

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2012

Public Session I

Prior to the meeting newly elected Selectman, Marc DeCoff took the Oath of Office from David Hussey, Chairman – Alton Board of Selectmen.

The meeting was convened at 6:00pm, Chairman Hussey led the assembly in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

- Chairman, David Hussey
- Vice-Chair, R. Loring Carr
- Selectman, Peter Bolster
- Selectman, Cydney Johnson
- Selectman, Marc DeCoff
- Administrator: E. Russell Bailey

Approval of the Agenda: L. Carr motioned to approve the agenda with amendments to add Items 4&5 to Old Business, Baysider News Article correction and two items in New Business for a Bandstand Sign and Snow Phone Calls, C. Johnson seconded the motion with amendments and the motion passed with all in favor.

Reorganization of the Board and assignments to various committees:

The following action took place with all members in approval.

Chairman – David Hussey

Vice Chair – R. Loring Carr

Assignments:

- Planning Board..... David Hussey
- Planning Alternate..... Peter Bolster
- Budget Committee..... Marc DeCoff –alternate: Loring Carr
- Parks & Recreation..... Peter Bolster
- Conservation..... Peter Bolster
- NH Coalition..... Peter Bolster
- ZBA Liaison..... R. Loring Carr
- LRPC..... Cydney Johnson
- Household Haz Waste..... R. Loring Carr
- BECDE..... Peter Bolster
- Fire Department..... Marc DeCoff
- School Liaison..... Marc Decoff
- Milfoil Committee..... R. Loring Carr
- Fundraising Comm..... Peter Bolster
- Economic Dev Comm..... Cydney Johnson & David Hussey
- Zoning & Ordinances..... David Hussey & R. Loring Carr

The Board asked that announcements for volunteers be posted to serve on the Economic Development Committee members.

P. Bolster reminded members of an energy event to be held at Merrimack Valley High School on March 30th.

Announcements – The Chairman read the notices of two Public Hearings for April 2nd and April 16th relative to road reconstruction work. And that there will be a rabies clinic on April 14th at the Central Fire Station.

BOARD OF HEALTH

D. Hussey motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and to reconvene as Board of Health, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor Present: John Dever, III, Health Officer and Jim Rines representing White Mountain Survey Company. Following a review of the design and septic waiver request, L. Carr motioned to grant the waiver to Youngblood Trust, and to utilize the present field which is fairly new, rather than to “tear it up”, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

At this point, L. Carr requested a Non-Public Session with the Health Officer. D. Hussey motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA01-A;3,II (c), the motion was seconded the Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed with all in favor.

Following the Non-Public Session, D. Hussey motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and to Reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

PUBLIC SESSION II

Selectmen's Committee Reports

Peter Bolster – P. Bolster reported that the Cable TV consortium is still in process and working on negotiating with Metrocast. However only 6 towns are contributing to the Public Access channels even though 14 -15 Towns receive the transmission, that this is an issue. He reported that the Town Planner will be making any recommendations for the Senior Center as far as a small addition and other improvements.

Town Administrator Report

R. Bailey reported that the School will not be billing the Town for any Parks & Recreational programs. He gave the members a handout from NH DOT concerning a request for drainage easements on town owned land at the Intersection of Stockbridge Corner and Rte. 28A, that this is for a temporary easement, the permanent easement would go before Town Meeting. Attorney Sessler will prepare the easement documents in accordance with the plans, no action would be necessary on this tonight.

He noted that the Planning Board had approved a new sub-division on 28A, D. Hussey motioned to approve and the road name to be Jaytee Drive, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

Public Input I

Andrew McLeod – A. McLeod asked about plans for the Economic Development and how the Board feels about eminent domain. D. Hussey stated this is in the preliminary stages, they will be looking for ideas and input from Planning Board and Zoning, and marketing Alton, not to take away people's rights.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

- 1) March 5, 2012 – Public Input I and II – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as presented with the following amendments on Public Session I, Page I line 5, change the letter “w” to R and to add the following in the Town Administrator's report on Item #3 to add the words “*and others*”, the motion was seconded by D. Hussey and passed with one abstention (MD)

March 5, 2012 - Non-Public Session – L. Carr motioned to approve the non-public session minutes as submitted and to release Items 1,2,3,6,7 and 9 and 10, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with one abstention (MD)

- 2) February 13, 2012 – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as submitted for Public Workshop Session I and II and amend Public Session I, page 1, item 7, by adding the words “*to correct inaccurate statements by the Cemetery Trustees*”, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with one abstention (MD).

February 13, 2012 – Non-Public Session – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and to release Item #2, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with one abstention (MD).

David Hussey welcomed Marc DeCoff to the Board and apologized for not making this announcement sooner at the beginning of the meeting.

Old Business

1. Review of Warrant Articles – the Board and Town Administrator reviewed the articles as approved and recommendations on taking action, including reviewing specifications, and bids, and schedules, obligations and meeting with Department Heads.

2. Yard Sales – The Selectmen unanimously denied a request to use Town owned property to set up yard sales. R. Bailey will send a notification of the Board's decision.
3. Sharky's Dogs – The Board reviewed the Vendor and Hawkers request to set up a stand at the Bay to sell sausages, Memorial Day weekend, including Memorial Day, July 3rd-4th and Old Home Day in August. P. Bolster motioned to approve the request with restrictions, not to sell hot dogs or hamburgers, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.
4. Newspaper Correction - L. Carr noted in the letter to the editor of *The Baysider*, our letter said..... "not" to a Select Group, this makes a big difference, this was published in the March 15th, 2012 edition, Section A., without the word "not" in the last paragraph as printed.

New Business

1. Vote to Approve Recommendation of the Town Assessor – L. Carr read the land use items as presented and motioned for approval, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
2. Snow Phone Legislation - L. Carr asked about legislation of Snow Phones at the school. And the exclusivity of the snow phone for other emergencies and if they should be utilized for political use. P. bolster stated if the board would write up a letter, he would present a bill to the legislature. L. carr motioned to have the Town Administrator prepare a document for their signatures, c. Johnson seconded and the motion passed.
3. Water Bandstand/Ice Run Way - the Board discussed installation of a plaque for the historic water bandstand. R. Bailey will keep the Board informed. Also discussed was the ice run way which is also unique, R. Bailey will look into this as well.

Public Input II

P. Bolster speaking as a Legislator stated the bill was defeated concerning interest rates on property taxes. But that is not to say it will not come up again in the next term.

Non-Public Session

At 7:24pm, D. Hussey motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A;3,II (a) personnel) (c) character/reputation and (e) claims/litigation, the motion was seconded and the Chairman 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: April 2, 2012