

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
April 28, 2026
(Approved - May 26, 2026)

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
Drew Carter, Vice-Chairman
Andrew Morse, Selectman
Richard Shea, Selectman
Jack Sleeper, Selectmen
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator, Excused

Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the agenda for April 28, 2026 as presented and D. Carter 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 of Alton is holding a Special Meeting - Deliberative Session will be May 5, 2026, 6:00 pm at Prospect Mountain High School and Voting Day is June 6, 2026, 7 am to 7 pm at Prospect Mountain High School, 242 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH

Presentation for Retired Employees

P. LaRochelle stated that he would like to recognize retired employees. He called T. MacDougall, retired Police Chief up. P. LaRochelle presented a Certificate of Retirement to T. MacDougall.

In recognition of your more than 23 years of dedicated and faithful service to the Town of Alton. We are all very grateful for your commitment to the Town and the contributions you have made over the years to better serve our community. We truly hope you enjoy this new chapter in your life and Best of Wishes!

T. MacDougall thanked everyone involved in his career.

Swearing in of New Police Chief

P. LaRochelle called A. Painchaud, Police Chief, up. He asked A. Painchaud to raise his right hand and repeat after him.

I, Adam Painchaud, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me in the position of Police Chief, with the Alton Police Department; agreeably and according to the Rules and Regulations of the Constitution, Laws of the State of New Hampshire and of the United States of America, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

A. Morse joined the meeting at 6:08 pm.

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

K. Roberts approached the table. He is here as the Chairman of Parks and Rec Commission. It has to do with New Business #1 Road Race. He has had discussions with the Police Chief. The loss of the Parks & Rec Assistant that was actually running some of the events down in the Bay. It requires a full-time person. It is enormous. For one person trying to do it by themselves it really can't be done. They do not have time to put it together. There are safety issues that have been going on for a few years now. He would support cancelling the race. He hopes that the Board does as well.

L. Carr approached the table. He thinks that it is remarkable that we have elected officials that appoint someone that is going to enforce our laws. The Town Hall Roof bid. He asked if anyone researched the consumer's report on the shingles that are on right now. The shingles failed way too soon. He wants to make sure the same thing doesn't happen again.

R. Finethy approached the table. He asked about the Hidden Springs land clearing. He was wondering who the forester was that did the flagging. P. LaRochelle stated that Tighe and Bond who is the Town Engineer was involved. Has the overage been accounted for. He thinks that it wasn't handled by the correct people. He asked about 3 bids for things.

J. Houser approached the table. She has comments on hidden Springs. She thinks that it is unfortunate that it is brought to the public's awareness just before a vote. She hopes that the Town can get some funds back. She would like to see the Departments that were damaged get some of those funds.

Appointments

None

New Business

1. 5K Road Race Discussion

R. Shea stated that it appears that we do not have the necessary staff to pull this off. He doesn't see any alternative but to cancel it. He expresses the Board's disappointment. He hopes next year they will be fully staffed.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to agree with K. Troendle and not have the 5K race this year for 2026 due to staffing issues and not having enough staff and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. DPW - Proposed Gravel and Aggregate Supply Bid Package - Request

P. LaRochelle stated that the DPW Director was not able to be here. R. Shea stated that he believes that the bid is detailed and feels okay with approving going ahead with soliciting bids. P. LaRochelle stated that he went through it and thought it was pretty good.

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

3. Town Hall Roof Bid

P. LaRochelle stated that this has not gone out to bid yet. This is just the proposed packet. It is there to see if we want to make any changes or additions. Discussion ensued about types of products to use on the roof. P. LaRochelle would like the roof looked at to see why the shingles failed. R. Shea suggested hiring an independent consultant to act as a clerk of the works while it is being done to make certain that we don't have another shortfall in performance. D. Carter stated that he is not ready to move on this tonight. There are some short comings in this RFP. There is no mention of disposal of materials, the sheeting. We need to be clear about the materials for a metal roof.

It is the consensus of the Board to table until the next meeting on may 12.

