

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2006
ALTON TOWN HALL

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
Stephan McMahon, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Selectman
Alan Sherwood, Selectman
A. Pete Shibley, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

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

Approval of the Agenda

P. Fuller motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Recount Vote

R. Bailey advised the recount vote did not change the outcome of the two warrant articles (excavator, passed and land purchase, failed)

Selectmen's Committee Report

P. Fuller stated the constitutional amendment has been tabled for now.

A Sherwood

No report

S. McMahon noted the Budget Committee had not met yet. He continued he had spoken to Reuben Wentworth and R. Bailey about the business roundtable sub-committee and once he contacts Mark Northridge, the sub-committee may be able to meet by the end of April. It is hopeful that roundtable discussions will commence in early May.

P. Shibley reported the Downtown Revitalization Committee is actively working on the B& M R.R. Park.

C. Blackstone advised she had attended a Planning Board Workshop, which was productive but they have not yet re-organized.

Town Administrator Report

R. Bailey requested the Board schedule a workshop to work on finalizing the personnel policy changes, road policy changes, and to discuss the Board's goals and objectives for 2006. In a consensus it was agreed to meet on Monday, April 10th at 5:00pm.

R. Bailey noted he would draft a plan to revamp the current 'break' room into a kitchen area as suggested by Selectman Shibley and this change would be more convenient.

R. Bailey gave the Board a memo outlining his vacation time in April. The Selectmen discussed their meeting schedule and agreed to schedule their next meeting on May 1st unless an emergency session is necessary.

Public Input I
None

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes for March 20, 2006

A. Sherwood corrected the minutes in Public Session I, page 1, Selectmen Assignments as follows:

Budget Committee: *Stephan McMahon* is Selectmen's Representative

A. *Pete Shibley* is the Alternate

Conservation Commission – *Alan Sherwood*

and to remove *Item 6* from the Non-Public Session Minutes.

A. Sherwood motioned to approve the Public and Sealed Non-Public Minutes of March 20, 2006 as amended, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

Transfer Station – Site Improvements R. Bailey noted he had spoken with Scott Simonds, Director of the Solid Waste Center, presently Wesson and Sampson Engineers are handling contamination problems at the site, he recommended hiring this engineering firm to lay out the improvements and drainage. He advised \$20,000 is in the capital reserve fund for the site improvements and implementation of the storm EPA water management plan. P. Fuller motioned that R. Bailey move forward with Wesson and Sampson Engineers, seconded by P. Shibley and passed.

The Board asked about the Rines Road Site. S. Simonds advised they are accepting materials at the SWC, but Rines Road is closed and signs have been removed.

Review of Loader Bid – S. Simonds presented a spreadsheet describing the loaders the bidders had provided. He advised he had tested the loaders and had met with the Town mechanic about servicing this equipment and would recommend the Volvo Loader. P. Shibley motioned to purchase the Volvo with a trade-in of \$13,500 for a purchase price of \$99,310, seconded by P. Fuller. In a discussion the Board discussed the warranty. S. Simonds advised this machine has a 1-year warranty. The Chairman and Board expressed their appreciation for the time S. Simonds has spent in the review process and for the spreadsheet as presented.

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Beach Restoration Project – Based on the Engineers review and the Beach Committee's recommendations, the Board voted unanimously that this project be put out for re-bid with options stated as noted by the Town Administrator and engineers. Members discussed the previous offer of the donation of an excavator and beach sand, to be fair to the bidders this should be noted. R. Bailey will review all these issues and report back to the Board.

2006 Fireworks Displays – R. Bailey recommended using Atlas Fireworks company for the firework displays, with two barges from Marine Construction for an estimated cost of no more than \$1750. The total cost of the fireworks for July 4th and Old Home Day in August will be \$18,250. A. Sherwood moved to award the fireworks contract to Atlas Fireworks; \$10,500 for 4th of July and \$7750.00 for Old Home Day, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

Gilman Museum Modifications

C. Blackstone noted the Board had a site review at the museum prior to this meeting. With regards to the quote for changes to be made, the Board unanimously voted that a new quote would be necessary. R. Bailey will report back to the Board on this matter.

Trailer Parking Amendment

Following a review, and that there are trailer parking issues that need to be clarified, R. Bailey noted the Police Chief had recommended the amendment, R. Bailey will make the changes and schedule a Public Hearing for May 1, 2006.

New Business

NH Electric Co-op Pole Petitions – The Board reviewed the petitions to install 10 poles on Route 28S. It was noted the Highway Foreman had no objections to the installation.

A. Sherwood motioned to approve and inform the State that the Selectmen have no objections to the petitions, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Deed Restriction Release – Driveway Access –

R. Bailey noted this deed was for driveway access on Old Wolfeboro Road and there was no reason why the release should not be done. P. Shibley motioned to approve the release and delete the deed restrictions on Old Wolfeboro Road Driveway access for Virgil Macdonald, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Vote on Town Assessor's Recommendations

Following a discussion with the Town Administrator and a review, A. Sherwood motioned to accept the Town Assessor's recommendations as presented, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

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Public Input II

Stephen Bell from Precious Gardens noted as far as expanding his business, the Planning Board continues to hold up the process. This has been ongoing for over a year and a half. The Selectmen advised they would take these concerns under consideration.

At 6:50pm, Chairman Blackstone motioned to adjourn Public Session and meet in Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91:3,II (a) (b) and (c), she polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.