ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes
June 9, 2026
(Approved – June 23, 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 would like to add two announcements, one about the Planner's position and the second about the Building Inspector's position and add minutes for May 26th, 2026 Public and Non-Public Session. R. Shea would like to add #2 Under New Business Roadside Signs. P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

Announcements

- The Town is pleased to announce the hiring of a new Planner, Cameron Armstrong. He will be starting in Alton on July 20th, 2026. Cameron has an extensive education and background in planning. He currently serves as a senior planner with the city of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and holds a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of New England.
- The Town is still in the selection process for a building inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer. Selectmen Drew Carter did apply and express interest in the position. The remaining Board members felt he was highly qualified and a great fit for the community, however the Town's policies would not allow for an elected official to take employment with the town until two years after serving on the Board. Given this information the Board withdrew Selectmen Carter from consideration for the position, as well as Selectmen Carter rescinding his resignation from the Selectboard before its acceptance. We are still reviewing several other candidates and hope to have a decision very soon.
- 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. TC/TX – Unlicensed Dogs – Civil Forfeiture Notices

R. Heath stated this was provided by the Clerk's Office. The Warrant is for unlicensed dogs. The Clerk is looking to get it approved as presented. P. LaRochelle asked if the list gets bigger each year. R. Heath stated that the first course of proceedings is warnings. Usually the list is cut dramatically down. A. Morse would like to add that something that he mentioned last year is if there is a way to do it when people register their cars maybe they can license their dog at the same time. R. Heath stated that is a very good idea but it would need to be taken up with the State level. There is a specific RSA. R. Shea asked if the Selectmen could simply post this on the website rather than all of these pages or copies. He thinks that it is a waste of paper. R. Heath stated that it is part of the Warrant to have the list.

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the procedures of the Town Clerk with the Warrant Procedures as presented and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

2. Roadside Signs

R. Shea stated the he received a call from a citizen who expressed his dismay at the number of roadside signs. Of which, several are in severe disrepair. He wanted to know what could be done about it. The citizen was correct in that they stick them up in a way. He went through the Zoning Regulations and discovered that they are simply not permitted. S. Garland had taken what his men were able to and brought them back to the DPW garage. After a period of time they are disposed off. When you read the entire regulations they are not only not permitted but we are allowed to charge the individual who posted them the cost to remove them and have a fine issued if the Board of Selectmen wishes to do so. Worst offenders are small businesses. It is quite unsightly. He would like the Board to at least consider some further actions or at least see what S. Garland can do. S. Garland approached the table again. He agrees with R. Shea there are a growing number of signs from small businesses and contractors. They are showing up at intersections and telephone poles.

Old Business

1. Voting Results

P. LaRochelle stated that it was fabulous. He thanked all staff and volunteers that were involved in the election. J. Sleeper stated that he would thank the general public for showing up and voting. D. Carter was astounded by the results. R. Shea stated that he was appreciative of the Board for moving forward with this and this is just enough to keep our heads above water.

2. DPW – Notice – Roberts Cove Bridge Replacement Project

S. Garland stated that what was provided to the Board tonight is a schedule of the work that will be done by M.A. Bean Associates on the Roberts Cove Bridge Replacement project.

Town Administrator Report

None

Selectmen Reports/Questions

J. Sleeper had nothing to report.

R. Shea stated that the Milfoil will begin meeting soon. The Swap Shop if going well. He stated that the website is not at the level he would like to see. He would like to have J. Monaco come to a future meeting.

A. Morse stated that he would like to thank everyone who came out to vote and all of the staff and volunteers.

D. Carter had nothing to report.

P. LaRochelle stated that he had a Water Bandstand Committee meeting. They cleaned, painted and spruced up the bandstand. He also heard from J. Kenney, State Representative in reference to the dam issue. He came out a was shown what the plans are for the future of the dam according to NH Fish & Game.

Approval of Minutes

May 12, 2026 – Public Session

D. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2026 – Public Session and A. Morse seconded with all in favor of the motion.

May 12, 2026 – Non-Public Session

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2026 – Non-Public Session releasing #2 and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

May 26, 2026 – Public Session

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the minutes of May 26, 2026 – Public Session and D. Carter seconded with 3 in favor and 2 abstentions (DC, RS)

May 26, 2022 – Non-Public Session

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the minutes of May 26, 2026 – Non-Public Session releasing #2 and #4 with 4 in favor and 1 abstention (DC).

Consent Agenda Approval

R. Shea made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for June 9, 2026 as presented and D. Carter seconded with all in favor of the motion.

1. **Public Works Department**

Dale Morrill, Solid Waste Attendant, $19.25/hr, effective 6/14/2026

2. **Assessing Consent Items**

Administrative Abatements & Supplemental Warrant
East Alton Meetinghouse Society; Map 15 Lot 82; 344 Drew Hill Road; $1,736
Moose Mountain Properties LLC; Map 19 Lot 32; 1517 Wolfeboro Highway; $2,203
Kemper Landholdings LLC; Map 19 Lot 32; 1517 Wolfeboro Highway; $2,203 (Warrant)

3. **Planning Department**

Cameron Armstrong, Planner, $87,000.00/yr, effective 7/20/2026

4. **Special Event Application**

Bella Winni Salon, Sip and Shop, 6/13/2026

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

Thomas Wood – Epic Seaplane Adventures – Alton Seaplane Dock Proposal

P. LaRochelle made a motion to approve the Request for and Appointment 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. She stated that she was inspired by the vote and she has visited a number of Department Heads.

L. Carr approached the table. He stated that there was a good turnout for voting. He went up to Hidden Springs and believes that it is a mess. As far as the seaplane bas, it should go back to the voters.

D. Richardson approached the table. She stated that in 3 years she has had no response from the Town in reference to her complaints.

K. Sullivan approached the table. She would like to thank everyone who came out.

L. Carr approached the table again. He thinks that the money collected from the dog licenses should be put into mailing out the renewal notices.

D. Richardson approached the table again. She would like to have a number sign installed at Levey Par.

Non-Public Session

P. LaRochelle moved at 6:46 pm to enter nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, b (hiring), c (reputation), and l (legal advice). R. Shea seconded. Roll call vote:

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

At 6:46 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 Director

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

R. Heath returned to the meeting room.

S. Garland left the Meeting Room.

P. LaRochelle moved at 8:45 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. 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.

Adjournment

A. Morse moved at 8:45 pm to adjourn. D. Carter seconded. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy L. Bailey
Recording Secretary