

**MINUTES  
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016  
10:00 AM  
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CENTER  
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Alta Town Council meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry and Elise Morgan were present. Harris Sondak was excused.
2. Update on operation of antimony treatment plant and the sewer and water systems – Keith Hanson – 00:00:16

Keith reported on the following matters:

- The antimony water treatment plant is operating very well.
- Keith gave the Council handouts which he reviewed in detail
- Keith reported that the Town has run 195,000 bed volumes and 105,000 million gallons of water through the filters since September of 2009.
- In 2012 the Town purchased a load of media for filter A; to date the Town has not used that media.
- The Town is currently pH adjusting the water which has prolonged the life of the media.
- With the last few years of lower precipitation, the level in the mine shaft has been slow to recover. It is back to normal this spring.

Keith updated the Council on the following:

- The pump controls in the back of the mine have been upgraded.
- A new pressure relief valve has been installed which helps with the pressure in the system below the GMD more specifically in the Powder Ridge area of the Town. There was also an alarm system installed that alerts the operators about pressure issues in the system.
- Keith is working with Shay Smith from Forsgren on upgrading the Grizzly pump system below the Shrontz home. This upgrade on the system will allow water to be pumped to the houses above the summer road when the power goes down in the town. There is no cost estimate for these improvements at this time.
- As it relates to the grease ball that was found at the sewer meter located between the Alta and Snowbird, Keith recommended that the grease traps in each business be inspected every month by a business owner's representative and reported and reviewed by the by the sewer operator.
- This summer the entire sewer line in the canyon will be flushed and TV'd. We are committed to completing this task every three years in accordance with the Town's SSMP.
- Keith will be working with the Town to produce the Town's sewer capacity plan which must be completed by September 2017.

### 3. Mayor's Report – 00:16:02

The Mayor updated and reported on the following matters;

- The Mayor attended and reported on the monthly UFA meeting.
- The Mayor reported and updated the Council on Mountain Accord.
- The Mayor gave a report on the federal land designation language in the proposed legislation.
- One of goals of Mountain Accord is to start outlining changes in the canyon that can be implanted in the next 2 years, 3 years and 5 years. Also Mountain Accord is trying to work on establishing a continuous funding source to support any recommended changes.
- At the monthly road committee meeting there was discussion on the projects for this summer in the canyon; re-alignment at the bottom of the canyon and permanent changes at entry one at Snowbird. There was also discussion on the effectiveness of metering during busy times.
- The post office building was hit by a plow on March 14th and Kate gave an overview and time table of the re-construction project. While construction is taking place, the operation of the post office will be moved to the conference room at the Town Office building.
- There was another summer operations meeting on March 23rd. The operation will mirror what the Town of Alta did in the summer of 2015 except that the booth will be staffed with additional people during the week and on weekends the hours of the booth will be extended.
- The annual Little Cottonwood Canyon Clean-Up will be held on Wednesday, June 22nd.
- The Council received a copy of the quarterly financial report on the Town's finances.
- The Mayor thanked everyone for making this ski season so successful
- The next meeting of the Town Council will be on May 12th in OLS.

### 4. Treasurer's Report – Marc Dippo – 00:31:15

Marc Dippo gave the monthly treasurer's report which is attached to the minutes.

**There was a motion by Elise Morgan to approve the report as presented. There was a second by Cliff Curry.**

Kate reported that the payment from our insurance company on the preliminary work at the post office does not include the \$1,000 deductible. Kate assured the Council our insurance company will make every effort to collect that deductible when they subrogate against UDOT's insurance carrier. Cliff felt that we should not wait for the insurance company and that the Town should request that UDOT pay that deductible now and directly to the Town.

