

**Alton Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2008  
Alton Town Hall  
Public Session I**

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Chairman Sherwood convened the meeting at 6:03 PM, those present included the following members of the Board and staff:

Alan Sherwood, Chairman  
William Curtin, Vice Chairman  
Patricia Fuller, 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 advised that the appointment as scheduled on the agenda has been cancelled, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

Announcements - Old Home Days are scheduled for August 9 – 10, fireworks are scheduled on August 9.  
Gary “Bubba” Noyes of Alton was selected as “Coach of the Year”.

**Selectmen’s Committee Reports**

S. McMahon provided a report with reference to the Budget Committee.

P. Bolster reported that the membership on the Recreation Commission has a full compliment of members. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28th. He noted pavement and walkway improvements at the B & M Railroad Park Elm trees have been donated by a group from Keene, NH. A ceremony will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

P. Bolster updated the Board concerning the Russian bench and that Jeannie Furber will be submitting information soon. The Recreation Commission has not yet decided on its final location. He advised that it could be in Alton by next fall.

W. Curtin had no report at this time.

P. Fuller reported that the ZBA continued to meet and spoke briefly about the exceptions.

A. Sherwood thanked the staff at the Solid Waste Center and citizens from Wolfeboro who helped out with the recent Hazardous Waste Collection day.

**Town Administrator’s Report**

R. Bailey reported he has been contacting individuals with regards to signing up for the Energy Committee. He reported he is contacting some of the people who signed the petition and the Alton Businessmen’s Association.

R. Bailey advised he is looking to eliminate some of telephone land lines and considering voice-over internet protocols (VOIP). He stated the goal is to eliminate about 50% of the land lines and convert to VOIP system.

He continued there has been a request to hold an auto show, but no formal application has been submitted.

R. Bailey noted the Alton Historical Society has requested approval to re-produce “ALTON A Town To Remember” at their expense. The book belongs to the town but at this time, there are no copies left.

P. Bolster motioned to approve the Historical Society’s request for re-printing of the book, “ALTON A Town to Remember” at their cost, seconded by P. Fuller for discussion. P. Fuller amended her motion stating that the Alton Historical Society be allowed to sell the books at a reasonable price. The motion and amendment passed by unanimous vote.

R. Bailey stated that the Local Government Center proposal for legislation will be listed as an agenda item at a future meeting.

R. Bailey continued he had received health insurance information from several neighboring towns concerning the formation of a co-op. He added there are pros and cons to the grouping of the health insurance. P. Fuller suggested that this needs to be evaluated, possibly after August 1<sup>st</sup>. There was an open discussion about the risks and benefits of the program.

R. Bailey advised the Alton Christian Conference Center grounds had submitted a request to have a puppet show on the grounds. P. Fuller motioned to approve the puppet show at the Alton Christian Conference Center grounds on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 as long as they did not block any roadways, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

R. Bailey advised he had received a request for a Main Street renovation; contractors would need to locate a dumpster to the sidewalk. A. Sherwood suggested they should have a cap on the number of days. W. Curtin expressed concerns about marks and possible damage to the pavement and if so they should be responsible for any damages. The Board granted permission for five days and that the State is to be notified.

### **Public Input I**

Ruth Messier spoke about the Planning Board. She stated she learned that there were seven members of the Board but, to her dismay, there were different individuals at each meeting. She stated the Selectmen’s Representative faithfully attended Planning Board meetings. She asked about the architectural plan, A. Sherwood stated that would be discussed later in the meeting.

Greg Fuller asked about the Farmers’ Market at the Bay. A. Sherwood advised to his knowledge, they were not returning. G. Fuller asked if there was some way the Town could possibly encourage them to come back. W. Curtin suggested that maybe the news media could report on the need for a Farmers’ Market.

### **Approval of Selectmen’s Minutes of June 30, 2008 (5 sets)**

The Board corrected minutes of public and (sealed) non public sessions of June 30, 2008. A. Sherwood motioned to approve the amended minutes of Public session I, II and III and the sealed Non-Public Sessions I and II, as amended, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

## Old Business

### 1. TOWN HALL GENERATOR:

R. Bailey spoke about the need for a 16Kw generator at the Town Hall and this would be a line item on the next budget. He continued the Town Hall is the command center in the event of an emergency and when the electricity is down, there would be loss of police communication and computer servers. He stated that a 16 kW generator could be used during the interim for basic operations.

There was discussion about the funding of the generator. R. Bailey stated he could provide the Board with a full budget report at the next meeting. A. Sherwood spoke about possible placement of the generator. R. Bailey advised he would have more information for the Board at the next meeting.

### 2. ROAD RECONSTRUCTION:

A. Sherwood spoke about the road reconstruction plan. R. Bailey reported he met with Farmhouse Land Development, who had submitted a proposal for the roadway evaluation and reconstruction plan. He reported there were approximately seventy roads that needed to be reviewed. He recommended the scope of services, as provided by Farmhouse Land Development. He noted that some miscellaneous expenses were not included in the proposal and advised it is approximately \$10,800 but does not include copying, printing and mileage. W. Curtin motioned to approve the proposal submitted from Farmhouse Land Development for \$10,800, and to grant permission for the Town Administrator to sign the proposal, seconded by P. Bolster and the motion passed with all in favor.

