

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes

May 26, 2026

(Approved - June 9, 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, Excused
Andrew Morse, Selectman
Richard Shea, Selectman
Jack Sleeper, Selectmen
Ryan Heath, Town Administrator

Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the agenda for May 26, 2026, 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 of Alton is holding a Special Voting Day is June 6, 2026, 7 am to 7 pm at Prospect Mountain High School, 242 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH

Public Hearing - Alton Youth League - Acceptance of Donation 6:03 pm

P. LaRochelle opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm.

C. Wood, Alton Youth League, approached the table. The total cost of the project is \$73,407.50. It includes the \$66,307.56 for the fence, \$6,700.00 for the GeoTech Survey, and \$400.00 for the electrical. She proposes that the Town accepts the donation not to exceed \$78,000.00 to account for finalizing the contract. As she presented at the last selectmen's meeting and with no changes, the total Cost of the project is \$73,407.56. That includes the \$66,307.56 for the fence, \$6,700 for the geotechnical survey, and \$400 for the private utility line identification. She would propose that the Town accept the donation not to exceed \$78,000 to account for finalizing the contract with the fencing company if there is some fluctuation between the last quote that she received and tomorrow so she can book it. This covers the failing wooden wall in Jones Field, left fields going to center, 150 feet. The replacement wall will be a synthetic vinyl replacements and will be 12 feet for about half of it and then taper down to 8 feet towards the center field. And she is still looking for help from the DPW for removal of the old wall and disposing. That would be in October following the fall ball season. She believes it was October 12th is the go ahead to demo. Also she would request assistance from the water department to open the access gate for the geotechnical survey. She would ensure that would be during working hours for the department.

Patrick Marcot President of Alton Youth League approached the table. He has been a resident for 13 years. That wall has been failing and we want to maintain the integrity of it. We get lots of compliments on our field when people come. We've done a lot of field maintenance on our own in the last few years in terms of dirt and with help at times and it's a league we're quite proud of. He thinks overall we probably only had about 80 people, 80 kids. Now we have 160. We have other towns reaching out to us to ask for help. We've been trying to fix our league, not just Alton.

Alicia O'Rourke, Vice-President of Alton Youth League, approached the table. Before that she was the Sponsorship Coordinator. She stated they have been fortunate this past year that we came into some money through the Lilac Casino in Rochester, and that's a large portion of why we were able to be able to come in front of you today. I would like to say, just for those that maybe aren't aware of this, when I came on, Patrick was already there, actually most of the group that's here right now kind of came on around the same time.

And I came on in particular, my husband is as well, but he's actually coaching right now. And we went from having almost no money in our bank account to being able to come in front of you today with the proposal that we have to be able to redo the green monster.

Ken Roberts approached the table. I'm the chairman of the Parks and Rec Commission, but as that, and personally, after 28 years of watching the Alton Youth League to where it was almost ready to dissolve, and this group stepped forward and done what they've done, over the last few years is tremendous. And I think they should be commended for everything they've done. But I can say now, and I'm 70 years old, I'm pretty proud of what's going on and what they're doing. And this is probably the biggest donation that the town's received from a private group in a long time. I think we should really commend them for everything they've done. And I want to say thank you personally to all of you for what you've done, because I know it's hard work.

P. LaRochelle closed the Public Hearing at 6:12 pm.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to accept the donation from the Alton Youth League's Green Monster Wall Project in the amount of \$73,407.56 but not to exceed \$78,000.00 and to have the aid of DPW to remove the old wall and clean up and the access opened when needed by the Water Department 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

None

New Business

None

Old Business

1. DPW - 2026-2028 Gravel Bid - Award

S. Garland approached the table.

He stated that two companies were very close with their bids. In talking with Jack and his opinion of using the products and as well as mine of observing it, I'm going to choose to go with Pike Industries. Then my second option would be New Hampshire or Northeast Earth Mechanics, which who's won the bid previously, we've used their product and they do make a nice fine product. Both Jack and I agreed that the Pike stuff was a little, weather a little better on road surfaces. Discussion ensued on the type and size of the products considered.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to grant the DPW Director to enter into a contract with Pike Industries for the gravel bid for the gravel for the 2026 and 2028 gravel bid and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Town Administrator Report

