

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Public Session I - Meeting Minutes
JUNE 20, 2011
6:00PM
ALTON TOWN HALL

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At 6:01 PM, David Hussey, Chairman convened the Board in Public Session and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence, present were the following members of the Board and staff:

David Hussey, Chairman
R. Loring Carr, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

Approval of the Agenda

The following amendments were made to New Business: Add #6 Raffle Permit and #7 Boot Drive, Fire Department. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Patricia Fuller, seconded by Loring Carr and passed with all in favor.

Announcements

- David Hussey, Chairman announced that the Fireworks Display will be held July 3rd at the Bay at 9:20 PM.
- E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator announced the Household Hazardous Waste Collection would take place at the Alton Transfer Station on July 9th from 9:00 AM to Noon; Noting that No Pharmaceuticals will be accepted at this time; that will be in September.
- David Hussey, Chairman thanked all the contractors in Town who came together to donate time, trucks, equipment and materials to build and finish the walking path; Scott Williams, Michael Caverly, Jr., David Morse, Mark Gengras, K & B Rock Crushing, Peter Bolster, Marty Cornelissen, Hussey Enterprises and others.

Loring Carr made a motion to send letters of thanks to those that helped with the path, to be known as the John Racine Memorial Way. Patricia Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

- Patricia Fuller, Selectman sent congratulations to the K-9 Officer, Chris Johnson , for the statewide working dog title; he and “Zeke” they will be going on to the nationals.

**PUBLIC HEARING
METROCAST CABLE TV**

E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator stated the purpose of this hearing is to start the process; it is a formality under the regulations for the new franchise agreement. There will be one or more additional public hearings as the process continues over the next six (6) months.

David Hussey, Chairman opened the floor for any comments.

Bob Longabaugh wanted to go on record for the Public Hearing but right now he wanted it know that the VHS Panasonic Recorder just died; a VHS copy goes to the library, a DVD goes to Channel 26, he will troubleshoot tomorrow but there may be a need to purchase a new recorder.

On October 4, 1999 was the first Board of Selectmen's meeting recorded on VHS and put on Channel 26 with the borrowing of equipment from Laconia with used equipment from the Police Department. In 2007, in accordance with the Franchise Agreement, they provided new equipment which allowed us to go digital, and taxpayers did not have to pay for any equipment. He suggested with the new agreement that the Town Hall should be equipped for live equipment even though computer streaming is coming in, this hall and other places such as the library and museum come through live. Candidate's night is one which people can call in with questions. There should be provisions for MetroCast for equipment upgrades and live television

Patricia Fuller, Selectman mentioned having Bob Longabaugh at the next Deliberative Session to speak on behalf of the need for such wiring equipment at the different Town locations.

There being no further public input, Chairman Hussey, closed the Public Hearing.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

Patricia Fuller - P. Fuller reported there is no change with regard to donor Towns.

David Hussey - D. Hussey reported he is moving ahead on his project concerning town laws, some of which do not make sense, and he will have information ready in time for Town Meeting to act action and standardize laws.

Town Administrator Report & Updates

R. Bailey reported a headstone monument had been found by the Highway Department. No one is sure how this headstone appeared in Alton. It was agreed to put this in storage for a certain period of time in the event someone will claim it.

Public Input I

D. Hussey stated that during Public Input, no charges will be made against anyone, or personnel or an employee during a Public Input session.

Ruth Arsenault – R. Arsenault suggested posting the headstone on the Town website. She asked about the number of policemen on the Alton Police Department, and why there were so many. She was advised there are 11 fulltime officers, 6-7 part-time; they are needed because of the size of Alton being larger than other Towns and the amount of tourism in the community. R. Arsenault asked if an alternate could be appointed to the Board of Selectmen, and if there is a policy on the number of times a member can miss a meeting. R. Bailey advised this is set by law, and no alternate would be appointed, in this case the Board can meet with three members present. R. Arsenault asked about the Energy Committee. L. Carr replied that although meetings were scheduled, volunteers could not always attend, but that now the Selectmen know what the problems are, as they have done their own energy investigation on the issues and although people signed a petition to form a committee they did not volunteer to be on the committee. It was then suspended for lack of interest.

