

1. **From:** barrettsl@msn.com <barrettsl@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 11:41 AM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Cc:** Roger Bourke <rbourke@earthlink.net>  
**Subject:** Proposed Tax Increase for Fire and EMS service

My name is Stephen Barrett. Our family owns the Grizzly Ridge cabin ( 8616 Hawkhill).

I concur with Roger Bourke's analysis regarding the apportionment of services for EMS vis a vis fire protection. It is my view that the increase should be tabled pending further analysis.

Inasmuch as the EMS calls are primarily visitors at least some portion of the increase could be borne by skiers funded by a pass through mechanism from ASL. This idea and other proposals merit further study.

I believe that no action on adoption of an increase in taxes to fund EMS and fire be delayed pending further investigation of other options.

Please relay my comments to the Mayor and Town Council.

Sincerely  
Steve Barrett 801 725-8852

Sent from myMail for iOS

2. **From:** Roger Bourke <rbourke@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Subject:** Re: public comment UFSA

Piper—

My plan is to read it at the zoomed public hearing. Here are my prepared remarks, subject to some change before tomorrow afternoon, but probably very little change.

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In the remarks that follow, I want to make clear that I am not criticizing or in any way calling into question the competency of the station #113 crew. If I ever have an emergency, I can think of no better people to help than Jay and crew.

I am questioning how to pay for this service.

What is not immediately evident in the proposal to join UFSA is that property taxes in Alta will increase about 15% even though the level of service is unchanged.

Our fire and EMS service can be thought of as having two components, fire protection and emergency medical protection, even though services are largely provided by the same personnel and are not differentiated within the operation; fire fighters are frequently also EMTs. Fire protection benefits

property owners almost exclusively. Consequently I believe it is fitting and fair for property owners to incur 100% of the cost of fire protection.

Because they are so integrated, we cannot easily allocate the cost of the overall service between the two types of protection, fire and EMS. But we do know that the great majority of call outs from station #113 are for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and those are for non-property owners, generally customers of the businesses in Alta. In the last 5 years, about 80% of EMT calls are from the ski area and the businesses, 2% are from residents and the remainder are elsewhere. As proposed in the issue before us, all of those services would be borne by the property owners. In other words, the property tax payers are paying 100% of the cost of Emergency Medical Services, even though nearly all of those services are incurred by visitors. This is not a case of taking from the rich and giving to the poor, which might be justifiable, this is a case of property tax payers subsidizing the lift patrons cost of EMS insurance which is not justifiable. Conversely, it would be unjust to put the full cost of Alta fire protection on the visitors.

How might this cost allocation be more fair? Imagine that an insurance surcharge were put on a daily lift pass of \$1. By coincidence, Alta has about 400,000 skier days/year and the cost of the EMS is about \$400,000/year. So if a mechanism were created to levy such a charge, the cost of those services would be incurred by those consuming them instead of those costs being incurred by those not consuming them. I believe that this concept was suggested at an earlier town council meeting, and the response was that it would take some research to determine if it was possible. I don't know if that research has been done, or if it was, the result. However in the interest of the property tax payers in our town, I think it should be thoroughly explored.

Some might argue that an additional charge on lift pass purchases, even less than 1%, would depress business and that is not good for our overall economy. The data does not support that contention. Over the last 20 years, the inflation adjusted price of a day lift pass in Alta has grown by a factor of two. At the same time, the number of skier days has actually increased from something in the mid 300,000s in 2000 to the low 500,000s now. So the price elasticity of demand is actually *positive*—real price has increased and so has demand. One can conclude that lift price increase of less than 1% will have a negligible effect on sales.

My proposal is this: a decision on joining UFSA should be deferred until a more equitable allocation of paying for the costs of emergency services is seriously considered.

3. **From:** Andrew Chandler <andrewmachandler@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Subject:** Hearing on Joining UFSA

Dear Piper:

As a 20-year Alta property tax payer, I wish to lodge a strong objection to the above. Under the current proposal, the business interests in the town will not be paying enough to cover the costs of the EMT service required by their customers.

