

**Alton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2006
Alton Town Hall**

Chairman Blackstone convened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:00PM, members of the Board and staff were present as follows:

Cris Blackstone, Chairman
Stephen McMahon, Vice-Chair
Patricia Fuller, Selectman
Alan Sherwood, Selectman
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 motioned to delete Approval of the Selectmen's Minutes for May 15, 2006 from the agenda, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey suggested that the Board review the tree cutting bids following the Public Hearing.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Prior to opening the hearing, Chairman Blackstone acknowledged Town Department Heads and their staff for their emergency response during a week of rain and flooding within the Town and thanked them for their efforts.

Chairman Blackstone introduced Kenneth Roberts highway agent. K. Roberts explained to those residents present the process with the Avery Hill road reconstruction, including the removal of approximately 218 trees in a public right-of-way that are posing a public nuisance and have been marked accordingly. He also answered questions posed by the residents of the road. He noted that there would be 2.8 miles of road work, including ditching, replacing culverts, installing new culverts and catch basins as needed, stabilizing and seeding slopes, etc. Residents expressed concerns about stump removal, stone walls, speed limits, guardrails, aprons on their driveways and safe passage during construction

K. Roberts advised these concerns would be taken into considerations, if residents had any concerns or problems to contact him. Also if residents wanted to keep the lumber from the tree removal to provide him their names.

He stated to keep costs down, this work would be provided by the highway department. work should begin in the spring. He advised residents to contact him if they had any problems or questions.

At this point Chairman Blackstone allowed time for the residents present to view the road construction plans as submitted.

Following this, K. Roberts advised those present with regards to questions about speed limits, these are set at 30mph, and if there are any other concerns about this project, persons could contact his office.

Chairman Blackstone noted the Board would review the tree bids with the Highway Agent.

Bid Approval – Removal of Trees from Avery Hill Road

Tree Removal - Following a review, A. Sherwood made a motion to approve Waterman Tree Service to remove trees on Avery Hill Road for the amount of \$19,900, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

At 6:30pm C. Blackstone concluded the Public Hearing and resumed the regular meeting of the Selectmen and noted that the Board would discuss the concrete bid while the Highway Agent was still in attendance.

Bid Approval for Highway Department/Concrete Addition – The Board met with the Highway Agent concerning the addition to the highway garage. Following a discussion and review, P. Fuller made a motion to award the bid to Bayside Concrete for \$13,500 and if a pump truck is necessary to approve an additional amount of \$850, the motion was seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

Memorial Day Parade – C. Blackstone, P. Fuller, S. McMahon and R. Bailey will participate in the Memorial Day Parade. A. Sherwood will not be available. R. Bailey will contact P. Shibley and he will then notify the American Legion.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

P. Fuller noted ZBA meetings have been postponed due to lack of a quorum. The meeting regarding cell towers will be held Tuesday the 23rd, but this will depend on a ZBA quorum. The ZBA is still looking for alternate members.

A. Sherwood reported he had met with the Conservation Commission and noted they have spent much time on behalf of the Town's interests working on dredge and fill permits, viewing sites of sub-divisions, most recently off Old Wolfeboro Road and reviewing plans with representatives of applicants.

S. McMahon stated the Budget Committee held their first meeting on May 9th, he will be unable to attend Tuesday meetings for three months, but in the fall he will be able to catch up with Department information and numbers. He continued that he had met with Reuben Wentworth and Mark Northridge and is hopeful that the business roundtable discussions will commence in June.

C. Blackstone reported that the Planning Board had met with a representative of the Lakes Region Planning Commission and a workshop is scheduled for May 22nd with regards to the Master Plan. She commended the Planning Board and the volunteers working on the chapters of the Master Plan. She continued she and Selectmen Shibley have been attending classes at the Local Government Institute.

