be part of the costs, such as school lunches and the English language learner. Recommendations should not impact our school budget until 2010. The Committee is not expected to make a final recommendation on how to calculate these additional costs. There is no idea of the total costs, once she knows the final vote she will advise the Board. The Governor has submitted the proposed constitutional amendment cacr-33, this is scheduled for judiciary hearing on February 12<sup>th</sup>. She will be in touch with Senator Sgambati about supporting the amendment, she will keep the Board updated.

William Curtin – W. Curtin noted the Planning Board continues to meet, a workshop is scheduled on February 7<sup>th</sup> with reference to cisterns. P. Bolster asked about the Master Plan. W. Curtin noted work will begin again on that after the winter holiday.

Alan Sherwood – A. Sherwood had no report at this time.

### **Town Administrator Report**

R. Bailey noted the requirements for inserts in the newspapers for the March 11<sup>th</sup> elections for ballots for the Town and School. He continued 3000 sets would be needed. These sets could be copied at a printer such as Kinkos. Price at Kinko's would be \$780, ballots would be marked "SAMPLE". He noted copies could be in color, inserts could be completed beforehand and taken into the voting booths, saving time. The Board agreed to differentiate between school and town to use different colored paper, yellow, white, green or blue. It was agreed the public would be more informed having the inserts to review before the elections.

R. Bailey noted the state will do a drawing this week, consistent statewide, whatever the letter of the alphabet is pulled, that will be used first on the ballot. Once known it will go to the printer.

R. Bailey passed out material concerning the Emergency Management Plan. He will have a memo for the Board regarding issues that still need to be addressed and put the new Emergency Management Plan on the next agenda.

R. Bailey asked about the request of "The Winnepesaukee Belle" mooring at the Public Docks. Following a discussion, it was agreed it would not be appropriate for them to utilize the Town docks on a daily basis but they were supportive of the "Belle" being in the Bay.

### **Public Input I**

The Chairman recognized Greg Fuller who asked that the Board consider the color of the ballot inserts for those who are color-blind.

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

- 1) January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - Public Session I & II and Non-Public Sealed Workshop Minutes – W. Curtin motioned to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
- 2) January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 - Public Session I & II and the Non-Public (sealed) Minutes – P. Bolster moved to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with one abstention (PF)
- 3) January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – Public Session I & II and Non-Public (sealed) workshop minutes, P. Fuller moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with one abstention (PB).

### **Old Business**

1. Vote to Approve Disposal of Town Equipment. – R. Bailey explained this particular computer equipment, a Compaq Presario computer, monitor keyboard and mouse formerly used by Mr. Houle, Chairman of the Trust Funds, however new up-dated computer equipment is now in place. There are several CRT screens and a micro-fische also need to be disposed of, R. Bailey will ensure there is no trustee data on the older computer. P. Bolster motioned to dispose of these items, seconded by P. Fuller. In a discussion R. Bailey will notify McLeod Computer Services to remove data if any is remaining in the former Trustee's computer, the motion passed with all in favor.
2. Delegation of Deposit Authority - It was noted this is for Town officials other than the Treasurer to make deposits in the Bank. R. Bailey noted this is required according to RSA41:29-VI. This authorizes the town clerk, tax collector, deputy town clerk/deputy tax collector and HHW coordinator to deposit funds. The Board will have to sign the delegation authority. A motion to approve the Delegation of Deposit Authority was made by A. Sherwood, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

### **New Business**

1. Vote to Approve Items as recommended by the Town Assessor – A. Sherwood read the items as submitted and motioned to approve these items as recommended by the Assessor and to sign accordingly, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.
2. Vote on NH Electric CO-Op Pole Location Plans (2) Dan Kelley Drive and Chamberlin Road – P. Fuller motion to approve the pole petitions as submitted for 2701-T and 2799-T, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.
3. Vote to Approve Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Housing for the Elderly - R. Bailey advised this amount is \$3,986.58. P. Fuller moved to sign the Agreement, seconded by P. Bolster.

4. Vote to support Local Government Center Litigation – Costs to Town re: Retirement System. A. Sherwood noted this was an unfunded mandate affecting retirement costs. Particularly in Health Insurance for Fire and Police, to be made up by the employer and towns. Litigation against the mandate will be expensive, lakes region towns are participating, and Alton's share will be \$837.27. P. Bolster moved to sign on to support litigation against the unfunded mandate, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor. It was noted the impact of this unfunded mandate could be an increase of 45% for the Town over the next few years.
5. Winter Carnival – R. Bailey noted the Alton Business Association would be willing to assist the Town at this event and that they had asked for restricted snowmobile trailer parking at the Bay for one day only on the paving area. Following a discussion, it was agreed that no restriction is necessary.

**Public Input II**

None

Vote to Enter into Non\_Public Session - A. Sherwood motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3;II (a) (c) (e), following a brief recess, seconded by W. Curtin. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood

Minutes Approved: March 3, 2008