### 3. ARCHITECTURAL PLAN AGREEMENT:

R. Bailey reported on the Architectural Plan Agreement. The Board reviewed the scope of services for the architectural project. The agreement would allow for producing information needed to determine the funding requirements for each building. There would be five buildings involved with the agreement. R. Bailey stated the cost would be about \$60,000. He advised about some of possible funds that would be available for the project. The cost of the architect would be covered by the capital reserves for the Police Department and Fire Department buildings. He spoke about what could be done to keep the cost of the project at \$60,000 or less.

P. Fuller motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to continue the negotiations for the Architectural Plan Agreement and to grant approval for the Town Administrator to sign the agreement for no more than \$60,000 or less. W. Curtin seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

### 4. MILFOIL COMMITTEE:

R. Bailey recommended that the Board establish a committee to study the milfoil situation and to make recommendations to the Board on what should be done to reduce the impact on the river and lake. The Board discussed the problem. A. Sherwood reported the Conservation Committee supported this issue. P. Bolster spoke about some of the concerns that members of the Beach Committee had about the issue. R. Bailey noted that an advisory committee of approximately seven members should be established.

## New Business

### 1. CAR WASH FUNDRAISER REQUEST – LAKES REGION SOCCER

P. Bolster motioned to approve the request submitted by the Lakes Region Soccer Club U16 Girls' Team, to hold a fundraiser carwash at the Alton Town Hall on 7/26 or 8/23. S. McMahon seconded the motion. The Board noted the fundraiser should not be held on 8/9 and 8/10, as requested, because of Old Home Days. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### 2. HAWKERS & VENDORS APPLICATIONS (3):

The Board reviewed the applications for the hawkers and vendors licenses for August 9 and 10. The applicants are: Little Jimmie's Italian Ice, Toby's Flavored Ice, and Myer's Hot Dog and Sausage Cart.

W. Curtin motioned to approve the applications for Little Jimmie's Italian Ice, and Toby's Flavored Ice to be down at the Bay, in one space each, for August 9th and 10th, seconded by S. McMahon and passed with all in favor.

P. Fuller motioned to approve the application from Myer's Hot Dog and Sausage Cart conditional on the vendor submitting insurance, a photo for the cart and a state license, seconded by W. Curtin and passed with all in favor.

### 3. VOTE TO APPROVE CEMETERY DEED:

W. Curtin motioned to sign the cemetery lot deed correction, as presented by the Cemetery Trustees, seconded by P. Fuller and the motion passed with all in favor.

### 4. VOTE TO APPROVE LAND USE ITEMS SUBMITTED BY TOWN ASSESSOR:

A. Sherwood read the items as presented. By unanimous vote, the Board approved the items as recommended by the Assessing Agent and to sign them accordingly.

### 5. DISPOSAL OF TOWN PROPERTY:

Request of the Historical Society - The Board discussed the Alton Bay Bridge Lamps and recommendations of the Parks & Recreation Director. By unanimous vote, the Selectmen approved granting the Lamps to the Alton Historical Society.

### 6. MORTGAGE TRANSFER APPROVAL:

R. Bailey reported that some errors were found within the Non-Disturbance, Attornment, Consent and Joinder document for "Shibley's At the Pier, Inc." however the Town Attorney has recommended approval but to make corrections and then sign the document. A. Sherwood motioned to approve the Non-Disturbance, Attornment, Consent and Joinder with corrections as noted, seconded by P. Fuller and passed by unanimous vote.

**7. HARMONY PARK POLICY:**

R. Bailey reported Hannaford's Supermarket has requested the use of Harmony Park on August 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>. They asked permission to bring in two gas grills. It was suggested by Chief Johnson that the Town may want to post a sign that says approved grills may be used but the Town of Alton is not responsible. The Board discussed the use of the beach and it was agreed that it should not be closed to the public. No action was taken on this request. R. Bailey advised he will report back to the Board on this matter.

**8. NH ELECTRIC CO-OP – POLE RELOCATION PLAN:**

The Board reviewed a pole location plan submitted by NH Electric Co-Op for installation of 6 poles on Africa Road. A. Sherwood motioned to approve the pole locations as submitted, seconded by P. Fuller and passed with all in favor.

**Public Input II**

Greg Fuller asked about the approval for the road evaluation and reconstruction plan to be reviewed and asked where the money was coming from. The Board confirmed the money was coming from the road reconstruction funds. G. Fuller also asked about funds for the architectural review and a breakdown of costs per building.

There was no other public input.

**Non-Public Session**

A. Sherwood motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3,II (a) (c) and (e) P. Fuller seconded the motion. The Chairman polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed.

The meeting moved into non-public session at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Rockwood, Secretary

Krista Argiropolis  
Recorder, Public Session

Minutes Approved on 9/15/2008

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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