**Hearing no further comments the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and it was carried.**

### 5. Departmental Reports: 00:35:41

Town Administrator's Report – John Guldner reported on the following:

- A report on the Mountainous Planning District meetings he has attended.
- A report on the recent Alta Planning Commission meeting where Bret Bateman gave a session on open meetings and land use. An update on the Commercial Core Planning Project was also discussed.
- There will be a work session on Monday April 18th on the Commercial Core Planning Project.
- John attended the annual City Manager's conference as well as the semiannual ULCT conference in St George.
- A report on a technology called Blinksy and the possible applications to this canyon and the Town of Alta.
- A report and update was given on the ownership of the road at Powder Ridge.
- A report on a conversation with Bill Harrison on his experience doing avalanche studies.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Chris Cawley report on the following:

- There is a draft report on upcoming summer stewardship events in the Town of Alta. Chris thanked our partners the Alta Environmental Center, Friends of Alta, and Cottonwood Canyons Foundations for their efforts on these projects.
- Chris encouraged the Council to attend the annual Alta restoration day on July 9th.

Town Marshal's Report – Mike Morey reported on the following matters.

- A direct mailing was sent out to all licensed dog owners reminding them of some of the rules and regulations that affect dog owners.
- Mike thanked the community and all the town's partners in making this a successful and safe winter.
- Overnight parking restrictions will cease in a week or two.

UFA Report; Rand Andrus

- Rand announced that he is the Town of Alta's new liaison to UFA.
- He invited the Town Council to their bi-annual training exercise – May 3rd at 10:00 am.

Kate reported the work that is being done on reviewing and updating the Town of Alta personnel policy manual. It is currently being reviewed by Susan Motschieder, an attorney at Parsons Behle and Latimer.

6. Town Council Minutes – March 10, 2016

**There was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 Town Council meeting as submitted with a second by Elise Morgan. Hearing no comments or corrections, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion and it was carried.**

7. Review of Alta Resort Shuttle Service for 2016 and request for funding for 2017. Dan Ketner.

Dan Ketner reported on the 2015/2016 winter season; it was a great season and a positive experience for those that used the service. Dan thanked the Town for their continued financial support and asked that

the Town Council consider supporting the operation of the service at the same level as last season; \$6,000.

The Mayor reported that the budget committee has recommended funding the shuttle at the same level of support.

#### 8. Update on Commercial Core Planning Project – Chris Cawley

Chris reported that the Town has held a lot of project meetings lately one of which was the advisory committee meeting where the project consultants presented the plan alternatives. There was also a well-attended public workshop where an overview of the progress to date was reviewed as well as the plan alternatives.

The final advisory committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th where a first draft of the preferred alternatives will be presented. There will be no meetings in May and but the goal is to have a draft of the final plan by the middle of June.

The final plan will be a refined version of the preferred alternative(s) and will also include some recommendations and action items.

Chris has been contacted by WFRC who has indicated that the Town will receive additional grant funds during the 16/17 fiscal year. The work will address either scope modifications to the current project or a follow up project. Official notice has not been received on these funds from WFRC but they have indicated that the town will receive \$60,000. The Town will have to match that grant with \$10,000 from its general fund.

The Town of Alta will receive comments on the proposed plan alternatives until 5:00 pm today, April 14, 2016. Chris explained how to provide comments using the project web site.

#### 9. Presentation on sustainable development considerations for Town of Alta Commercial Core Plan – Onno Wieringa and Maura Olivos – 01:00:46

Onno Wieringa talked about the effort the Town is putting into the current study and plan for the commercial core of the Town of Alta. With that in mind, Maura was asked to put together recommendations and suggestions on best practices in resort communities as it relates to building, energy efficiency and general resort planning, Maura prepared comments for the Town of Alta and the consulting team that is doing the plan for the Town of Alta: Landmark Design. The recommendations put forth in the memo have been presented to the Alta Planning Commission.

Onno felt that the Ski Lift Company has addressed sustainability in not only the operation of the Ski Lift Company but in the most recent construction of their skier services building.

Maura Olivos commented that sustainability is a difficult word to understand. Sustainability refers to and includes the environment, economic viability and social wellbeing. Maura went over some of the samples of other communities that have embraced sustainable practices.

