

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Session I
July 6, 2009

ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:00pm Vice-Chairman, Peter Bolster convened the Board in Public Session, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

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

P. Fuller led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Announcement – It was noted P. Bolster is chairing the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda – The agenda was amended to include Item #5 –Hawkers & Vendors Application and in old Business to add an item on Sidewalks. In a discussion it was noted the Board is waiting for a report from the Highway Agent before bringing this matter back to a Selectmen’s meeting. It was agreed to wait for the report. P. Fuller motioned to approve the agenda as noted, seconded by D. Hussey and passed.

P. Bolster announced that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection would take place July 11th at the Alton Transfer Station.

Selectmen’s Committee Reports –

P. Fuller reported the ZBA had met and they will not have a joint workshop with the Planning Board. She noted the Fire Department will hold their monthly meeting tomorrow.

L. Carr stated the Budget committee had met on June 18th, and were asking for a joint meeting with the Selectmen during the 1st or 2nd week in September. They will not be meeting during the summer. No school representative had been present, they have questions on the detailed budget. He read them the Conflict of Interest policy. He continued that Parks & Recreation Commission had rescheduled their meeting and he could not attend.

P. Bolster added he had positive feed back on the fireworks this year. The event was very successful.

D. Hussey reported he had attended the Planning Board meeting on June 16th, consideration is being given to a conceptional plan which includes adding more lots to a campground on Route 28. The Board took care of other housekeeping items.

P. Bolster reported the School Building and Grounds Committee had met and will make an announcement in a few weeks about the direction in which they will be going. He noted that a milfoil representative from DES will be at the next Milfoil Committee meeting. Members have been mapping locations where serious conditions exist.

He continued the Conservation Commission had met, also he had attended the meeting of the B&M R.R. Park Committee, they are meeting to discuss the process of the patia and work on the decks and roof of the train station.

Town Administrator Report -

R. Bailey noted the fire department call box system is out of service, and he will have more information on this matter at the next meeting.

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Stephen Parker asked about the water bandstand lighting and Town crosswalks. The Board advised these matters are being processed and they expect a report from the Highway Agent soon with regards to crosswalks and sidewalks being in compliance.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

L. Carr motioned to approve the Public Session I minutes of June 15th, 2009 seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

P. Fuller motioned to approve the Non-Public Session minutes of June 15, 2009, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

L. Carr motioned to approve the Public Session II minutes of June 15, 2009, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

D. Hussey motioned to approve the Selectmen's Workshop Minutes of June 29, 2009, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Old Business

- 1) Perambulation Update – R. Bailey advised that Gilford and Wolfeboro have agreed to perambulate the Town lines this fall.

Old Business (con't)

2) Engineering Agreement – Bay Hill Road – R. Bailey advised the Highway Department has obtained quotes from three (3) firms, the low quote was from CMA engineering for \$1950. D. Hussey moved to award the CMA the bid, not to exceed \$1950 and that the Town Administrator have authorization to sign the agreement, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

3) Bridge Engineering – R. Bailey explained this was for Places Mill Bridge. That in 2003 the Bridge was red lined by the State and temporarily repaired. A capital reserve fund was established for the Town's share of the engineering and reconstruction cost which presently has about \$125,000. DOT has scheduled reconstruction funding for 2011 and the Town needs to start the engineering phase per state guidelines to maintain funding eligibility. He will need to prepare an engineering RFP for the Selectmen's approval. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with this, noting that DOT pays 80% of the engineering costs while the Town will pay 20% of the costs.

4) Energy Committee - The Board and Town Administrator discussed new State legislation concerning the establishment of an energy committee. Following their review the Board agreed to set up an advisory committee. P Fuller moved that the Town Administrator contact volunteers for appointment to the committee, seconded by D. Hussey for discussion. It was agreed not to add any restrictions, and the motion passed with all in favor.

Report on Fire Boat – Following a review of a letter concerning response time, it was agreed not to micro manage this issue.

New Business

- 1) Vote on Land Use Items – L. Carr moved to accept the recommendations of the Town Assessor as presented and to sign them accordingly, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
- 2) Raffle Permit – P. Fuller motioned to approve the raffle request for St. Katherine-Drexel Church as noted, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
- 3) Pole Petitions/N.H. Electric Co-Op – P. Fuller motioned to approve the petitions for poles on Ridge Road, #2755-T, seconded by D. Hussey and passed.
- 4) WOW Bike Event – The Board met with representatives of the event. Following a discussion, that included the number of riders, waivers, insurance, liabilities and permits, L. Carr motioned to approve the request with conditions, and that the

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Town Attorney would have to review and respond to the Board concerning liability issues, promoters need to contact the Alton Police and Parks and Recreation Director, the objective would be to protect everyone involved. D. Hussey seconded the motion with contingencies as noted, and the motion passed with all in favor.

- 5) Hawkers and Vendors Permit – The Board reviewed the request of the applicant to sell educational materials door to door and discussed the fee. L. Carr motioned to approve the permit, for the dates as requested, seconded by P. Fuller for discussion. In their review it was agreed to review the policy for this specific issue. The motion passed on a vote of 3-1(PF)

Public Input II

Gregory Fuller – G. Fuller noted 25 voters signed the Petition Article concerning the Energy Committee suggested contacting them to volunteer.

Non-Public Session

At 7:00pm, a motion was made and seconded to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II, (a) (c) and (e). P. Bolster polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Secretary

Minutes Approved: July 27, 2007