

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2011(re-scheduled from 8-15-11)
Public Session I
ALTON TOWN HALL

At 6:00pm Chairman Hussey convened the Selectmen's Meeting by leading those assembled with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. Board members present included

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

Note: Selectman McMahon, Absent

Approval of the Agenda – L. Carr motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Appointment – The Board met with Dean Puzzo with regards to speed limit on Route 11 - David Hussey first made a statement concerning the appointment with Mr. Puzzo . D. Hussey verified that he lives in the same neighborhood, but any decision he makes will be based on what “he hears tonight and will not be personal”

Mr. Puzzo noted he had first brought this matter to the Board in December, and that he would come back again when seasonal property owners could be present for their input. Residents from Lakewood Drive, and Spring Street Extension also expressed their concerns over the speed of traffic. A representative from Keewaydin Park presented a letter from the association requesting consideration that the speed limit be lowered. D. Puzzo presented a chart and summary with a diagram of the road and area, that the speed limit is 50 MPH only 200' from Sandy Point. He noted the increase in residences over the past 5 years, both summer and year round, and that in talking to residents they noted the hazards of walking along the roadside and crossing the road to utilize the waterfront docks, the dangers to pedestrians, visibility issues and the vehicles stopping quickly from speeds of 50 mph. And because Route 11 is a state highway, residents would have to petition the Selectmen first before a change in speed limits would be considered.

The Board listened to several citizens who also expressed their concerns about crossing or walking along the road, bicycling, pushing carriages, etc., and the danger imposed by vehicles speeding in excess of the posted limit. They asked that the Board consider reducing the speed limit

The Board discussed the issues as expressed and where the State road had berms or if shoulders are in place for pedestrian safety. Following a review of speed limits throughout town, enforcement issues, right of ways to the water, increase in pedestrians using Route 11, and where a reduced speed limit sign would be placed, D. Hussey motioned to petition the State to lower the speed limit based on police and fire department input, if the Board is in agreement, then the Selectmen would also have to

agree as to where a speed limit sign will be installed, following these procedures and if they all agree, the Selectmen will take a vote on the final approval, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.

Announcement: D. Hussey expressed condolences from the Board to the family of Dana Morse a long-time resident and farmer who recently passed away. He announced that the next Household Hazardous Waste day would be at the Alton Transfer Station on September 10th from 8:00AM to Noon.

BOARD OF HEALTH

L. Carr motioned to recess as Board of Selectmen and to convene as Board of Health seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

The Board met with Thomas Varney, P.E. and John Dever III, Health Officer to continue their review of the following waivers:

- 1) Map 9, Lot 44 – J. Dever stated that two abutters had no objection to this project and that the other abutter wanted the Board to make a decision. Following their review, and recommendation of the Health Officer, L. Carr motioned to approve the waiver for Map 9 lot 44, Meadow Drive, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.
- 2) Map 12, Lot 30 – T. Varney gave an historical perspective on this property noting this was a former school house and that his grandfather had also lived there. The current septic system is in failure and that on this area as proposed a new improved system would be installed. Following a discussion, L Carr motioned to grant the waivers as requested, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.

L. Carr motioned to adjourn as Board of Health and to reconvene as Board of Selectmen, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Selectmen's Committee Reports

Peter Bolster – Selectman Bolster updated the Board on the fundraising committee efforts for the Pearson Road Community Center. Their next meeting will be August 22nd to finalize fundraising for Phase 2. He noted the concrete slab will be poured this week and the roofing work will begin. Letters will be mailed out soon to the community with regards to the project.

P. Bolster continued a ribbon cutting ceremony was conducted for the John Racine Trail with Pier Kraft Lund in attendance. Also that a meeting will take place concerning the franchise agreement with Metrocast, this agreement will include 10 Towns. Residents may contact him or Robert Longabaugh for information. These meetings do not include rates or fees.

David Hussey – Chairman Hussey explained the Planning Board had reviewed 8 items at their last meeting. On August 24th an informational meeting will be held looking at laws that no longer make sense and that the public is invited.