Old Business

1. DPW - Roberts Cove Bridge Replacement

R. Shea stated that the bridge does need some attention. He stated that MA Bean and Associates has done some remarkable work for the Town. P. LaRochelle stated that one of the reasons the DPW Director wanted to waive the bid is because Bean and Associates has a good system of repairing bridges in the area. D. Carter stated that he is a little frustrated about this because if we had the ability to reach out in September of 2025 for pricing than why are we rushing. We have not given any other companies the opportunity to competitively bid.

D. Carter made a motion to move forward with a formal bidding process for the Roberts Cove Bridge Replacement and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. DPW - 2026 Paving Projects Bid - Award

R. Shea stated that the package is very complete and detailed. We are pleased to see 3 bids.

D. Carter made a motion to move forward with the contract for 2026 Paving Projects with Peckham Road Corp. for the total bid of \$970,108.80 and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the discussion.

3. DPW - Hidden Springs - Land Clearing - Discussion

P. LaRochelle stated that the process of Boggs Logging that did the clearing was paid for using ARPA funds. The timber tax was waived because they were cutting the trees and taking them. The only things they were charging us was for stumping. The over cutting did not encroach on anyone else's property. It also did not encroach into the wetlands. Tighe and Bond are going out to inspect it and will get us a report. We will get more information on that in the next few days. R. Shea stated that it would be good to have a presentation by the logging company. D. Carter stated that the logging company should notify their insurance company for a potential claim. We are taking this seriously. R. Shea would like all parties here on the same night.

Town Administrator Report

None

Selectmen Reports/Questions

R. Shea had nothing to report.

A. Morse had nothing to report.

D. Carter stated that he met with the Budget Committee.

P. LaRochelle stated that the next ZBA meeting will be this Thursday.

Approval of Minutes

March 24, 2026 - Public Session

R. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2026 - Public Session and A. Morse seconded with 3 in favor and one abstention (AM).

April 7, 2026 - Public Session

R. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026 - Public Session and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

April 7, 2026 - Non-Public Session

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026 - Non-Public Session releasing none and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

April 14, 2026 - Public Session

R. Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026 - Public Session and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

April 14, 2026 - Non-Public Session

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2026 - Non-Public Session releasing all and R. Shea seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Consent Agenda Approval

R. Shea made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for April 28, 2026 as presented and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. Assessing Consent Items

Military Service Credit

Carpenter; Map 5 Lot 26-23; 80 Linwood Drive; \$750

Discretionary Preservation Easement Renewal (Deed)

Barnet; Map 12 Lot 1; 128 Old Wolfeboro Road; N/A

Timber & Gravel Taxes

Boy Scouts of America; Map 13 Lot 1; L/O Alton Mountain Road; \$1,354.15

Green Oak LLC; Map 5 Lot 72; 398 Suncook Valley Road; \$540.26

Administrative Abatement

Lakewood Unit Owners Assoc.; Map 11 Lot 25-27; Lakewood Drive; \$20.27

2. DPW

Smart, Joshua, Resignation, Effective May 7, 2026

3. Fire Department

Miltz, Hayden, Per-Dien Firefighter/EMT, \$20.25/hr.

4. **Conservation Commission**

Diveny, Thomas, 3-year term, Expires 3/2029

5. **Levey Park**

Richardson, Donna, 3-year term, Expires 3/2029

6. **Parks & Rec Commission**

Diveny, Carol. 3-year term, Expires 3/2029

7. **Parks & Recreation**

Twining, Samuel, Resignation, Effective April 27, 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*)

R. Finethy approached the table again. He is still waiting to hear from legal. He was told by a Selectman that it is with the courts. He also suggests that no work be done at Hidden Springs until everything is settled.

J. Houser approached the table again. She stated that people approach her and ask her what a Deliberative Session is. She wants to that DPW, DOT and volunteers for the road cleanup.

A. Sydow approached the table. She finds the new website very difficult. She stated that the old one was better.

L. Carr approached the table again. He asked when the Swap Shop will be open.

Non-Public Session

None

Adjournment