

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
February 18, 2026
(Approved - April 14, 2026)

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

Agenda Approval

N. Buonopane would like to amend the agenda with the removal of the Retirement Presentation. P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the agenda as amended 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 Tuesday, March 10, 2026, for the Town/School Elections held at Prospect Mountain High School Gymnasium, 242 Suncook Valley Road from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. The office will reopen on Wednesday, March 11th at 12 pm.

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

None

Appointments

None

New Business

1. Report Covers

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve cover #1 for the 2025 Town Report and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. Water Department - Water Main Expenditures

C. Mitchell, Water Superintendent, approached the table. She stated that the Water Department over expended their budget. In 2024, to maintain a level budget, she reduced the Water Main expense from \$20,000.00 to \$10,000.00. That was done because there is a Water Main Capital Reserve. She explained some of the expenditures. She is looking to take money from the Capital Reserve and cover the over expended budget. The amount would be \$22,448.00. D. Carter asked with the State talking about lowering the water level on Letter S Road, does that jeopardize the frost protection for any of the water lines out there. C. Mitchell stated that she met with someone in reference to that and the line that runs under Letter S Road would not be impacted.

D. Carter made a motion to approve the transfer of \$22,448.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund for the water main replacement to supplement the account and cover the costs and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

None

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath stated that he had three things for the Board and the first thing was that the completed Voter's Guide is on the table for the Board. Everything is all folded and all of the routes are covered. The will be brought to the Post Office tomorrow.

R. Heath stated that the next thing that he wanted to talk about was the next scheduled meeting needs to be swapped. The second Tuesday in March is the 10th and it is voting day. He recommends pushing the meeting to the following Tuesday. It is the consensus of the Board to move the meeting to March 17th.

R. Heath stated that the last thing is a discussion with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. J. Collins, Town Clerk/Tax Collector approached the table. They need to look at what there is for availability for Selectmen for the election. They need to elect Pro Tems. A. Morse will not be here for voting, P. LaRochelle, N. Buonopane, and R. Shea are all on the ballot. This is a decision that the Board can make. We will need two Pro Tems no matter what. J. Collins read the RSA's that pertain to the situation.

The consensus is to try and get four Pro Tems if possible.

Selectmen Reports/Questions

D. Carter stated that Conservation Commission met last week. They wanted to make the State aware that they are very concerned about the drawdown of the dam.

A. Morse stated that he would like to congratulate everyone for the Winter Carnival.

P. LaRochelle stated that he thought the Winter Carnival was a phenomenal event. The Zoning Board met and there were 2 cases and 2 variances that were approved.

N. Buonopane stated that there was a Planning Board meeting last night. He would like to thank ABA, Public Works, and everybody who came out for the Winter Carnival.

Approval of Minutes

None

Consent Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for February 18, 2026 as presented and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. **Sales and Solicitation License Application**
Alton Youth League – 2026-2027 Baseball Season Snack Shack
2. **Employee Handbook**
Rescind 5.5 Firearms and Weapons
3. **Milfoil Committee**
Elizabeth Sheehan, 3 year term, Expires March 2029
4. **Parks and Rec Commission**
Kenneth Robertts, 3 year term, Expires March 2029
5. **DPW**
Kyle Place, LEOI/Assistant Mech, \$25.00/hr, 2/23/2026

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)*

K. Sullivan approached the table. She stated that the Winter Carnival was a really great day for the Town. She asked about the State boat ramp. R. Heath stated that there is a memorandum of agreement being drawn up right now. The voter guide came out awesome.

J. Sleeper approached the table. He would like to congratulate everyone involved in Winter Carnival.

A. Alden approached the table. She asked the Board what they do. The Board responded with all of their duties and responsibilities.

J. Houser approached the table. She stated that she has tried multiple times to reach the Selectmen through the website. She has never had a response.

Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment

P. LaRochelle 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