P. Bolster added that in regards to goals for the year, they would include the concept of regionalization, in areas of saving money by doing things together, and he has had a positive response of getting together with 6 towns in an open forum, this would be exploratory only.

Town Administrator Report and Updates

R. Bailey expressed his thanks to the Garden Club and volunteers for the “great Job’ they did for the sign at Alton Bay. He continued that one bid had been received for the lift at the Town Hall, it was for over \$40,998 from Accessibility Systems Inc. and he recommended that this bid be and that to possibly use some of the existing equipment. D. Hussey motioned to reject the bid, and that the Town Administrator get other pricing and quotes and bring this matter back up again, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

With regards to the Gilman Museum Ceiling, bids were received with two options. M&L Maintenance was the low builder. D. Hussey motioned to award the bid as presented and recommended that Kellie Troendle to check references, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Public Input I

Tim Croes asked about the work on the West Side Bathroom. R. Bailey noted there were some installation issues and it had to be redone.

Raymond Howard commented on the work at the West Side bathroom.
Howard Drake – Mr. Drake stated his concerns that ROW are disappearing. His concern was in the area of Interlaken Road and R.R. Avenue and Acorn Avenue and roads being blocked and the diminishing the value of those who own backland. He was advised any discussion on this matter should be addressed in the correct format to the Board, by letter. or it could possibly be a civil matter.

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Bill Fauver – Stated he had received information from Mr. Bailey, but there are so many questions about ROW, and historical status , this could be a crucial issue.

Michael King – Asked about giving options to people addressing concerns. And pushing someone towards civil action other than the Town. R. Bailey advised these are issues to be addressed later. The Town does not have the authority.

Philip Goodwin – asked how long the appointment would be, R. Bailey replied whatever time is necessary and the Board would need to know the specifics beforehand and would conduct a site review.

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes –

L. Carr moved v. to table June 2, 2011 public workshop session minutes of Thursday, June 2nd, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.. And L. Carr moved v.to accept the Non-Public Session minutes of June 2nd as presented, and open them to the public, following a discussion the motion was seconded by P. Bolster and to unseal these, the motion passed with all in favor. L. Carr then moved v.to table the Thursday, June 2nd, non-public minutes the motion was seconded and passed.

July 12, 2011 – Public Workshop Session I & II and (sealed) Non-Public Session – L. Carr motioned to accept the Public Session I and II minutes, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor. L. Carr motioned to approve the (Sealed) Non-Public Session minutes and not to unseal any items, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

July 18, 2011 - Public Session I & II – L. Carr motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor. L. Carr motioned to approve the Non-Public Session Minutes, seconded by D. Hussey and to unseal items #1, 2,3,5,6,8,9,and 11, the motion passed with all in favor.

Old Business

1. Vacancy on the Board of Selectmen – P. Bolster suggested extending the time period to accept applications until August 29th and take action on September 6th. The Board was in agreement and the ad will be duly posted.
2. 2012 Budget – R. Bailey advised that as in past policy the Board has used the consumer price index but never went higher than 3% . As far as department non-personal budget line items. the Board asked for historical input and for departments to show a strong case for justification if requesting more than the 2011 budget lines

3. Road Project Status – R. Bailey advised on the following roads:
 - a) Coffin Brook – paving is completed, it still needs final overlay which will be in the spring. The guardrails also need to be installed.
 - b) Places Mill Bridge – The road opening will be delayed by a couple of days, and should be opened next Tuesday or Wednesday. R. Bailey continued he had two change orders that were added in, for a message sign and plantings. He asked for authority to approve and sign change order #3350. the change order and to sign, Selectman Bolster so moved, the motion was seconded and passed with all in favor.
 - c) Avery Hill Road – P. Bolster noted there is a “Road Closed” sign on Avery Hill road.
 - d) Bay Hill Road – There was a pre-construction meeting held today. All work will be posted and abutters notified, work is scheduled to begin after Labor Day. This will be a 45 day project.
 - e) Trask Side Road Reconstruction – R. Bailey advised the Selectmen need to schedule an Inspection of the road within the next 2 weeks, and that would then be followed by a Public Hearing. It was agreed to meet on August 29th, first at the Dahl Property beginning at 4:30pm, and then to walk Trask Road at 5:00pm.

