

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
June 23, 2026
(Approved - July 14, 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

Agenda Approval

P. LaRochelle stated that there are some changes to the agenda. He stated that the Appointment for tonight is being postponed until the July 14, 2026 meeting and add #2 Website under Old Business.

D. Carter made a motion to approve the agenda for June 23, 2026 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 is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Building Inspector, Richard Therrien. He comes to us with extensive construction background and municipal experience.

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

J. Houser approached the table. She feels that since most of the Department Heads are in the audience there should be status reports from them.

Appointments

Thomas Wood - Epic Seaplane Adventures - Alton Seaplane Dock Proposal

Postponed until July 14, 2026.

New Business

1. TC/TX - Report of Collector's Execution of Real Estate Tax Lien

J. Collins, Town Clerk/Tax Collector approached the table. She stated that this is the Execution of Real Estate Tax Lien that is done every year. It is \$45,000.00 less than last year.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Execution of Real Estate Tax Lien and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Old Business

1. Fire Department - Paramedic Tuition Request

J. Reinert, Fire Chief, approached the table. He is looking to enter into a contract with a member of the Fire Department to cover tuition for Paramedic Certification Course. The class is a year long and would be attended once a week. It is all in person.

D. Carter made a motion to approve the Paramedic Education Tuition Agreement with P. O'Brien and authorizing R. Heath to sign off and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. Website

J. Monaco, IT Director, approached the table. He stated that he has received several emails from Department Heads with concerns. He explained some of the issues that the public was having. He has been working on the website to make it more accessible. Discussion ensued about some of the problems that the public is having.

Town Administrator Report

R. Heath stated that the AOT permit for the Hidden Springs Project came in.

R. Heath stated that the last thing he has is that he received notification today that are obtaining a franchise agreement. It is with Breezeline. We will get a copy of the agreement ahead of time for review.

Selectmen Reports/Questions

J. Sleeper stated that he had a Planning Board meeting.

R. Shea stated that the Swap Shop is doing good. He stated that he has a Milfoil meeting coming up and he has also been getting complaints about people having used car lots in their front lawns.

A. Morse had nothing to report.

D. Carter stated that he had a Conservation Committee meeting.

P. LaRochelle stated that the only thing that he had to report was there will be a cookout at the American Legion for the 250th birthday of America.

Approval of Minutes

June 9, 2026 - Public Session

D. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026 Public Session and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

June 9, 2026 - Non-Public Session

D. Carter made a motion to table the minutes of June 9, 2026 - Non-Public Session and J. Sleeper seconded with all in favor of the motion

Consent Agenda Approval

R. Shea made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for June 23, 2026 and D. Cater seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. Parks & Recreation Department

Parent, Amanda, Parks & Recreation Assistant, \$20.17/hr., Effective 7/27/2026

2. Solid Waste Department

Guarino, Jacob, Solid Waste Attendant, \$19.75/hr., Effective 7/10/2026

Koby, Douglas, Solid Waste Manager, \$29.75/hr., Effective 6/23/2026

3. Assessing Consent Items

Administrative Abatements & Supplemental Warrant

Flayhan; Map 35 Lot 27-1; 170 East Side Drive; \$568

Flayhan; Map 35 Lot 27-2; 170 East Side Drive; \$607

Lachance/Dawson; Map 10 lot 16-11; 28 Sedlari Way; \$1,384

AJB Holding Company LLC; Map 36 Lot 47; B/O Mt. Major Highway; \$204

Shea; Map 33 Lot 77-47; 6-47 Viewland Court; \$23

4. Building Department

Therrien, Richard, Building/Code Official, \$75,000.00/yr., Effective 6/15/2026

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

Peter Bolster - Walking/Bike Route on Route 11

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the Appointment for Peter Bolster and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

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

J. Houser approached the table again. She would like to know the timeline for the work being done at the Hidden Springs lot. She also feels that Google has not been helpful when looking up information on the website.

Non-Public Session

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
J. Collins, Town Clerk
A. Painchaud, Police Chief

Town Clerk J. Collins entered the room.

J. Collins left the meeting room and A. Painchaud entered.

P. LaRochelle moved at 7:33 pm to exit the nonpublic session. D. Carter seconded. Roll call vote:

P. LaRochelle - yes J. Sleeper - yes R. Shea - yes
D. Carter - Yes A. Morse - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously.

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 - Yes A. Morse - yes Roll call vote carried unanimously.

D. Carter motioned to rehire part-time assistant clerk James Gillis at his previous wage of \$19.25 per hour. A. Morse seconded. Motion carried.

P. LaRochelle motioned to grant the request from Officer Michael Dahmke to use a total of 120 hours of earned sick leave for the birth of his first child. A. Morse seconded. Motion carried.

D. Carter motioned to rehire retired Officer Jamison Fellows as a part-time 26 hours per week (on average) SRO at his current rate of \$38.25 per hour with the Town agreeing to cover 77.2% of his health insurance which is consistent with that of a 32-hour per week employee and comes to approximately \$57 more per week. A. Morse seconded. Motion carried.

P. LaRochelle motioned to hire two full-time uncertified police officers, Matthew Johnson and William Borenstein to start on July 13th 2026 with an hourly rate of \$31.00 per hour. D. Carter seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

A. Morse moved at 7:37 pm to adjourn. J. Sleeper seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Bailey
Recording Secretary

