

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
June 11, 2024
Approved - July 9, 2024

Chairman P. LaRochelle convened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

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

Agenda Approval

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the agenda for June 11, 2024 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.
- Introduction of the new Public Works Director - *P. LaRochelle introduced the new Public Works Director to the residents of Alton and Welcomed him aboard.*

Public Hearing 6:05pm

Acceptance of One-Time FY2024 OJP Byrne Discretionary Grant Funds.

T. MacDougall, Police Chief, approached the table. He explained that this project was introduced in the fiscal year 24 Office of Justice. We initially started this process by submitting a fiscal year 24 congressionally directed spending request to Senator Jeanne Shaheen's office. She approved it and then put it forward. Through the budget process and now it's with the DOJ, the project is a request for \$255,000 to start a body camera program that will get us all the equipment, software and stores that we would need for five years. Also included in this program would be the replacement of the body line cameras for police have obviously become pretty prominent place. We're a little behind the times and getting started. This is a means to get us really jump started for coverage for five years after the five years we'd have to be funding it ourselves. But there are other grants. So, to continue this Program would be to do a CRF and start putting away a little bit of money each year and try to get into another five year program when this one expire. Still got to sort out with acts on exactly what the projection of that cost would be. Try to adjust for what increases we could expect in five years, but that'll all be part of the IP. But right now, we have the grant submitted, it's noncompetitive and there's no match on our side.

P. LaRochelle opened it up for public comment. There was no comment.

P. LaRochelle closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 pm.

N. Buonopane made a motion to accept the one-time FY 2024 OJP Byrne Discretionary Grant Funds and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

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

None

Appointments

Daniel Silver - Non-Profit Request - Use of Facilities

D. Silver and R. Janes approached the table. D. Silver stated that they recently formed Co-op and we're looking for a place to have their public meetings like you all have. There are 22 homes in the community and have tried a few different places that didn't work out. So, we're asking if you guys could have a place where we could hold our meetings and waive the fees for it.

P. LaRochelle asked if they have a particular place in mind or if that's something that they would leave up to the Board of Selectmen. He asked what their Non-profit is.

D. Silver stated that it's a Co-op and we have 22 homes in our Co-op. R. Janes stated that they reached out to the town a while ago and they were told they needed \$1,000,000 policy to use the Community Center on the Hill to have our meeting. We can't do that. We're a non-profit. So we were looking for permission to use our meeting in the last Wednesday of every month one of the public facilities, whatever you guys would have available to have our meetings cause just like the town we have or committees, we have to have them in a public place and until we build the Community Center in the park or the Co-op, we have to use public property. That's what we're looking at.

P. LaRochelle asked how long their meetings are.

R. Janes stated they usually about an hour and a half or so, two hours talks once a year. We have to have an annual in person.

P. LaRochelle asked how long they have had the coop?

R. Janes stated that it was just since last Just since October, we turned so it used to be Mountain View, Mobile Home Park owned by David Canada, sold to will. I don't remember his last name. Stuart. We incorporated it back in.00:20:32 Speaker 8

D. Carter stated that he did some research, and they were not current with the state of New Hampshire as a registered corporation in one way or another. 00:20:59 Speaker 10

R. Janes stated that's something we'll have to reach out to our management company about. We hired an outside management company to deal with all of.

D. Shea stated that it sounds like we're going through what we would normally go through once we decide to hear the request. I don't know if we can wrap this all up in one night then or if we need to actually schedule it for the next meeting. Probably has to be scheduled.

P. LaRochelle stated that it should be scheduled for the next meeting. We've got this information, and it would be nice if you could notify and get information from your insurance company.

New Business

1. Parks & Recreation Commission - On Line Payment Option

K. Roberts and K. Senter approached the table. They are from the Parks & Recreation Commission. K. Roberts stated that the Town does not currently take online payments. Surrounding Town like Laconia, New Durham and Wolfeboro all do online payments. He stated that he has been discussing this with the Town Administrator and found out some things that the auditors do not like are money dumps. He feels that Department Heads can create a spreadsheet to be sent to the Finance Department informing them where the money goes. He stated that they have taken public input where people stated that they are pretty upset they could not do online payments. He wishes that someone would look into see how Wolfeboro is doing it. K. Sullivan stated that she agrees with everything K. Roberts has spoken about.