Maura opined that this is the best time for the Town of Alta to incorporate and define sustainability.

As a member of the advisory committee for the Commercial Core Planning Project, Elise felt that the language that Maura put forth in the memo is the language that the advisory committee is looking for as they develop guiding principles for the planning project; this language is very helpful.

The Mayor mentioned that in the current building codes there is more emphasis on making sure that any changes address the reduction of water consumption and that energy efficiency is addressed. Maura stated that when you build in the Utah you have to meet the minimum state building code standards and you can't require a new building to build to greater standards. What the Town of Alta can do is assert through a resolution that individual business or residence owners use more energy efficient codes.

The Mayor asked if building to these types of codes was more expensive. Maura contends that if you include in the development stages of the building process more energy efficient goals, in the long run you will be seeing a savings in the operation of that building.

Chris Cawley addressed the examples that Maura provided on her memo and how they have built sustainability into their general plans; this creates a framework for decision making. Chris referred to what is called a triple bottom line approach when trying to making a decision in the operation of a business. Maura explained this process.

#### 10. New Business – 01:18:03

The Mayor noted for the record that the power in the Town had just gone off.

Regarding the fact that this occurs quite often in the Town of Alta, Cliff mentioned that the Town should invite Rocky Mountain Power to our meeting to provide a list of all the power outages in the last year in our community and the canyon. Many of the businesses' have a generator as a back for these types of situations and in his opinion that is a "third" world solution; we should not have to run our businesses and water system with generators. Cliff felt that RMP should not only have power for this canyon coming from the east but also from the west; create a redundant system. The effect on our resort community is large when the power goes off and we should make RMP aware of this impact.

The Mayor reminded everyone to call RMP when the power goes off in town so they get numerous calls from our community. Cliff questioned whether contacting the Utah Public Utility Commission on this matter would be beneficial.

It was mentioned that RMP was contemplating doing away with the feed up the canyon and putting both Alta and Snowbird on the feed that comes over from Brighton.

#### 12. Other Business – 01:25:

Jen Clancy from Friends of Alta thanked all that attended the Annual Alta Gala and. A special thanks was given to the Alta Ski Lift company who donated lift passes and Alta Ski Shuttle who provided transportation from Alta to the event at no charge. Dr Ken Libre was honored at this event.

Onno Wieringa from the Alta Ski Lift Company reported on the following matters:

- He thanked the Town of Alta for their donation to the operation of OLS, as many of the Town's meetings have been held in this building.
- A report was given on the gas ex projects that will be completed this summer near the Blackjack area.
- He mentioned that company from Canada that was brought in to conduct the avalanche mitigation study above the Town of Alta.
- He commented on the Powder Ridge road ownership issue.
- He commented on the proposed Mountain Accord lands bill.

Maura Olivos reported on the following matters:

- She commented on the steering committee associated with the Mountain Accord project and issues that this committee will be addressing.
- She reviewed the summer trail projects in the Town of Alta more specifically the re-location of the Albion Meadows trail to the south side of the creek.
- The Utah Climate Action Program was launched last week. This program will provide a platform to join and start working and addressing the impact of climate change.
- The Albion Grill will open on June 21st for their summer season. They will operate seven days a week from 10am – 6 pm. They will close on September 5th.
- She commented on the effects of climate change on future avalanche mitigation in the canyon.
- Blinksy might help with tracking summer visitation in Alta.

The status of the HUB building was brought up. The Mayor commented that it will be built this summer near the current "Mountain Bell" building which is outside the Town boundaries. Most of the "hard" wiring for the fiber is in place and the only item left is the actual connect to the HUB building.

12. Motion to Adjourn – 01:42:01

**Hearing no further business before the Town Council, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to adjourn the meeting. There was a second by Elise Morgan and the motion was carried.**

Passed and approved this 12th day of May, 2016.

s/Katherine S.W. Black  
Town Clerk