

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes  
April 23, 2024  
*(Approved - May 7, 2024)*

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Vice-Chairman N. Buonopane convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

N. Buonopane led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. The following staff members were present:

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Paul LaRochelle, Chairman, Excused  
N. Buonopane, Vice-Chairman  
Andrew Morse, Selectman  
Richard Shea, Selectman  
Drew Carter, Selectmen  
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator

**Agenda Approval**

R. Shea made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Announcements**

- The Public Participation Policy applies to all Selectmen meetings. A copy of it is on the back of each agenda, posted outside this meeting room, and on our website.
- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. The staff will be attending the Town Clerk Spring Workshop

**Public Input I (limited to 3 minutes per person on agenda items only)**

None

**Appointments**

None

**New Business**

1. Fire Department - Lakes Region Fire Communication Services

R. Heath stated that there's a purchase order from the fire department. The reason this is coming because it's an expense that we pay every year. The reason it's coming back in front of the board is because of the situation with the budget, our dispatch fees. They go up each year regardless of whether we have the funding for it. It went up a little over \$10,000. What the Fire Chief is asking the board's permission is to pull the additional money out of the ambulance revolving fund. Currently that has approximately \$900,000 in that account, so it's a healthy account right now.

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the amount of \$32,902.00 coming out of the Ambulance Revolving Fund to go to Lakes Region Mutual Aid and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

**Old Business**

1. Maureen Parker - Memorial Bench Request

Maureen Parker, Steve Parker's widow from Parker Marine, had sent this e-mail in that you have in your packet. Unfortunately, her husband passed away late last year and she is requesting to install a memorial bench in the Bay. We have done them in the past.

D. Carter made motion to allow the installation of the bench and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. DPW - Recycling Building Gutter Quote

R. Heath stated that this was a matter that was brought in front of the board a few meetings ago. They didn't quite have all of the quotes listed and he knows there were some questions on some of the quotes that were presented and the materials not being listed and things of that nature. But since then they have received another quote. It was a little less than the original one that was selected.

R. Shea made a motion to award the contract for gutters at the Landfill building to Quality Installation of Meredith for the total amount of \$1,950.00 and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Selectmen Reports

D. Carter stated that there was a simple agenda for the Planning Board and they reviewed the gravel pit and another one.

R. Shea stated that they had their monthly HHW meeting and everything seems to be proceeding nicely.

A. Morse stated that the Conservation Commission meeting was cancelled and there is a Parks & Recreation meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

N. Buonopane had nothing to report.

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath stated that he had three things that were just FYIs.

The first thing is a special event at the Railroad Park. The flyer is in there binders.

The American Legion will be having their parade for Memorial Day and if the Board would like to join to contact the Legion.

He had one more thing. The American Legion asked if they could utilize our bucket truck to repair the top of their flag pole. It was the consensus of the Board to allow this.

Approval of Minutes

March 26, 2024 - Public Session

D. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2024 Public Session and N. Buonopane seconded with 4 in favor and 1 abstention (RS).

Consent Agenda Approval

D. Carter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for April 23, 2024 as presented and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. Assessing Consent Items

Military Service Credits

Morin; Map 15 Lot 56-4 MacDuffy Road \$750 & \$1,400 Total Disability

Elderly Exemption

Brown; Map 6 Lot 1-38 Not eligible exceeds asset limit of \$50,000

**Disability Exemption**

Sullivan; Map 9 Lot 14-121 Merrymeeting Lane \$40,000

**Solar Exemption**

Beihl/White; Map 71 Lot 234 Sunset Shore Drive \$16,320

**Timber Tax**

Daniels Map 5 Lot 13-0-A Stockbridge Corner Road \$145.18  
Hillsgrove; Map 2 Lot 13 Dudley Road \$2707.70  
Sample; Map 9 Lot 53-2 Sample Terrace \$12.62

**2. Conservation Commission**

Wilder. Russel, Conservation Commission, Expires March 2027

**3. Friends of Parks and Recreation**

Senter, Kelly, Friends of Parks and Recreation, Expires March 2025

**4. Fire Department**

Tice, Aaron, Intern/AEMT to FF III/AEMT, \$19.35/hr to \$21.70/hr, effective May 5, 2024

**Discretionary Action on Requests for Appointments** (No discussion, majority vote required to allow/not allow appointment)

None

**Public Input II** (limited to 5 minutes per person on any Governmental/Town Business)

None

**Non-Public Session**

None

**Adjournment**

R. Shea made a motion to adjourn at 6:24 pm and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey  
Recording Secretary