

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2006
Public Session I
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:00pm C. Blackstone convened the meeting of the Board, 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

C. Blackstone led the assembly 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.

Public Hearing – Trailer Parking in Alton Bay

C. Blackstone noted the purpose of the Public Hearing was to review the amendments to the Highway Regulations concerning trailer parking in Alton Bay. R. Bailey noted this would be new language to change the signs, trailers would not be allowed to park on the paved area during the summer month, but during the winter snow-mobile and ice hut trailers would be allowed, time limits would be posted.

C. Blackstone asked for any public comments, noting there were none, she closed the Public Hearing.

A. Sherwood made a motion to approve the amendment and regulations as submitted, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

1) The Chairman noted the Memorial Day Parade this year will take place Monday, May 29th beginning at 10:00am. Board members should contact the Town Administrator soon if they plan to participate.

2) NHDOT – Completion of Work on Route 11 - R. Bailey advised that some minor work and cleanup remains, but the pavement rehab and safety work from Rand Hill Road to Minge Cove Road is finished.

Selectmen's Committee Report

Patricia Fuller – P. Fuller noted there were two ZBA meetings in April, the ZBA will hold a meeting on the 23rd with regards to cell towers and conduct their regular meeting on the 24th.

Alan Sherwood – A. Sherwood reported he and Sarah Silk had attended a session of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, Board of Directors and made a presentation on the Household Hazardous Waste report from last year and commented it was a very useful exchange. He had attended a monthly HHHW meeting at the Town Hall with representatives from "Clean Harbors", discussion included the possibility of satellite collection sites in other Towns. He added that the legislature continues to work on a bill to relieve Towns from any liabilities for the transport of household hazardous waste.

A. Sherwood continued that as a member of the sub-committee for the Parkhurst Easement he had attended Conservation Commission meetings and had met with the owners, a compromise may be considered and he will discuss this matter with the Board in non-public session.

P. Shibley – P. Shibley reported on the work of the Downtown Revitalization Committee they have been very active this spring, the water platforms are almost complete grants have been received, improvements and changes are being made each day. He noted the next meeting is on the 2nd at the Library and all meetings are open to the Public.

Cris Blackstone – C. Blackstone reported the Planning Board had a workshop with Lakes Region Planning Commission representatives to define relationships and the master plan.

Town Administrator Report

R. Bailey and the Board reviewed a draft noise ordinance. It was agreed that the Selectmen review it and present their comments by the next meeting and conduct a public hearing on a Noise Ordinance at a June meeting. R. Bailey provided an update to the Board relevant to Irving Oil, and contamination of wells, the State has tested 10 wells on Rte. 140, residents are being provided with water, and treatment systems will be provided. He noted DES is also responding to this issue.

He continued that a contractor had offered a bid of \$4100 to update the Museum, and secure the displays and cabinets, he recommended the authorization of \$4100 to perform this work. P. Fuller moved to grant the approval of \$4100 to do the work at the Gilman Museum as recommended, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey noted the dock work at the Bay is completed, but the benches at the docks will need to be upgraded, and he will be coming before the Board with a proposal on that at a future meeting.

He continued that The Highway Department is going out to bid for the reconstruction of Avery Hill and the Highway Building addition.

He noted the memo from the Fire Department, their budget could be increased because of current fire fighting costs and the high fire level. The Selectmen discussed the budget, line item, R. Bailey explained the memo was issued to keep the Selectmen informed and the impact of recent activity on the budget, and that he had spoken with the chairman of the Fire Wards about this matter.

R. Bailey explained the Downtown Revitalization Committee had received a grant and the forms and contracts would have to be signed. R. Bailey noted he would like documentation that this has been accepted, P. Fuller motioned that this be accepted as presented, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

RECESS AS BOARD OF SELECTMEN, CONVENE AS BOARD OF HEALTH
Chairman Blackstone moved to recess as Board of Selectmen and convene as Board of Health, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Present: T. Varney, P.E.

Mr. Varney presented a septic waiver for Thomas Barry, Map 22, Lot 26. The Board reviewed the waiver request and a letter from Brian Boyers, Health Officer relevant to the waiver. Following a discussion with T. Varney and based on the recommendation of the health officer, P. Sibley motioned to approve the waiver, seconded by C. Blackstone and the motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURN AS BOARD OF HEALTH, RECONVENE AS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
C. Blackstone motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and to reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by a. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

Public Input

Henry Brandt asked about the status of his pending appeal of a driveway permit. R. Bailey advised an answer should be available following a review by Town counsel. H. Brant asked about inaction of the ZBA, that no appeal has been filed at this point. R. Bailey noted Mr. Brandt has filed suit on another issue, the Town Attorney will contact Mr. Brant's attorney and hopefully Mr. Brant will have an answer within a weeks time.

There being no other Public Input, the Chairman closed Public Input.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

On Page 2, para. 6, line 7, the minutes of April 3rd were corrected to change the name *P. Fuller* to P. Shibley.

And in the April 10th workshop minutes, Item 6, was corrected to change the word *withhold* to hold

A. Sherwood motioned to approve all the minutes as presented, for April 3rd, Public Session I & II and Sealed Non-Public Sessions, the April 10th Public and sealed Non-Public workshop session minutes with corrections as noted, seconded by P. Shibley and passed.

