

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2014

6:02 PM

1 Monument Square

Alton, NH 03809

Approved: March 17, 2014

R. Loring Carr convened the meeting at 6:02 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following members and staff were present:

R. Loring Carr, Chairman
Cydney Johnson, Vice Chairman
David Hussey, Selectman
Marc DeCoff, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Robert Daniels, Selectman was absent

Approval of the Agenda

R. Loring Carr requested adding letters to the editor, for review, to the agenda.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements: The Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at Prospect Mountain High School from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The Annual Town Report is now available at the Town Hall.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Cydney Johnson made a motion to Recess as the Board of Selectmen and to convene as Board of Health and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

John Dever and Alan Folsom, Septic Designer was present to discuss the request for a septic waiver and exemption for Map 69 Lot 15 for Steven and Heather Ladd located on Sleeper Island.

David Hussey made a motion to approve the septic waiver request for Map 69 Lot 15 and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

John Dever discussed the septic waiver request for Map 61 Lot 6 for Larry and Kelli Day on Clough Point Road.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve the septic waiver and exemption request for Map 61 Lot 6 and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Marc DeCoff made a motion to adjourn as Board of Health and to Re-Convene as Board of Selectmen and Dave Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

The Board of Selectmen led by Chairman, R. Loring Carr took a moment to present a plaque and thank David Hussey for his years of service on the Board. Also presented was a cow bell and flowers to Nancy Hussey.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

Marc DeCoff announced that he went on a ride along with the four (4) officers that applied for the Sergeant's position with the Police Department.

Cydney Johnson noted that the Parks & Recreation Commission is meeting tonight (3/10/2014).

Town Administrator's Report and Updates

E. Russell Bailey confirmed that he met with the Historical Society in reference to B&M Park and working together for its future plans; this is still under discussion. A letter was passed to the Board from the Historical Society and it was noted that around the flag poll are memorials to veterans however the imprint on the top of the blocks is eroding and fading due to weather conditions. We would like to use an acrylic shield for the imprints. The general consensus of the Board was to use the shields.

Two Health Trust reimbursements for payments over the last several years have been received in the amounts of \$28,020.98 and \$10,131.19; this is from prior years therefore it will go into the general fund as it cannot be used for any other purpose.

David Hussey made a motion to accept the reimbursements from Health Trust Incorporated and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

E. Russell Bailey has talked with two (2) residents one representing the snowmobile club and another representing a landowner on Rand Hill Road regarding snowmobile usage, issues and concerns. E. Russell Bailey would like to recommend scheduling a meeting regarding the matter, inviting land owners and the snowmobile club to discuss the complaints and concerns and setting a

date that works for all parties. The dates in mind are for the April meetings and Russ will talk with the parties involved to set the date.

Roughly 4-6 months ago representatives were in to discuss Old Home Day. The groups have met and E. Russell Bailey would like to recommend they be sanctioned as a sub-committee for the Selectmen to work on expanding Old Home Day. The members are as follows: Tim Croes, Justin Avery, Roger Sample, Carolyn Schaeffner, Duane Hammond, Kellie Troendle, Andrew Hernandez and Brian Mitchell. Tim Croes came forward and confirmed that the committee has met twice with meetings every two (2) weeks and the meetings are going very well.

David Hussey made a motion to recommend establishing a sub-committee for expanding Old Home Day adding more members if necessary and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Public Input I

Tim Croes reporter from the Baysider questioned the Board regarding any issues that the town may have with Fred Fuller Oil and if they would consider this with next years bid. E. Russell responded that we had an issue a while ago, not knowing whose fault it was but nothing recent. The Board agreed and thought that it would be best discussed during the next bid process when all the facts were presented.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Public Session I, February 19, 2014 as presented and Marc DeCoff seconded. The vote was 3-0-1 with Cydney Johnson abstaining.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes of Non Public Session, February 19, 2014 releasing items 1 through 7 and Marc DeCoff seconded. The vote was 3-0-1 with Cydney Johnson abstaining.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve the minutes Public Session II, February 19, 2014 as presented and Marc DeCoff seconded. The vote was 3-0-1 with Cydney Johnson abstaining.