Town Administrator's Report

E. Bailey reported on information regarding a flu pandemic epidemic and that communities will be more or less on their own should this event occur, an information center is being considered. The State has set up regional planning groups and he presented a Memo of Understanding with reference to this issue for the Board's review and signatures. Each region will sign this agreement and then funding will be received from the State if necessary. A. Sherwood motioned to sign the memo of Understanding between Health and Human Services and the Department of Safety and the Town of Alton, noting this is a multi-Town Agreement, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor. P. Fuller expressed an interest in becoming a part of this planning group. C. Blackstone presented related information to the Town Administrator.

Public Input I

The Chairman acknowledged A. Norman. Mr. Norman expressed his concerns over preparations of Town ordinances, in particular a proposal voted in at Town Meeting concerning cell towers, and if the Board has an opportunity to review documents before they become ordinances. C. Blackstone advised meeting notices of the Planning Board and ZBA are posted, and public comments are allowed at meetings. A. Norman stated this new ordinance is not in the best interest of the Town. A. Sherwood and the Town Administrator advised they would meet with Mr. Norman to review any of his concerns.

The Chairman acknowledged Greg Fuller. G. Fuller advised there was quite a bit of publicity pertaining to this ordinance, individuals should attend Planning Board and ZBA meetings to be more informed.

Old Business

1. Transfer Station Proposal – R. Bailey reviewed the proposal as prepared by Weston and Sampson Engineers on the scope of services relative to the implementation of a storm water pollution prevention plan, also a new recycling site, future expansion of buildings, new slabs, etc., to meet the storm water requirements etc., not to exceed \$7800. The Town will do some of the site work. S. McMahon made a motion to accept the proposal and to grant R. Bailey the authority to sign the document for Phase I for Task I and Task II as presented, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
2. Merrymeeting River Bridge Agreement – Following a review regarding responsibility of the Town to maintain sidewalks, S. McMahon made a motion that the town will maintain sidewalks in accordance with the Merrymeeting Bridge Project, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.
3. Alton Traffic Circle Layout – The Board reviewed the letter from NHDOT – Bureau of Highway Design concerning improvements to the Alton Traffic Circle. R. Bailey will contact the DOT and schedule a meeting with them and the Planning Board for a workshop session.
4. Beach Restoration Bid – The Board and Town Administrator reviewed the minor changes to the Invitation to Bid for the perched beach project. R. Bailey stated he would like the bids to go out by the end of this week. It was agreed to go out to bid with the changes as indicated.

New Business

1. Antique Boat Museum Request - R. Bailey noted this is an annual event, the date would be August 12th. A. Sherwood motioned to grant permission for this request to conduct an annual boat show on August 12th, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
2. Review Draft Noise Ordinance – It was agreed to a further review and for discussion at the Selectmen's Workshop on the 22nd, and agreed that a public hearing could be scheduled for the 5th of June.
3. Annual Lake Winnepesaukee Relay Race - R. Bailey noted this is a request to use the Bay, there has been no feedback from Department heads about any problems. S. McMahon made a motion to grant the No. Medford Club permission to use Town facilities for the 18th Lake Winnepesaukee Relay Race on September 23rd from 9:00AM -1:00PM, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.

4. Engineering Review – R. Bailey advised this document is a proposal for surveying services for Powder Mill Road. A. Sherwood motioned to authorize R. Bailey to enter into agreement with T.F. Bernier, Inc., Powder Mill Road proposal, not to exceed \$28,950, seconded by S. McMahan, and passed with all in favor.
5. NH Pole Petition – Davis Road – R. Bailey noted this petition has been reviewed by Attorney Sessler. C. Blackstone made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by A. Sherwood and passed with all in favor.
6. Easement Agreement – S. McMahan made a motion that the Pierce easement be approved as attached to Attorney Sessler's letter, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
7. Vote on the Recommendations of the Town Assessor - C. Blackstone made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented, seconded by S. McMahan, and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

None

Non-Public Session

The chairman motioned to adjourn the public session and meet in non-public session seconded by A. Sherwood pursuant to RSA91: 3,II (a) (c) and (e), and the chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rockwood, Secretary

Approved by the Alton Board of Selectmen 6-5-06