

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
July 9, 2024
(Approved - July 23, 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 July 9, 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.

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

None

Appointments

None

New Business

1. Fire Department - Chiefs Award of Excellence Presentation

J. Reinert, Fire Chief approached the table. He stated that on May 19th, 2024, at approximately 10:55 in the morning, Alton Fire Rescue was called to a residence for an unresponsive male patient. The patient was at home with his two children. There were dispatch update. It was relayed that CPR had been initiated by the patient's son, as his reported condition had deteriorated.

It is his belief that due to the quick thinking and actions of the patient's son, this potentially serious medical event resulted in a positive outcome for the patient.

Something he likes to do as a Chief is recognize members of the department and also members of the Community that kind of go above and beyond.

The Fire Chief read the certificate out loud: *"Carter Buonopane is awarded the Chiefs Award of Excellence and recognition for your calm and assertive bravery with initiating the New Hampshire E911 system while performing CPR until first responders arrived during a medical emergency on May 19th, 2024."* He awarded C. Buonopane the certificate and a challenge coin from the Fire Department.

2. Parks & Recreation - Jones Field Batting Cage

KI. Roberts approached the table. He stated they took down the old batting cage down himself and another volunteer and Department of Public Works assisted.

He stated that this request is for a new batting cage because the insurance company is going to pay for a good portion of it.

He would like to give kudos to the Alton Youth League. They're putting an awful lot of money into what's going on down there. They're building through volunteer work. They're doing the dugouts, they now that the seasons over with, they're going to get back on those and get those built. The cost will be a bit higher than what the insurance company is covering. He is here tonight to ask that the remainder be covered under the Jones Field Capital Reserve Fund.

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the insurance payment from Primex go to the Alton Parks and Rec Jones Field Improvement in the amount of \$14,796.53 and the remainder of \$3,866.47 come from the Jones Field Capital Reserve Fund and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

3. Parks & Recreation - Jones Field Improvement Request

K. Roberts remained at the table. He stated that working with the Alton Youth League has been a good thing. They are going to pay to have the infields dug out and brought back to Little League standards. They're going to do all that and it's going to cost them about \$5000 as an estimate of what they're paying someone to remove those infields we request DPW go and pick up the material. We were going to get it purchased by them only because they have better purchasing power. We'll pick it up and move it and then reimburse the materials only.

A. Morse asked if they looked at a place out of Henniker. He used to get it for Farmington. It's not stone dust, it's actually infield mix. K. Roberts stated that in the very backfield they're going to be nothing but stone dust. He stated that they're asking for two things basically, on this permission to basically to do the work and spend a maximum of \$1500 for the infield mix. All the other costs will be borne by the Youth League and the DPW to pick up and deliver the materials. The DPW Director was asked his opinion.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the work to be done at Jones Field with Alton Youth League and the assistance of the Department of Public Works when needed to do the work that is necessary to redo the ball fields at Jones Field and also ok up to \$1,500.00 coming out of the Jones Field Operating Budget for assistance in this project and not exceed \$1,500.00 and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

4. Application for Voluntary Change of Address - 53 Frohock Brook Road

R. Heath stated that this has been sent to E911 for their opinions. They do not have any issues with the address change.

N. Buonopane made a motion to accept the voluntary change of address for the address stated and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

None

Selectmen Reports

D. Carter had nothing to report.

R. Shea stated that there is an HHW meeting and Milfoil meeting next week. He has also began the process of gathering swap shop data from a number of sources.

A. Morse had nothing to report.

N. Buonopane stated that he had a Planning Board meeting coming up next week.

P. LaRochelle stated that he has a ZBA meeting coming up on the 11th and they had an Old Home Day committee meeting on the 8th.

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath informed the Board that there is a flyer for the Old Home Day Parade on the table. He will be asking at the next meeting who will be participating in the parade.

R. Heath stated that there is a memo from The Town Clerk/Tax Collector on the table asking for permission to start a Facebook page. This will be informational only. It is the consensus of the Board to allow the Facebook page.

R. Heath asked the Board about the stop sign on Rand Hill Road during the construction on Route 11 that the State will be doing. He asked if the Board wanted it removed. It is the consensus of the Board to remove the stop sign.

R. Heath informed the Board that there were issues with parking of trailers in the Bay over the weekend and at Levey Park. There were tickets issued and he has spoken to the Police Department about the issue.

R. Heath also stated that there has been recent issues with signs in the Bay from companies on Town property. The signs will be collected and the owners will be informed of the violations when they come to pick up their signs.

Approval of Minutes

June 11, 2024 - Public Session

N. Buonopane made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2024 Public Session 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 July 9, 2024 and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. **Water Department**

Moniz, David	Map 34 Lot 17 5 Summit Ave	Overcharge Acct: 1411/123	Credit \$105.23 TO ACCOUNT
Kaknes, Paul	244 Ease Side Dr.	System Error Acct: 28/41	Credit \$484.00 TO ACCOUNT
Wilson, Glen	139 Mitchell Ave.	Non-use Acct: 1289/146	Credit \$410.00 TO ACCOUNT

2. **Fire Department**

Paterson, Ryan, New Hire, Full Time FF II/ EMT - B, \$24.00/hr, Effective 7/10/2024

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

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

None

Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment

D. Carter made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 pm and N. Buonopane seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey
Recording Secretary