P. LaRochelle stated that he feels this is something that the Commission needs to get a handle on and bring back a presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

2. Solid Waste - Landfill Closure CRF Request for Use of Funds

R. Heath stated that this is something that needed to be completed as part of the land fill closure. D. Carter questioned the terms that are on the invoice. R. Heath stated that this is just a formality where the Board are agents to expend from the CRF.

N. Buonopane made a motion to pay the \$1,100.00 bill from AJ Camerons Sod Farm out of the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

3. Fire Department - Fire Department Equipment CRF Request for Use of Funds

R. Heath stated that the Fire Department recently did their annual fire hose testing and they did not pass the test. They are requesting to pull money from the Fire Department Capital Reserve up to \$10,000.00.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the Fire Chief to take up to \$10,000.00 out of the Fire Department Equipment Capital reserve for the fire hoses that are currently needed and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

4. Right of Way Permit Street Excavation - 122 Minge Cove Road Map 60 Lots 7-3 and 26

S. Kinmond approached the table. He stated that this is a street excavation for 122 Minge Cove Road. They want to put in a septic push line sleeve. They have posted and \$8,000.00 surety bond. It will be overseen by the Department of Public Works.

D. Carter made a motion to approve the Right-of-Way permit for 122 Minge Cove Road, Map 60 Lot 7-3 and 26 and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

1. Dog License Warrant

R. Heath stated that this is the annual Dog Warrant for unlicensed dogs. As of this afternoon the count went from 290 down to 268.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to accept the Warrant as presented and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Selectmen Reports

D. Carter stated that he has a Milfoil Committee meeting coming up and is not able to attend as it is in the middle of the day. He asked if there was a Board member that could fill in for him. D. Shea stated that he could do it.

R. Shea stated that there is a HHW meeting tomorrow, and the Collection Program is going well.

A. Morse stated that the CIP Committee is firing up.

N. Buonopane stated that there is a Planning Board meeting coming up next week.

P. LaRochelle stated that there is a ZBA meeting next week, and Old Home Week Committee is having their second meeting.

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath stated that there is a copy of the Cemetery Rules on the table for them to look at before the next meeting. Suggested changes are in red.

R. Heath stated that there will be an email sent out tomorrow with the Hazard Mitigation Plan. It is a rather large document, and it makes sense to not copy it for everyone. It will need to be voted on at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

May 28, 2024 - Public Session

R. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2024 Public Session and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

May 28, 2024 - Non-Public Session

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2024 Non-Public Session releasing #1 and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda Approval

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for June 11, 2024 as presented, and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. Assessing Consent Items

Timber Tax

Coulter Map 19 Lot 8-2 Wolfboro Highway \$1,269.45

Administrative Abatement

William & Sheila Selfridge; 15-21-2-1; 673 East Side Drive; \$334.00
Michael Devoe; 33-77-52; Viewland Campground Lot #52; \$38.00
Chris & Sharon Ricker; 19-8-2-6; Roberts Knoll Campground Lot #6; \$87.00
Bruce & Sharon Waterman; 3-8; 294 Prospect Mountain Road; \$31.65

2. Water Bandstand Committee

Kareen Briggs, 3-year term, expires March 2027
Jonathan Briggs, 3-year term, expires March 2027
Jon Benton, 3-year term, expires March 2027

3. Fire Department

Rouleau, Christopher, New Hire, Per-Diem FF II/EMT-B, \$19.45/hr, Effective 6/12/2024

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

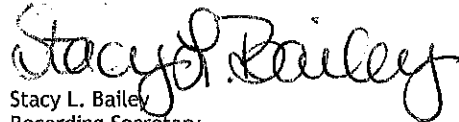
Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment

R. Shea made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacy L. Bailey
Recording Secretary