Old Business:

Highway Bids

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve Phoenix Precast of Concord, NH for Catch Basins as recommended by the Highway Agent for various amounts, 3 year contract and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve HD Supply of Manchester, NH for Culverts as recommended by the Highway Agent for various amounts, 3 year contract and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve Ferguson Water Works of Portland, ME for Frames and Grates as recommended by the Highway Agent for various amounts, 3 year contract and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve Vermont Recreational of Barnet, VT for Guard Rails as recommended by the Highway Agent for various amounts, 3 year contract and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve Rocky Mountain Farm of Alton, NH for the Hydroseeding as recommended by the Highway Agent for various amounts, 3 year contract and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve EJ Prescott of Concord, NH for the GeoTech Fabric as recommended by the Highway Agent for \$375.00, 1 year contract and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve Green Oak Realty of Auburn, NH for the Stone Bid as recommended by the Highway Agent for 6 inch minus stone, 3/4 stone and 1-1/2 inch stone, 3 year contract and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve Arbor Tech of Gilmanston, NH for the cutting of 80+/- trees on Trask Side Road as recommended by the Highway Agent for \$11,700.00, per contract and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve GMI Asphalt of Belmont, NH for the Road Reconstruction and Paving of Town Roads as recommended by the Highway Agent for \$16,900.00 for Monument Square and \$108,398.50 for Trask Side Road and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve GMI Asphalt of Belmont, NH for Overlayment as recommended by the Highway Agent for \$76.50 per ton, 3 year contract and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to approve GMI Asphalt of Belmont, NH for Top Coats as recommended by the Highway Agent for \$10,550.00 for Bowman Road, \$49,635.00 for Trask Side Road and \$26,512.50 for Depot Street and Cydney Johnson seconded with all in favor of the motion.

MetroCast Franchise Status

We need to set a meeting with Attorney Kate Miller who has been working with the Consortium to discuss the legalities and process of the proposed franchise agreement on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 5:30 PM which was agreed upon by the Board. We will then need to schedule a public hearing possibly in April, for a review of the Franchise Agreement and for public input.

Generator Maintenance Agreement

Generator Connection is the same company we are currently using; we are very happy with them and they are willing to lock their rates for the next two (2) years.

David Hussey made a motion to accept the two (2) year agreement with Generator Connection in the amount of \$2,030.00 and authorize E. Russell Bailey to sign the agreement and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

New Business:

Land Use Items

Cydney Johnson made a motion to accept the 2014 Solar Exemption for Map 19 Lot 37-1 in the amount of \$23,498.00 and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to approve the 2014 Current Use Applications for Map 13 Lot 1 & 13-6; Map 10 Lot 1 and Map 5 Lot 34-1 and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to accept the Disabled Exemption for Map 17 Lot 28 in the amount of \$40,000.00 value and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to accept the Hardship Exemption **denial** for Map 17 Lot 28 and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Cydney Johnson made a motion to accept the 2013 Abatement for Map 43 Lot 1 in the amount of \$731.00 and Marc DeCoff seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Review Road Activity, Traffic Control Policy

E. Russell Bailey talked with Police Chief Ryan Heath; there have been some issues with people performing work on the roads within town creating potential

hazards. Under the Alton Highway Policies and Regulation specifically section 10.12 of the policy which has been in effect since the 1990's. Under the policy it is up to the chief to determine/evaluate if an officer or a flagger is necessary for road work or construction projects. Ryan Heath arrived and expressed his opinion on the subject. There have not been many issues with this and the Chief would like to be sure that bids from outside contractors go out with the needed traffic control specifically stated within the bid. The Board was in agreement that there are no issues with the current policy; just the need to enforce the policy.

Welfare Policy Review

A letter was received from the Selectmen from Tilton and Sanbornton. The state law basically states that if you come to any community and you have no residence anywhere else then that town is obligated for that person who has an immediate need for assistance. E. Russell Bailey voiced his concerns based upon his prior experiences. The Board does not see the need to send anyone to the meeting and contact the State Representatives and have them go to the meeting. The consensus of the Board is to forward this to the State Representatives.

R. Loring Carr made a motion to recommend sending this to the State Representatives for them to attend this meeting and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

LRPC Representative

Our representative for LRPC sent an email request to E. Russell Bailey notifying him that he would no longer be able to be the representative on that Board and asked that we notify LRPC that he is to be removed.

At this time E. Russell Bailey took the time to thank Mary Jarvis for all of the work and time that went into creating the Annual Town Report.

Letters to the Editor

R. Loring Carr brought forward that there have been several letters written to the editor from Bob Daniels and Jane Cormier concerning the Petition Articles. The letters are from both the Baysider and the Laconia Sun; there are several discrepancies within them and find it strange that they contain exactly some of the same wording and language and that they are almost verbatim to each other. It appears that the voters are being misinformed.

An issue from Jane Cormier's editorial regarding a question of comparing us to Wolfeboro was clarified.

An issue from 2/27/14 in the Baysider was addressed regarding an editorial from Ray Howard and this statement contained within: “who know how much it cost and what department it came from; this was a well kept secret from the taxpayers”. It was noted, how it can be a secret if he knows about it and find it very insulting that such a thing would be written in the newspaper.

Public Input II

None

Non Public Session

R. Loring Carr made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II(a) personnel (c) character/reputation and (e) claims/litigation and David Hussey seconded with all in favor of the motion.

The Board adjourned at 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. Jarvis
Recording Secretary