None

Selectmen Reports/Questions

J. Sleeper had a Planning Board meeting.

R. Shea stated that the Swap Shop is open and was wondering if all fee schedules in Town should be reviewed.

A. Morse had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle had nothing to report.

Approval of Minutes

April 28, 2026 - Public Session

J. Sleeper stated that he was not present at this meeting.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2026 - Public Session, as amended and A. Morse seconded with 3 in favor and 1 abstention (JS).

Consent Agenda Approval

R. Shea made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for May 26, 2026, as presented and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. **Fire Department**

Alexander Flint, Student Intern, #17.95/hr., Effective 8/17/2026
Aidan Burnham, Student Intern, \$17.95/hr., Effective 8/17/2026

2. **Levey Committee**

Larry Dole, 2 year term, Expires 3/2028

3. **Raffle Application/Permit**

Alton Centennial Rotary, May 2026 through December 2026

4. **Special Event Application**

Alton Business Association, Alton Old Home Day Parade 2026, 8/8/2026

5. **Assessing Consent Items**

Timber Tax

Prospect Forest Enterprises LLC; Map 6 Lot 27; Stockbridge Corner Road; \$17.72
Kempton; Map 18 Lot 30; 227 Roberts Cove Road; \$1123.37
Lozzi/Hoyt; Map 4 Lot 2-5; 33 Horne Road; \$227.13
Sorrentino; Map 4 Lot 13; L/O Frank C Gilman Highway; \$389.24

Administrative Abatements

Town of Alton; All Town-Owned Properties; \$117,597
State of NH; All State-Owned Properties; \$28,580
Alton School District; All School Properties; \$201,757
Alton Housing for the Elderly; Map 29 Lot 64-B; 5 Spruce Street; \$8,763
Alton Historical Society; Map 29 Lot 80; 13 Depot Street; \$963

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. He stated that he received some correspondence from the Board. He would like to know how the Board can make that decision without seeing the report. P. LaRochelle stated that he received everything that can be released. R. Heath stated that information is on file with the Town Clerk's office.

R. Sample approached the table. He stated that he had a tenant come in for Welfare. She was told she would get it and unfortunately he had to give her an eviction notice. He told her to take the eviction notice to the Welfare

Director. He spoke to one of the Selectmen and was told he would receive a call and he still hasn't. He has been in this business for a while and knows the process.

Non-Public Session

P. LaRochelle moved at 6:41 pm to enter nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, b (hiring), c (reputation), and l (legal advice). A. Morse seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle - yes	J. Sleeper - yes	R. Shea - yes
D. Carter - Excused	A. Morse - yes	<u>Roll call vote carried unanimously.</u>

At 6:41 pm Chairman P. LaRochelle convened the nonpublic session with the following people present:

P. LaRochelle, Chairman
A. Morse, Selectmen
R. Shea, Selectmen
J. Sleeper, Selectmen
R. Heath, Town Administrator
S. Garland, DPW

R. Heath recused himself from item #1 and left the room

S. Garland left the meeting room and R. Heath returned.

P. LaRochelle moved at 8:46 pm to exit the nonpublic session. J. Sleeper seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle - yes	J. Sleeper - yes	R. Shea - yes
D. Carter - Excused	A. Morse - yes	<u>Roll call vote carried unanimously.</u>

P. LaRochelle moved to 'not divulge' item two of the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this board or render the proposed action of the board ineffective. A. Morse seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle - yes	J. Sleeper - yes	R. Shea - yes
D. Carter -Excused	A. Morse -yes	<u>Roll call vote carried unanimously.</u>

Adjournment

A. Morse moved at 8:46 pm to adjourn. P. LaRochelle seconded. Motion carried.