

Alton Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2008
Alton Town Hall
Public Session II

Convene - At 6:03pm, Chairman Sherwood convened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman
William Curtin, Vice-Chairman
Patricia Fuller, Selectman
Stephan McMahan, Selectman
Peter Bolster, Selectman
E. Russell Bailey, Town Administrator

The Chairman led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by a Moment of Silence.

P. Fuller motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by W. Curtin and passed.

Public Hearings

Chairman Sherwood noted the Board would be conducting two hearings for acceptance of a grant and a continuation of a Public Hearing regarding Hayes Road Reconstruction.

- 1) Grant Acceptance in accordance with RSA31:95b – The Chairman opened the hearing advising this was for training grants for the Police Department. There was no Public Input and the Chairman closed the hearing. Following a discussion S. McMahan motioned to accept four grants, two for \$6157.16 each and training grants for \$1000 and \$699.20, seconded by P. Bolster and passed unanimously.

- 2) Hayes Road Reconstruction – the Chairman opened the Public Hearing. He noted the Board had conducted a site walk with residents of the Road. Present: Kenneth Roberts, Highway Agent. S. McMahan noted he had observed some hazardous areas including the condition of some trees marked for cutting, which could possibly come down in a storm. P. Bolster noted his concerns of aesthetics, maintaining the road and safety features. That re-locating stone walls would benefit the properties and increase value. Maintenance of a dirt road is more expensive than a paved road. P. Fuller noted most home owners she spoke to did want the road paved, the rural character is important to them, but there are safety concerns and other issues, and it should be brought up to Town specifications. A. Sherwood noted the issue of run-off into the brook and was of the opinion that improvements should be made on that section of road. W. Curtin asked how much of Hayes

Road was washed out during a recent storm. K. Roberts advised that 800' of sediment was collecting in a sandbar.

During Public Input the majority of those residents who were present expressed their opposition to paving the road, and asked if the Board and Highway Agent had considered any alternatives.

At 6:30pm the Chairman closed Public Input. Board members and the Highway Agent discussed the use of "ledgepack" as an alternative to paving and that the Highway Agent should meet again with property owners about preserving trees. A. Sherwood motioned to authorize the road Agent to proceed with layout and trees, and to substitute "ledgepack" for the pavement and to keep the same plan as discussed, seconded by P. Fuller. In a discussion P. Bolster suggested to work closely with homeowners on the road, and the motion passed with all in favor. It was noted the roadway would be 20' and only necessary trees would be removed.

Appointments –

1. The Board met with Duanne Hammond from the Alton Centennial Rotary Club. Mr. Hammond outlined the club's fundraising efforts to have five local barns open to tourists this fall, along with other activities and local crafters. He asked the Board's support for this effort. Any proceeds received will go to charity. The Board was supportive of the project. Mr. Hammond will meet with the Police and Fire Chiefs, and the Town Administrator.
2. The Board and Two Barnstead Selectmen along with the Prospect Mountain Baseball Team and their coaches met with the Board who offered their congratulations for a winning season. The Chairman presented acknowledgements to Coach Noyes. Following the presentation ceremony, each team member was introduced to the assembly. Recognition was given to those who helped prepare the Selectmen's Proclamation and other documents presented to the Team.

The Chairman called for a brief recess.

Reconvene – Chairman Sherwood reconvened the meeting.

Announcement - Chairman Sherwood noted that the Fireworks are scheduled for July 3rd, with a rain date of July 12th. R. Bailey advised Thursday morning is the cut off in the event of a cancellation. He also reported that paving has been completed on the Bay sidewalks.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

S. McMahon – Selectman McMahon announced he had no report at this time as the Budget Committee is not meeting until the end of August.

P. Bolster – Selectman Bolster reported on “Alton is a Park” and that more parcels may be available for recreational use, he will advise on this at a future meeting. The current map will be posted at the Bay Kiosk this week. He continued the Beach Committee had their celebration on June 27th and thanked all of those who volunteered. The Town staff has been in contact with NH DOT to address issues concerning curbing, drains, and erosion. The Downtown Revitalization Committee continues to work on the B& M R.R. Park, extending the pathway and landscaping. Paving on the parking lot is scheduled to start within a week. P. Bolster advised the School Building and Grounds Committee is working on warrant articles for Town Meeting. It was agreed to send thank-you letters to the Beach Committee Members, including those who worked from the beginning of the project.

W. Curtin – W. Curtin advised the Water Department is continuing its program of flushing hydrants. The Planning Board will meet on the 15th to review the senior housing center on Route 140 and a subdivision on 28A.

P. Fuller – P. Fuller had no report at this time and expressed her regrets about not being able to attend the Beach Party.

A. Sherwood – A. Sherwood advised the Household Hazardous Waste Committee Collection will be held at the Solid Waste Center on July 11th and 12th, information on this event will be noted on the Town's web site.

Town Administrator's Report

R. Bailey reported the Police Department Motorcycle Lease will need to be renewed as it is an annual lease and this item has been budgeted. P. Fuller motioned to sign the lease seconded by P. Bolster and in a discussion it was noted there are 2 – 3 officers who are trained. The motion passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey continued that he and Mr. Longabaugh had discussed dates for candidates' night. R. Bailey will confirm the school for the 28th of August and as a back-up reserve the Gilman Museum for August 26th. The Board had no objection to using the museum.

Public Input I - None

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

1. Selectmen's Minutes June 16, 2008 – Public Session I & II and (Sealed) Non-Public Session. S. McMahon motioned to approve the minutes seconded by A. Sherwood, and to add the letter “t” on page 6, line 1, para. 5, and the motion passed.

Old Business

1. Engineering RFQ Review – R. Bailey noted the Engineering Committee had recommended Farmhouse Land Development to perform engineering services. A. Sherwood motioned to award Farmhouse Land Development the engineering services to authorize the preparation of a scope of services, and a cost agreement by the Town Administrator, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.
2. Architectural RFQ Review – R. Bailey advised the Architectural Committee had recommended Warrenstreet Architectural to authorize the preparation of a scope of services, and a cost agreement by the Town Administrator, P. Fuller motioned to award the architectural bid to Warrenstreet, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

New Business

1. Vote to approve recommendations of Land Use Items as submitted by Assessing Department. A. Sherwood read the recommendations and motioned to approve the items as presented and to sign them accordingly, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

None

Non-Public Session

At approximately 7:45pm, A. Sherwood motioned to enter into Non-Public Session, pursuant to RSA91-A,3,II (a) (c) (e) 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

Minutes Approved: 7-21-08

