

Alton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2008
Public Session 1.

Alton Town Hall

At 6:00pm, Chairman Sherwood convened the Public Session of the Board of Selectmen, the following members of the Board and staff were present:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman
William Curtin, Selectman
Stephan McMahon, Selectman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

The Chairman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Approval of the Agenda

R. Bailey deleted Item 1. from New Business. W. Curtin motioned to accept the Agenda as amended. seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

A. Sherwood noted the Town Wide Yard Sale will take place on June 7th with a rain date of June 8th. Maps have been distributed at various places around Town. He noted the good attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade. P. Bolster added that following the parade, a flag raising was held at the B&M Railroad Park with a number of persons in attendance. He noted this will be a good gathering place for the people of Alton.

A. Sherwood gave recognition to the volunteers who participated in the Town's "clean up day" activities.

Appointments

The Board recognized four fireman who were present to be sworn in as Fire Lieutenants. Chairman Sherwood presented the Oath of Office. Those receiving the rank of Lieutenant were Michael Viscariello, Nicholas Kalfas, Stark Leidke and Scott Johnson. Chief Alan Johnson presented each man the badges of their Lieutenant rank, also present were family members and friends.

Following a brief recess the Chairman continued the meeting of the Board.

Selectmen's Committee Reports:

Stephan McMahon - S. McMahon had no report at this time

Peter Bolster - P. Bolster reported on the status of "Alton is a Park" and noted the map and brochures should be ready within a week. The map will be laminated and installed at the Bay kiosk. He continued that a R.R. Signal standard has been put in place at the B&M R.R. Park, and new trees have been planted, donated by the Cub Scouts and by Jack Woodland in memory of his wife. He also reported that the School Building and Grounds Committee will have recommendations ready for the voters for the next Town elections.

William Curtin - W. Curtin stated a Planning Workshop will be held Monday, June 9th .

Alan Sherwood - A. Sherwood stated he was unable to attend the last meeting of the Conservation Commission. The Belknap Range coalition conducted a workshop last Thursday at the Museum which was well attended. Many options were discussed about conserving land. The Board agreed conservation would benefit many.

Town Administrator's Updates and Report -

Russell Bailey suggested scheduling a workshop soon and it was agreed to have a Selectmen's Workshop on June 23rd at 3:30pm.

It was agreed to conduct a Public Hearing on June 16th relative to reconstruction of Hayes Road. A. Sherwood suggested Board members do a "site drive" as more than 300 trees have been marked to be taken down.

R. Bailey noted that voluntary boat inspections will take place at the at the town docks on June 21st courtesy of the NH Marine Patrol.

R. Bailey noted parking complaints received about the W. Side Beach Area on the Gilford line, and suggested appropriate signage for parking and utilizing the area. It was agreed to have a sign placed on the site.

Public Input 1.

Robert Longabaugh - With reference to the Correia case, R. Longabaugh asked for clarification about E. Correia being reinstated , a pending appeal and what the Town is asking. He also asked consideration be given with regards to repair of the sidewalks at the Bay, they are in bad shape.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

Public Session I and II and (Sealed) Non-Public Session of 5-19-08 Public Workshop Session I & II and "Sealed" Non-public Session of 5-13-08

A. Sherwood motioned to approve the workshop minutes as submitted for May 13th, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor. "W. Curtin motioned to accept the May 19, 2008 minutes, public and sealed as presented, seconded by S. McMahan and passed with one abstention.(A.S.)

Old Business

1. Sidewalk Bids - Following a review of the bids received (3) and a discussion that included applying for grants and a review of a past charatte, to go back out to bid for the Bay sidewalk section and to update the 2000 Charatte. It was also noted the Bay has granite curbing as opposed to concrete curbing in the downtown area. W. Curtin motion to rebid for the Bay sidewalks and to have the Town crew do necessary "spot" repair to certain designated areas of the

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downtown sidewalk, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

2. 1-Ton Truck Bid - Noting that the Town Mechanic had reviewed and recommended the bid as submitted by Irwin Ford for \$21,780 (cab & chassis) and to E.W. Sleeper for \$12,004.00 for rack body (cash & carry, A. Sherwood motioned to award the bid accordingly seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
3. Review of Annual Landfill Testing - R. Bailey advised the landfill testing results have been received and there is no change overall for the site. #107 well is testing clear with no reading above the required state allowances. The plan is to continue monitoring the site and no new wells will be installed at this time.

New Business

1. Hawkers & Vendors Application - Digital Magic - Following a review and discussion, W. Curtin motioned to approve the application for Matt Fassett, (Digital Magic) seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
2. State Fuel Facility Reconstruction - The Board and Town Administrator reviewed the letter as received from NH DOT which noted closings at several fuel sites for reconstruction this summer. In Alton the alternate location will be in Pittsfield. Once reconstruction is completed the Pittsfield site will be closed and Alton facility will be providing both gasoline and diesel products.
3. Vote to Approve Land Use Items as Recommended by the Town Assessor - A. Sherwood read the items as submitted and motioned to accept the Town Assessor's recommendations and to sign accordingly, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

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4. Meeting - Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter: R. Bailey advised that Carol Shea-Porter is asking to use the museum or Town hall for a public information meeting. It was agreed to grant permission, R. Bailey will verify the date.

Public Input 11.

P. Bolster noted a meeting taking place at the former St. Celia Church in Wolfeboro concerning housing, he plans to attend and will report back to the Board.

Non-Public Session

At 7:05pm, A. Sherwood motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,11 (a) (c) and (e), the motion was seconded by W. Curtin. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Minutes approved: 6-16-2008