Thank you,

Andrew Chandler  
Village at Sugarplum #13

4. From: Eddie Claridge <eder51@aol.com>  
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 7:10 PM  
To: Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
Subject: USFA

As fire response seems to be mostly for homeowners & medical response seems to be predominantly for the ski area I feel the increase in price should be SHARED between homeowners & the ski area.

Thanks for your consideration.

Eddie Claridge

Sent from my iPad

5. From: Dan Colangelo <woodman859@comcast.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:38 PM  
To: Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
Cc: kerri Gardner <kergard1@comcast.net>  
Subject: Alta Joining UFSA

Dear Mayor Sondak and Alta Town Council:

It seems obvious that Alta exists primarily to provide for outdoor recreation.

Most of the folks recreating at Alta are visitors.

The vast majority of services provided by Station 113 are to visitors.

It would seem reasonable, therefore, for these costs to be borne largely by visitors.

Unfortunately, by joining the UFSA, Alta will place the burden for these services upon property owners.

This solution strikes us as unfair and imprecise.

It seems to have gained traction largely because no other funding mechanism, which collects from visitors, is readily available.

Finding a solution is complicated by the fact that while many of the visits to Alta generate revenue, many do not.

We believe that finding a carefully crafted funding mechanism will likely require the involvement of an entity larger than the Town of Alta.

A political solution which recognizes the burdens and expenses placed upon Alta by visitors is likely required.

In our opinion, Alta joining the UFSA should be placed on hold until a more equitable and palatable solution can be found.

Thank you for your time and attention .

Sincerely,

Dan Colangelo and Keri Gardner

Alta Homeowners

6. **From:** Del Draper <DelDraper3@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:26 PM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Subject:**

Hi Piper. Attached is a letter for tomorrow's meeting. I have also registered to speak.

This seems to be an item of business where the actual number of property owners weighing in has some impact. Consequently, I am having the individual cabin owners each sign the letter in opposition of joining the UFSA. So far all put one has told me they have signed the letter. Those that signed electronically I will forward – I don't have the still to get the pages into one document. A couple of folks have mailed me the signature page and I will get those to you the best I can.

I will have signature of at least 8 of the 0 cabin owners in Secret Lake Subdivision and will do what I can to get the to you today, but since they don't deliver mail at my house until after 5:00 as few may be tomorrow morning.

Thanks.

Del Draper  
801 557 9964

**Secret Lake Cabin Owners Association**  
**C/O Del Draper, President**  
**Box 8046, Alta, Utah 80492**  
**(801) 557-9964**

June 15, 2019

Mayor and City Council  
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Cecret Lake Cabin Owners Association

Draper Alta Cabin LLC



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Del Draper

Cecret Hideaway LLC

7. **From:** Marianna Frame <mariannaframe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 4:01 PM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Cc:** Becky Sackler <becky.sackler@gmail.com>; Jeff Selikoff <jselikoff@gmail.com>; Richard Sackler <r@srllc.com>  
**Subject:** town hall meeting comments

Hi Piper,

We only were just made aware of the vote taking place at tomorrow's town hall meeting and as we are all on different time zones wanted to share our views here in writing in the event that we are unable to zoom in.

Obviously we want to be honest that we have no quarrel or issues with the station #113 crew, we've been lucky enough to not need their services in the past and are aware that should we need them moving forward, we will be incredibly grateful that they are there to lend a hand.

That said, as a family who owns several different properties in the town, we are curious about the decision as to how to pay for this service. What is not entirely clear to us in the proposal to join UFSA is that property taxes in Alta will increase about 15% with what appears to be unchanged levels of service. Or have we missed something?

I think we really look at our fire and EMS services as a two pronged mission: fire protection and emergency medical protection, while we realize in a town as small as ours those services are provided by the very same people. Fire protection and that of having an active and competent fire station benefits property owners, that is apparent to us.

From what we have gleaned from some of our more knowledgeable neighbors, the greater majority of the calls that station #113 responds to are for EMS services servicing mainly non-property owners, generally customers of the businesses at Alta. A neighbor of ours quoted that in the last 5 years, about 80% of the calls for EMT services were from the ski area and business where only about 2% were from residents and the remainder elsewhere. This new proposal would place the financial burden of those services on property owners, even if they are not the end users of those services. While we obviously don't want to see our visitors at greater risk due to a lack of suitable EMT response for them when visiting Alta, we question that this is the right approach to covering the cost of those services. We wouldn't expect that visitors had to pay the brunt of the cost for the fire protection service, and for that reason we are raising our voices in concern of this proposition.