In a discussion P. Bolster noted that Coffin Brook is a showcase project used and to perhaps invite Cynthia Balcius to speak to the Board on how mitigation funds can be used. L. Carr asked about the amount of money spent per foot on roads. D. Hussey asked about costs for Trask Road, R. Bailey replied that would be afterwards with quotes and wages. D. Hussey asked about a comparison between the Town doing work or contractors.

4. JP China Request - R. Bailey explained the restaurant has changed ownership to Mary Doherty and the State is requiring a new license for liquor/tobacco and entertainment. D. Hussey motioned to approve the request the State, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

5. Highway Bids - R. Bailey stated three bids had been received for the guardrail on Coffin Brook Road. L. Carr motioned to award Vermont Recreation as low bidder for the used guardrail in the amount of \$3475, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor. With regards to the rental of a viberstat roller, D. Hussey motioned to make the award to Milton Caterpillar, seconded by L. Carr and passed with all in favor.

New Business

1. Sidewalk Maintenance – the Board and R. Bailey reviewed information and photos pertaining to a hazardous metal guardrail at the sidewalk in the vicinity of

Busy Corner and Gillan Marine at the Bay and discussed safety issues and perhaps install a fence. They agreed on the need for an improvement being made. R. Bailey will contact K. Troendle to come up with recommendations and options for the next meeting.

2. Sidewalk Project Status at The Town Hall – R. Bailey advised concrete would be poured next Wednesday.
3. Signage Grant – The Board and R. Bailey discussed a grant program offered by the NH DOT for the placing of new safety/warning signs throughout the community. The grant would cover all the installation and materials costs, but the Town would then be responsible for all future maintenance. These signs would be on Town roads. L. Carr motioned to apply for the grant, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
4. NH Electric Co-op Pole Petitions (2) - L. Carr motioned to approve the petitions as submitted for Rand Hill road and Rollins Road, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
5. LRPC Sustainability Grant – L. Carr motioned to provide a letter supporting the LRPC application for this regional community grant as proposed, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
6. Vote to Approve on the Recommendation submitted the by Town Assessor – L. Carr motioned to approve the timber warrant for T&D Realty Trust and to sign appropriately, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
7. American Legion Raffle Request – The Board reviewed the request and Selectman Carr motioned to grant the raffle request from August 14th 2011 until August 14, 2012, seconded by D. Hussey and passed with all in favor.
8. Cemetery Deed Correction - R. Bailey explained this was to correct lot numbers on a 1970 deed. The Board would need to sign a corrected deed before it can be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. D. Hussey motioned to sign the new deed, seconded by P. Bolster and passed with all in favor.

Public Input II

Stephen Parker suggested that before putting in a fence or guardrail at the Bay as discussed, the Board should be aware that the area is used for snow removal. He noted other Towns cart the snow away. He asked that Trask Road not be made a

“super highway” that it should have more maintenance. D. Hussey stated there would be grinding and resurfacing work.

Barbara Howard suggested that instead of a railing at the Bay put up a solid wood fence and have kids decorate it with murals.

Peter Keen stated his concerns with signs, the blind curve, and speed limit at the beach and the location of the life guard's chair on Rte 28A, and suggested a change in the hours of the lifeguard, repainting the water bandstand and Trask Road issues of water run-off, salting and sanding and removal of same. He asked why is Parks & Recreation performing other duties, such as Building, Grounds & Maintenance.

Stephen Parker suggested not using equipment that grinds the road. Rather just push the sand off to the side.

Michael King asked about the investigation of the former building Inspector. R. Bailey replied the investigation has not been closed out yet.

Raymond Howard commented on the reducing the speed limit, rather persons could utilize crosswalks. D. Hussey advised there are other issues involved.

Non-Public Session – At 8:30PM Chairman Hussey motioned to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA91-A:3, (a) personnel (b)character/reputation and (e)claims and litigation, seconded by Selectman Bolster. The chairman than polled the members who each voted in the affirmative and the motion passed, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood

Minutes Approved: September 6, 2011