NOTE: Minutes of April 3rd were passed with all in favor, and P. Fuller abstained from the vote on the April 10th workshop session minutes.

Old Business

1. Road reconstruction review and schedule – R. Bailey advised as part of the reconstruction certain trees will have to be removed, these have been identified and marked by the Highway Agent, R. Bailey suggested the Board may want to consider a Public Hearing, letters will be sent to abutters on the roadway. It was agreed to conduct a Public Hearing. P. Fuller motioned that we declare the marked trees on Avery Hill road a public nuisance and initiate notice to the abutting landowners of the Town's intention to cut those trees and that we hold a Public Hearing on May 15th, 2006 at 6:00pm, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor. R. Bailey advised the Highway Agent will attend the Public Hearing.
2. Bid Results – Surplus Vehicles - Following a review and discussion with the Police Chief and noting no bids have been accepted on the vehicles, A. Sherwood motioned to offer them at \$250 each and if no bids are received within a month to donate them to a charitable organization that will tow them away, seconded by P. Shibley and passed with all in favor.

3. Gilman Pond Conservation – Culvert/Gravel – R. Bailey noted as a result of a forest fire in that area, there is a washout to conservation land, conservation will fund the repair culvert and gravel but they are asking the highway department for assistance in installing the culvert. P. Shibley motioned to have the highway department install the culvert entrance to the Gilman Pond parking lot, with Conservation Commission paying for the materials, and highway department providing the labor, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.
4. Paving Request – R. Bailey explained this request was for Reed Road. He referred to his report to the Board and noted that although there are no reconstruction plans at this time, the Selectmen may want to consider meeting with the Highway Agent to review a plan to address these dirt roads, even if it includes no paving in the future. The Board discussed road upgrades, including paving. This matter would be placed in a Selectmen's Workshop.
5. Beach Restoration Wall Design – R. Bailey noted the plan has been redesigned by the Engineers for the bid document. They will put together a proposal and will review the final bid specs. Also, to bring them in to ensure the footing and base is set correctly for the wall. This should not exceed \$1700 and he would like Board's approval to sign this agreement. A. Sherwood moved to authorize R. Bailey to enter into an agreement with the Town engineers, CMA Engineers, Inc., not to exceed \$1700 for review of bids and two on-site inspections, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

New Business

1. Public Service of New Hampshire – Pole Petition for Kent Locke Circle - A. Sherwood motioned to sign the petition for two poles on Kent Locke Circle, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all favor.
2. Truck Parking on turning Lane on Rte 28. R. Bailey noted trucks park in the vicinity of the Hannaford traffic light, NHDOT is asking the Selectmen to recommend that no parking signs be allowed. P. Shibley asked if an amendment could be attached to a motion to include the Richard Lane property. There was no second and the amendment failed. P. Fuller motioned to request no parking signs for trucks with reference to the letter from NHDOT, seconded by A. Sherwood. In a discussion it was noted the area was now a breakdown lane, R. Bailey will notify the store at the traffic circle, and based on Board approval will notify the state. C. Blackstone asked for a vote and the motion passed 3-1(PS)

Ref: Richard Lane Driveway Permit - A. Sherwood stated he had left a message for State Representative Mike Whalley about the R. Lane permit. M. Whalley was told the permit was approved and concerned that as of yet it had not been issued. At this time there were no updates to report on the matter.

C. Blackstone stated this situation was beyond ridiculous. P. Shibley asked about involving the Governor's Council. C. Blackstone noted R. Bailey had spoken to Commissioner Murray, A. Sherwood had spoken to M. Whalley now it may be time to contact Ray Burton. R. Bailey advised the Commissioner should know that this matter will possibly go before Ray Burton and he will notify her that a representative of this Board will be contacting Mr. Burton of the Governor's Council.

3. Barn Preservation Easement – Schedule a Public Hearing - R. Bailey advised this matter will require a Public Hearing. P. Shibley motioned to accept the application for Deanna O' Shaughnessy, for a preservation on her barn, and to set the Public Hearing for June 5th Selectmen's Meeting and have a public hearing at that time, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

4. Hawkers and Vendors Application (2)

TAP Enterprises – Picture This

R. Bailey explained the requests for Hawkers and Vendors. P. Fuller noted that TAP Enterprises park their trucks in a traveled way. R. Bailey noted if the Board approved the application, it should be conditional about parking their truck appropriately. P. Shibley motioned to approve the application, conditional they park the truck next to the grass, seconded by P. Fuller for discussion. C. Blackstone asked that the Fire Chief be notified. ahead of time, it was determined it would not be necessary. The motion passed with all in favor.

PICTURE THIS – Lisa Carr - R. Bailey advised this vendor would be selling photos and frames. And is eligible for the \$500 rate. R. Bailey noted her state vendor's license had been received. A. Sherwood approved *Picture This* for Space #4 or #5 as available on the dates requested, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

5. Vote on Recommendations of Assessing Department – (70 items) With the exception of the Preservation Easement previously approved, A. Sherwood motioned to approve the remaining recommendations and sign the items accordingly as presented, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

Public Input

None

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Non-Public Session

At 7:30pm, C. Blackstone motioned to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3, II : (a) (c) and (e), after a 5-minute recess, seconded by A. Sherwood, the Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen – June 5, 2006