Our neighbor has proposed a thoughtful approach to covering that difference without taxing property owners, that of adding a \$1 surcharge on lift tickets to cover the EMT costs annually. I don't need to reiterate it as I believe he has shared it with you, but it is interesting as an idea.

I imagine that the town has gone through a variety of proposals to cover these expenses, but we remain concerned that the proposal as it is now unfairly places the burden on property owners for one service that is mainly used by those who do not pay the taxes.

I am writing on behalf of my father and on behalf of Becky and Jeff and my family, simply to say that while we may not be in attendance we are not in support of this version of the proposal and ask that it be deferred until a time that it has explored other opportunities available to more fairly cover the service that we all regard as valuable for the Alta skier and hiker communities.

Thank you,  
Annie

8. **From:** Craig Heimark <craig@hgroup.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2020 11:21 AM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Subject:** Unified Fire Service Area

Piper,

I am writing regarding the recent proposal from Mayor Sondak and the Town of Alta regarding the Unified Fire Service Area.

The issue has been put forward as: "Should Alta join UFSA?", when the question before the council should be "Who should pay for the additional costs of continued services from the UFSA?".

By not separating these two issues the Town is unfairly and unreasonably penalizing property owners in the Alta community to subsidize skiers. This is fundamentally unfair because it is not primarily the property owners who are using these services. This proposal is tantamount to a direct subsidy from Alta property owners to business of Alta Ski Lifts Company and their skier customers, and this is not in the best interests of Alta property owners.

It is clear from the letter distributed on March 8, 2020 that there is no escaping the increase in charges from the USFA.

*The costs for providing fire protection and emergency first responder services to the Town of Alta have been previously subsidized by Salt Lake County and by other members of the UFA. Alta paid a fee of \$153,000 in 2019-20 for actual costs of about \$627,000. Conditions that provided this subsidy have changed which will significantly increase our fee.*

It is equally clear from the letter of April 29 that Mayor Sondak has framed the issue as: Should the UFSA tax our property owners directly, or should Alta do so in order to accommodate the increased charge from the USFA? *Our choice finally came down to this: Does Alta continue to be a direct contracting member of the UFSA and increase taxes on its property owners itself, or does Alta join the Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA) and have its property owners taxed directly by the service area?*

The USFA is rebelling because the funding of their organization does not match its usage. Under the current payment system, Alta has been unfairly benefiting by consuming services while paying only 25% of their actual cost. Hence the USFA is reasonably adjusting the charging mechanics.

What is completely unclear is why the Mayor of Alta and the Town Council wants to make this same mistake and charge those that are not responsible for the bulk of the cost (the property owners) and have them subsidize the actual users of the service (the skiers)

There are many ways available to Alta to align the payment for services used with the users of those services. These range from an incremental tax on ski tickets to a winter parking charge for non residents. By framing the issue as one of joining the UFSA, the Town of Alta is sidestepping its responsibility to have a open and frank discussion of how and by whom services to the broader Alta Community should be funded.

Craig Heimark

9. **From:** P Henriod <paulhenriod@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 12:32 PM

To: Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
Subject: Proposed Property Tax Increase due to expanded EMS and Fire

My name is Paul Henriod and I am a cabin owner on Hawk Hill Road. I oppose the move to join the UFSA together with the resulting increase on property tax to be borne by residents. The vast majority of EMS visits are entirely unrelated to residents and are incurred by injured customers of Alta Ski Lifts. This should not be passed on to residents. It accrues to the benefit of the resort and its customers. Please see that my opinion is passed along to the hearing this week.

Regards,  
Paul Henriod  
801-712-2901  
8616 Hawkhill Road  
Alta, UT

10. From: Barbara Jordan <altabarbara@aol.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:21 PM  
To: Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
Subject: I object with the same arguments as Roger Bourke. There needs to be a better solution than homeowners paying for services that are not ours.

Barbara Jordan  
9940 E. Powder Run Road  
908-242-8084

Sent from my iPhone

11. **From:** Mark Mahan MD <mahan.mark@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>; Stacey Forsyth Mahan <stacey.mahan@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Proposed property tax increase

To Piper Lever

I am writing to express my concern of unduly increasing property taxes to fund the fire and EMS services.

It has been expressed to me that the town residents comprise 2% of calls to fire and EMS, but, again as described to me, that the majority of cost is being covered by property taxes. This, if true, is naturally an untenable decision for the town council. The town council needs to protect our citizens - not pay for the care of others.

Recognizing Alta's special place as a resort location, the obligations should fall to those who make up the users of the services - such as through sales taxes, hotel taxes or lift fees.

As explained to me, it is unfair for property taxes to fund the majority of costs for services not used by the property owners.

Mark A. Mahan, MD

12. **From:** Frank Perkins <fperkins@xmission.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 5:00 PM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Cc:** 'Frank Perkins' <fperkins@xmission.com>; ccr@xmission.com  
**Subject:** UFSA Funding

To: The Town of Alta/ Town Council

From: Frank Perkins & Cyd Bruns – Property Owners in Alta

Re; Update to Letter dated March 8, 2020 & Funding for Joining UFSA

Were any additional studies done or proposed after the March 8, 2020 letter from Mayor Sondak?

We support Roger Bourke's position of considering additional solutions for funding the fire department. We are concerned that accepting the concept of joining the UFSA will become a permanent tax never to be addressed again.

Thank you all for the time spent on this issue,

Regards,

Cyd Bruns  
Frank Perkins

13. **From:** jsreynolds01@yahoo.com <jsreynolds01@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 3:19 PM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Subject:** Usfa

I vote no on joining usfa Increasing our property taxes to fund services not wholly used by us would be unfair. Let's look for a more equitable solution John Reynolds

Sent from my iPhone

14. **From:** Evan Unger <evanunger@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:49 PM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Subject:** Alta property tax increase

Dear Piper:

As an 18-year Alta property tax payer, I wish to lodge a strong objection to the above. Under the current proposal, the business interests in the town will not be paying enough to cover the costs of the EMT service required by their customers.

Thank you,

Evan Unger  
(520)977-1210 – cell

15. **From:** Larry Williams <lwilliams@redstonevt.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Piper Lever <plever@townofalta.com>  
**Subject:** Joining the UFSA

Hello Piper,

I hope your Alta summer has been good so far.

I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to the Town joining with the UFSA. As I understand it, the joining would likely lead to a potentially significant increase in property taxes. We accept the need to pay for our fair share of the excellent services which the Town provides to homeowners. That said, it does not seem fair to enter into a structure that has taxpayers subsidizing the cost of emergency service for visitors to the ski area. I am asking that the Town make the effort to find a more equitable solution to the problem they are trying to solve.

Regards,

Larry Williams

16.

**Cecret Lake Cabin Owners Association  
C/O Del Draper, President  
Box 8046, Alta, Utah 80492  
(801) 557-9964**

June 15, 2019

Mayor and City Council  
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Peter Gibbs Revocable Trust

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Kipps Cecret LLC

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Donald M. Page Trust

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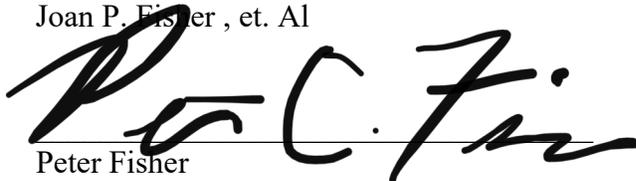
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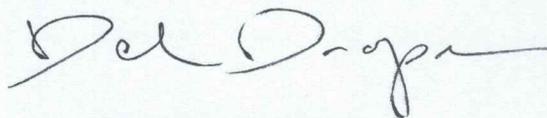
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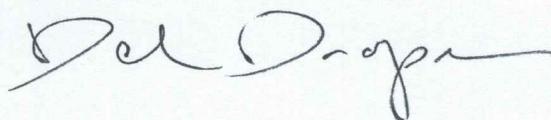
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