Barbara Howard – B. Howard asked about presenting old laws before the voters. D. Hussey advised a Public Hearing will be held before hand. A committee will be formed with the Selectmen, ZBA and Planning Board. He asked about the police department resource officer hours at the school, stating he was at the High School only once in the last month. D. Hussey advised the board would look into this.

Robert Longabaugh – R. Longabaugh asked about reviewing old laws, if it was a State mandate. D. Hussey answered that no, it was something the Board decided to look into as some do not make sense. R. Longabaugh commended the Board for taking this action.

Vote on Selectmen's Minutes:

May 31, 2011 – Public Session and Sealed Minutes – P. Fuller motioned to approve the Workshop Public Session, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor. P. Fuller

motioned to approve the minutes of the Non-Public Session, and to release Items #1 & #2, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

June 6, 2011 – L. Carr motioned to approve the Public Sessions I & II and to add the name “Carr” after the letter “L.” on page 2, para.2, of Public Session I, the motion was seconded and passed with all favor. L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes of the Non Public Session, to release # 1- 9; he then withdrew his motion to have this tabled.

June 14, 2011 – L. Carr motioned to approve the Workshop Session Minutes, seconded by D. Hussey, and passed with 1 abstention (PF) (Secretary's Note: Quorum of 3 present for the Vote)

Old Business

1) Cast in Concrete Bids - R. Bailey noted that Scott Simonds, Solid Waste Center Director, has recommended the low bidder Pellowe Construction, LLC, for \$107,500. L. Carr motioned to accept the bid of \$107,500 from Pellowe Construction, to perform work at the Transfer Station, seconded by P. Fuller, a clerk of the works will be needed on site to inspect the rebar and concrete, along with S. Simonds. Estimated cost of approximately five thousand dollars would be necessary for the consultant.

Barn Preservation Easement – Hammond Property - The Board unanimously approved the easement, conditionally that the easement will be inspected and assessed annually and to sign the appropriate documents.

FEMA Reimbursement – The Board unanimously accepted the Alton Shores FEMA grant in the amount of \$31,996 for culvert work. It was noted this is an amendment to an existing grant and as such does not require a special hearing.

4) MSW C&D – R. Bailey advised the agreement with Waste Management expires on December 31st of this year. The Board granted approval to finalize a bid and advertise. R. Bailey will present a draft RFP at a future meeting.

New Business

1. Hawkers & Vendors Permit Requests (2) –
 - (a) The Board reviewed a request from Sharky's Dogs, L. Carr motioned to approve, seconded by P. Fuller; in a discussion it was noted to conduct

a poll of businesses in the area. L. Carr withdrew his motion and P. Fuller her second. It was agreed to approve the request conditionally. L. Carr motioned to approve the permit conditionally, that after researching this matter, no other businesses in the Bay were serving the same product, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

(b) The Board reviewed a request from Billy Tuttle - It was noted this was for novelty items. L. Carr motioned to grant the request, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

2. LRPA – Public TV Agreement – P. Fuller moved to accept the Agreement as present and to have the Town Administrator to sign the document, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

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3. Septic Bid – R. Bailey noted one bid did not arrive until after the bid opening, but the price was well over the low bidder. D. Hussey motioned to accept the bid from Felix Septic Services for maintenance of the septic tanks at town facilities as noted, seconded by P. fuller and passed with all in favor.

4. Raffle Bid – It was noted this was a fundraising effort form NH Foster Parents and Adoptive Association to raffle an automobile. P. Fuler motion to approve the request contingent to date, time and location for displaying the car and selling tickets, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

5. Fire Department Boot Drive – The Selectmen unanimously approved the Boot Drive for July 17th suggesting that the Town of Gilmanton split the day to opposite dates on the NASCAR race days, the motion was seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

B. Howard asked about the concrete bid and the outside engineer, R. Bailey advised it was an extension of the services provided. She questioned how the raffle would be used. B. Howard suggested establishing an escrow account as opposed to providing employees with paid administration leave to help with management and settlement money out of department budgets and not raise new taxes. P. Fuller advised settlements come from the insurer and not new taxes.

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Non-Public Session – At 7:05pm, the Chairman motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA(91-A;3,II (a) personnel (c)character/reputation and (e),claims/litigation. The motion was seconded, the Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary