

**MINUTES**  
**ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 14, 2013**  
**10:00 AM**  
**ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**ALTA, UTAH**

The Mayor called the meeting to order. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley, Cliff Curry and Harris Sondak were present. Mr. Sondak was present via phone.

Mayor Tom Pollard announced that Council member Steve Gilman handed in his resignation on March 12, 2013. Accordingly the Town will be accepting letters of interest of those people who wished to be considered to fill the vacancy left by Steve Gilman on the Town Council for the remainder of 2013. The deadline for submitting those letters will be 5:00 pm on Monday, April 1, 2013. Additionally, during the municipal elections of 2013 a two (2) year Town Council seat will be on the ballot.

The Mayor announced that on February 21, 2013 the Town of Alta received a Notice of Claim arising from the ineligibility of Tom Pollard and Paul Moxley to hold office and challenging both individuals residency in the Town of Alta. The Mayor read a statement into the record.

“On February 21, 2013, the Town of Alta received a notice of claim challenging my residency in the Town of Alta and Councilman Paul Moxley’s residency in the Town of Alta.

The Town has referred the matter to its attorneys for an appropriate response. In the meantime, I would like to clarify a few things at the start of this meeting.

1. “Councilman Moxley and I are lawful residents of the Town and were duly and lawfully elected to serve on the Town Council by the voters of the Town of Alta.
2. We both are grateful for the opportunity the voters of the Town of Alta have given us to serve our community.
3. We both intend to continue to serve the Town throughout our terms and we both look forward to continuing to do the important business of the Town of Alta. “

**PUBLIC HEARING:** To receive comments and recommendation on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) for the 2013-2014 Program Year,

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked anyone who wished to speak to come to the podium and limit their comments to five (5) minutes. All handouts should be given to a member of the Town staff who will distribute them to the Town Council.

Jessica Burnham from the Road Home thanked the Town of Alta for their past financial support of The Road Home. She explained the mission of the Road Home and provided the number of people that had used it during the last year including people from the Alta community.

Karen Travis asked how they determine a person's place of residence when they come to the Road Home. Jessica explained they gather this information through an intake assessment which asks the past city or town of residence.

The Mayor announced that the Town cannot help the Road Home through this avenue of funding but COG is trying to establish a program that will involve all Salt Lake County municipalities that will provide funding for agencies such as the Road Home. Jessica stated it only takes \$9.00 per night to help get people off the streets, so every little bit helps.

Roger Bourke asked about the suggestion that these funds be spent on a stair chair.

Kate explained that HUD had the Town do an accessibility assessment of all the Town's buildings including the Community Center. One of the items discussed with the HUD representative was replacing the stair chair lift to the second floor of this building. Also, staff is recommending that additional funds be spent to upgrade and improve the Alta Town Park. A request from the residents of Alta included material and supplies for the volleyball court.

Mark Haik commented that in the past he has consistently requested that CDBG funds be devoted to basic information about the Town's infrastructure and requested that these funds be spent to establish the location of the road and the width of the right of way. Mr. Haik referred to a survey and explained some of the particular areas on that survey as it relates to the right of ways in and around Highway 210.

Harris Sondak wanted to know how Mr. Haik's request was pertinent to the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mr. Haik explained that he wants the Town to spend the money on GIS or survey data to determine these things.

It is Mr. Sondak's opinion that based on his reading of the documentation provided by Kate on the use of CDBG funds, the funds are to be spent to benefit low to moderate income qualified areas and public purpose and he is not sure that the road survey would accomplish this goal.

Mr. Haik responded that for poor people that lived on the road the road survey would benefit them.

Bob Bonar, representing the Cottonwood Canyon Foundation and the Wasatch Water Legacy Partners, asked for donations and funds for these two organizations.

Onno Wieringa agreed with Mr. Bonar on this request.

**Hearing no further comments, there was a motion by Paul Moxley to close the public hearing. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion as carried.**

#### 1. Mayor Report

The Mayor reminded everyone of his statement at the beginning of the meeting about the legal challenges of Paul Moxley and himself.

The Mayor expressed his condolences to the Bronson family of the passing of Lee Bronson. Mr. Bronson was one of the original five members of the Town Council/Town Board in 1970 when the Town was incorporated and served as the Town's first president. Lee bought the Rustler Lodge in 1954 and had been in the canyon since that time. The Mayor has worked for Mr. Bronson for over 30 years and felt that he was a true consummate gentleman. He was the final member of the original five that incorporated that Town and will be sorely missed.

The Mayor reported the state legislature has set aside 2.5 million to help fund the Access Wasatch study.

The Mayor reported on the monthly UFA meeting that was held on February 19<sup>th</sup>: Expansion of UFA in the southwestern area of the valley was discussed.

Members of the Town's budget committee met again to discuss the 2013/2014 proposed budgets.

There was a monthly Little Cottonwood Canyon Road meeting where the events of February 23<sup>rd</sup> were discussed: mid-day closures and some traffic jams. The committee is trying to create a smaller group of people to address programs and alternatives that can help the canyon mitigate the hazards on the highway like the situation on 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Mayor thanked everyone for their efforts during this period of time which included the Alta Marshal's Office, Alta Central dispatch, Snowbird Public Safety, UFA, UPD and the Alta Ski Lift Company.

On Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Crown Castle held an open house for the public on the proposed fiber optics project in the canyon.

The Mayor reminded the Council that COG is proposing that every city and town in Salt Lake County contribute \$.35 per resident in the city to a fund to help fund agencies such as the Road Home and the Battered Women's Shelter.

There will be a Shake Out Drill on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting of the Alta Town Council will be Thursday, April 11, 2013.

The Mayor introduced Mayor Ben McAdams, Mayor of Salt Lake County. Mayor McAdams reiterated that the legislature will be helping with funding for the Access Wasatch study.

Mayor McAdams thanked the Town for their invitation and extended the County's hand of friendship. The Mayor wants to continue the strong partnership with the Town on the many issues that face the County and the canyon. The Mayor thanked the Town for being a steward of the precious resources and watersheds areas in the canyon and also thanked this community for its contribution to tourism and economic development for the state. What happens in Alta is important to all the residents of Salt Lake County.

Mayor Pollard mentioned that the Town of Alta assumes a big role in the canyon. But he reminded everyone that most of the canyon is located in unincorporated Salt Lake County and emphasized the critical role the County plays in all aspects of public safety and the major projects being proposed in this area of the Wasatch Front.

Mayor McAdams went on to recognize the particular burden that is placed on Alta in the canyon. He thanked Alta for not only providing services to the residents of the County but to the State of Utah and understands that comes with challenges; parking is a good example.

Mayor Pollard mentioned an email from Ben McAdams regarding the Salt Lake Valley Health Department. Mr. McAdams explained that the County is considering changing the name of the Valley Health Department to the Salt Lake County Health Department.

Kate has worked with Salt Lake County Community Development and the County Election Division over the years and wanted Mayor McAdams know how professional and helpful both departments and their personnel have been.

Onno Wieringa encouraged Mayor McAdams to visit the park and ride at the mouth of the canyon, more particularly the bathrooms. Mr. Wieringa feels that the whole intersection does not work including the park and ride. We need the County's help. Onno also offered to give Mr. McAdams a tour of the resort.

Harris Sondak thanked the Mayor for speaking at the Town Council meeting.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

The Mayor remarked that there was a request at the last meeting to produce a budget to actual report for the Town Council. That report was provided to the Council at this meeting. The Mayor clarified that this report will be produced on a quarterly basis.

Marc Dippo read the monthly report which is attached to the minutes.

**Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Harris Sondak to approve the report as read with a second by Paul Moxley. The motion was carried.**

## 3. Departmental Reports

Town Administrator's Report: John Guldner reported that on Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> the Town's motion to dismiss the Haik/Haik vs. Town of Alta and Salt Lake City case was granted. John read a sentence of the ruling by Judge Stewart: "Simply stated, Haik can point to no unlawful acts or misrepresentations by defendants." The Haiks have 30 days to appeal but for now we are done with that lawsuit.

John reported on the special meeting of the Town Council on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> where the settlement agreement between the View vs. MISCO & Town of Alta was discussed and approved. John gave a brief history of the case. Many signatures are required on the agreement and the Town is waiting for this process to be completed.

John updated the Council on the Melville vs. Town of Alta case. Both sides have submitted their responses to the Town's request for summary judgment and are waiting for the Judge to rule on that matter. A hearing has been set for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

John reported on the Shrontz case and asked Paul Moxley to fill in the blanks. Paul Moxley

explained that the District Court Judge denied Salt Lake City's counter claim that they could terminate one of the water contracts. This is a pivotal issue and with the court's ruling on this matter, this issue will not be tried. Salt Lake City appealed this particular issue to the State Supreme Court and that appeal was referred to the Utah Court of Appeals. Paul explained that what is left is to schedule the case for trial. Salt Lake City has one other motion for summary judgment that has not been heard and then there is the first cause of action against Alta that was stayed. The Town's attorney for this case has proposed to the Estate that that stay be lifted and we try the cases at the same time. Paul also explained that the Estate has been told that if they do ultimately get water, the Town, as we previously agreed, we would consider the Estate under the old ordinances. As of the date of this meeting, the attorneys had not heard back from the attorneys for the Estate. If the Estate does not agree to this procedure, the Town's attorneys will move to have the stay lifted because they do not want Alta to go through a second trial because of the expense of the procedure. Paul expects that the trial will be scheduled for some time this year and it will probably take a month.

John reported that only three building permits have been issued thus far this year.

John reported on the progress made on the Town's land conveyance bill: up to two (2) acres of land under our buildings and an area for the proposed new Community Center. There is a follow up meeting Monday on this matter.

John reported that there will be a meeting of the Wasatch Legacy Partnership on Monday, March 18th where ideas for specific projects in the watersheds will be discussed.

John has been attending the Salt Lake County Cooperative Plan meetings and reported on what has been discussed.

John has also been attending the technical advisory committee meetings for the update on the Wasatch Canyons Master Plan. The next public hearing on this matter is Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

There will be an Alta Planning Commission meeting on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm at the Alta Community Center to continue the discussion on the Base Facilities Zone. They will be focusing on Zone B which includes the GMD and the Alta Peruvian Lodges.

The Alta Planning Commission will also be discussing amending the statement in the General Plan related to the interconnect.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Claire Woodman reported on the quarterly meeting where the zinc impairment in Little Cottonwood Creek was discussed. Partners in this discussion are Service Area #3, DEQ, the ski areas and the County.

Claire has been attending the ULCT Legislative Policy meetings with John.

The Town of Alta, Friends of Alta and the Alta Ski Area are collaboratively putting together a grant application through the Federal Recreation Trail Program for two separate projects: one is to bring up the International Mountain Biking Association to help plan better trails in the Town and the other is better trail head and directional signage throughout the Town. The Town will be the sponsoring agency for this grant and in May we will have a final grant application for review.

Claire reported that ACVB has a new staff person: Maggie Sullivan. Also ACVB will have three (3), three year Board positions open this spring. Voting for these positions is open until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Alta In April will be going on from April 1-14<sup>th</sup>. Funding for the advertising for the event was provided through the Office of Tourism grant. Claire highlighted two events during this time period: the Alta Gala which is April 5<sup>th</sup> and the Alta Earth Day which will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The film "Chasing Ice" will be shown as part of the Earth Day celebration.

Claire continues to attend Hazard Mitigations and Emergency Management meetings. The state is getting ready for the Great Shake Out which will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM.

Claire introduced the new emergency managers for Salt Lake County: Captain Lee Ascarte. Lee reported that on April 17<sup>th</sup> they are conducting a communications/situations drill to help prepare everyone on how to communicate in a major event. Wade Watkins informed the Council that he is the new UFA emergency management liaison for the Town.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey reported that his department is currently working through an investigation in a housing area in one of the lodges. A party was held one evening at this lodge and a fair amount of property was taken.

Mike reported that ski thefts are substantially down this year and there have been two reported thefts from parked vehicles' in the lots in Town. Mike reminded everyone to secure their valuables and don't leave items in plain view in their vehicles.

Mike reported on a former Alta resident who drove his vehicle through his own house.

Mike spoke to the Feb, 23<sup>rd</sup> conditions on the road that created a very problematic situation. Mike commented that this situation is one that they want to avoid in the first place. He is working very closely with Liam and UDOT avalanche forecasters to come up with a traffic control plan for those three or four days during the winter where concerns over the road could occur like the ones on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mike reported on his meeting with Sherriff Winder. Ongoing communications issues were discussed that relates to the merger of VECC and UPD. Also discussed were the requirements that will be imposed the Marshal's department as it relates to the electronic filing of police cases and sharing access capabilities with UPD.

Assistant Chief Kelsey reminded everyone of the open house for their fire station in Riverton. Mayor Pollard will be speaking at this event. Chief Kelsey introduced the crew from Station 13<sup>th</sup> at Snowbird.

4. Town Council Minutes – February 14, 2013

**There was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2013 Town Council meeting. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.**

5. Town Council Minutes – Special Meeting – February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

**There was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council held on February 22m 2013. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.**

6. Use of 2013-2014 CDBG Program Year Funds

The Mayor announced that a public hearing was held today to receive comments and recommendations from the public on the use of these funds. Staff gave their recommendation as well. The Mayor asked if the Town Council could, at a later time in the year, change the use of these funds if something came up that needed to be addressed and qualified under the HUD regulations.

Kate explained that if the Council wanted to reallocate the use of any of the funds, it would have to note it on the agenda and vote in a public meeting to change the use of the funds.

Harris asked if the Town had received a bid of \$2,000 or less on the chair lift. Kate explained that she had gone on line to research the cost of a lift that was similar to the one that was in place. She found the cost was anywhere from \$1,400 to \$2,000.

The residents in Alta submitted a request for new equipment for the volleyball court which can and will be purchased with CDBG funds.

**There was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the staff recommendations for the use of CDBG funds for the 2013/2014 Program Year funds. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.**

7. Resolution 2013-R-1 – A resolution establishing a maximum number of dog licenses for 2013 and fees to be charged for licenses.

The Mayor reported that in the past the Town has determined the number of dog licenses based on 15% of the most current census population which in 2010 was 383. That number comes to 57 licenses. Everyone seemed to agree that no more than 57 should be issued.

Based on that, the Town has issued 55 dog licenses so far in 2013 which leaves a total of two (2) available for the drawing. The Council raised the fees for dog licenses last year so the Mayor recommended that the fees remain the same.

**The Mayor made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-R-1 establishing 57 dogs as the maximum number to be licensed of which two new licenses will be issued. Both of these licenses will issued to qualified applicants in either Class A or B and the Town will keep the same fee schedule as before. Cliff Curry seconded the motion and it was carried.**

8. Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Alta and Salt Lake County on behalf of the County Clerk Elections Division for the purpose of assisting the Town in conducting the Town's 2013 primary and general municipal elections.

The Mayor explained that a couple of years ago the Town found it more economical for the County to manage our municipal elections. In order to continue with the County for this year's

primary and general municipal elections, the Alta Town Council needs to approve this interlocal agreement.

Harris asked the time frame for this interlocal agreement. Kate explained that the agreement is for the period that ends December 31, 2013 which includes the primary (if we should have one) and the general election in November. The County Attorney drafted this agreement for all the participating cities and the Town of Alta. Kate went on to explain that the estimated cost for the County to manage the Town of Alta's election(s) is \$2,500.

Kate explained that the County performs all the normal functions and tasks associated with the operation of the Town's primary and general elections except for the early voting which Piper and Kate will conduct in the Town Office on the appropriate dates. Kate also mentioned that the Town Council will act as the canvassing board once the results are given to the Town by the County. Voter registration will also be done by the Salt Lake County – Election Division.

Katie Lewis indicated that legal counsel has reviewed this agreement.

**There was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Alta and the Salt Lake County – Election Division to manage the Town's primary and general municipal elections. There was a second by Harris Sondak and the motion was carried.**

9. The Vision Statement and the Amendments to the Town Center Commercial Element portions of the 2005 General Plan.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Town Council has held numerous work sessions, public hearings and has reviewed drafts and re-drafts of both the Vision Statement and the amendments to the commercial element of the 2005 General Plan. The Mayor opined that the documents before the Council today have been well thought out and are concise.

The Mayor referred to policy statement #5 as it relates to employee housing. The Mayor pointed out that for any kind of increase in a hotel in the commercial core of the Town, the Town ordinance mandates that the hotel has to provide more employee housing.

Katie Lewis reminded the Council that the only requirement with the General Plan is that the ordinances have to essentially reflect the intention of the General Plan. If the General Plan says that employee housing is encouraged, then the ordinances can mandate them or they can, for example, provide incentives.

Claire pointed out that the Council had requested that the time frames be taken out of the action items of the commercial element document and asked if that was the general consensus of the Council at this time.

Harris felt that the time frames should be taken out unless they are serving a purpose.

Claire also pointed out that there was a change in the Vision Statement in the first sentence where it was pointed out that "Historically, in the late 1800's," was redundant. The Council agreed to leave both of those statements in the Vision Statement.

Onno asked if the Mayor could review the process that was undertaken with both of these documents. Is the Council accepting any further public comments?

The Mayor explained that the Planning Commission reviewed both these documents at length, and went through the public hearing process. They then voted on their final recommendations and which were referred to the Town Council. The Council went through a similar process and incorporated significant changes to the language based on public comments and comments from the Town Council.

The Mayor reminded everyone that the General Plan is a guiding document not a regulatory document.

**Hearing no further comments on this matter there was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve both the final draft of the Town Vision Statement, amendments to the Town Center Commercial Core portions of the 2005 General Plan and the accompanying maps. There was a second by Cliff. The vote was unanimous and the motion was carried.**

10. Closed door meeting to discuss litigation matters.

The Mayor felt there was no need to hold a closed door meeting today. None was held.

11. New Business and Citizen Input

The Mayor reminded everyone to come to the podium to speak and to limit their comments to five (5) minutes. All handouts are to be given to staff to distribute to the Council.

One of the items in new business was to try and get local public officials to attend and speak at the Town Council meetings. Today the Council heard from Mayor Ben McAdams from Salt Lake County.

Harris asked Mike Morey how drivers or citizens' best can respond to "problematic drivers and driving situation" in the canyon. Who do they call or contact about these situations. Mike recommended that the best way to handle a situation is to get a hold of the UPD dispatch (801-743-7000) or call 911.

Mark Haik commented that the Division of Oil Gas and Mining has identified the Columbus Rexall mine as hazardous place and their report of that site says that this audit site was reclaimed, possibility by the city of Alta, and a culvert installed at the audit entrance. Mr. Haik went on to refer to the meeting that Ms. Runge reported on where there was a natural waterway that came down an overwhelmed the entrance to this mine. There is a proposal to divert and separate the water coming out of the mine from the water coming down from above. Mr. Haik asked if the mine entrance itself is indeed in or outside the bounds of the Town of Alta. He urged the Council to ask Ms. Black to review her files to see what she can disclose about the Town's previous activity in this matter and determine whether the mine entrance is in or out of the Town of Alta. Mr. Haik wanted to remind the Town that these types of sites can become hazardous waste sites or can get on the national priority list where they attract greater attention.

Tracy Kirkham referred to the Keep It Pure signs that the Alta Ski Lifts had generously stored

over the winter and asked if they anticipate being able to put them back up this spring. Onno confirmed that the Ski Lift Company would continue with that practice.

Tracy encouraged everyone in Alta to see the movie “Crash Reel”.

Bob Bonar from Snowbird read into the record the following statement:

“As a long time canyon worker and resident I am a little bit surprised to see a proposal for change and growth in the Town of Alta. It is a bit shocking after all these years. As a canyon resident for a long time I want you to know I am supportive of this change as I believe it is necessary and good for the businesses in the Town of Alta and for our community. I believe that this expansion can be accomplished in a watershed friendly way and not overdevelop the canyon. I have tremendous respect for everybody in the room here. For all these years I think everybody’s heart has been in the right place and it is so important to all of us and we all love this canyon and I think those have been two of our goals: to protect our precious watershed and not over develop the canyon.

So I think it is a good thing and I think we can do it in the right way using best management practices as you always do up here and hook up new developments to the sewer line. I believe these things can move forward and not have a negative impact. I also believe that what is fair for one is fair for all. Other private property owners deserve fair and equal treatment if now additional development within the Town of Alta seems desirable to you. I know Grit and Steve Young: they are good friends of mine. They have rights as private property owners also. Brit bought a lot up at Alta when he was a ski instructor for the Alta Ski Lift company many years ago even before I was on the Alta Ski Patrol and that was a long time ago. Bill Hoge bought a lot in 1964 when he was a kid. For the past forty years he has spent his life being a valuable member of our community as a pharmacist serving us all. He is a great guy with rights in our community too. I knew the Shontzs and worked with them on several Nature Conservancy projects and they deserve fair and equal treatment as well. My point is that if the Town of Alta is considering expansion, what is fair for one should be fair for all. In the future business category I encourage the Town of Alta to seek compromise. It seems a little one sided that it is OK for all existing businesses that it may be self-serving to expand their businesses without considering the rights of these other folks. I like the word compromise and life is short and I encourage you to consider it.”

Creighton Hart wished ACE happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Creighton commented that as the Town moves ahead with trying to increase the tax revenues, that somehow the Town should find a way to sell rooms and food during the Tour of Utah bike race.

Jen Clancy, from the Friends of Alta, commented that this is a busy time of year in the canyon for all the non-profits. She updated the Council on all the upcoming events. ACE is sponsoring the annual Snowflake Festival which will be held from March 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. Numerous events will be held during this period ending with the Chili Cook Off.

The “Love Utah Give Utah” event will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be rescue dog events both at Alta and Snowbird during this time and Air Med and Life Flight will also be present. Jen

named the non-profits in the canyon that will benefit from donations during this campaign. Tents will be set up where people can make donations to these organizations. This is a state wide event with over 400 non-profits participating.

The Alta Gala will take place on April 5th and Jen reminded everyone that ticket prices will go up next week. The Gala is celebrating Alta's 75<sup>th</sup> and the Stellar award will be given to Connie Marshall this year.

Jen invited all members of the Town Council to the Friends of Alta annual public meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at OLS.

Tracy Kirkham commented on a great article about Bruce Remington's family in a local newspaper.

Roger Bourke opined that the recent court decisions are pretty important and asked if the Town could provide a link to those decisions on its web site. The Town will look into that matter.

Mark Haik provided the Council with a handout which is attached to the minutes. Mr. Haik commented that at the last meeting Councilman Moxley queried him as to why he thought Mr. Kapaloski had a conflict of interest serving as both Town counsel and Alta Planning Commission member. The handout was an excerpt from Mr. Kapaloski's deposition in the Shrontz case and Mr. Haik read part of that deposition. In Mr. Haik opinion Mr. Kapaloski has a conflict and that his recusal was not public and should be made a matter of public record in the Planning Commission meeting minutes; he should recused himself. Mr. Haik went on to opine that the Mayor should apprise himself of what the conflict is and why Mr. Kapaloski recused himself.

Onno Wieringa commented on the following matters:

1. The WWLP meeting has been cancelled.
2. The Alta Ski Lift Company has received documents from the State Water Engineer saying that Dr. Kevin Tolton has received an exploratory water drilling permit that is good through the end of the summer. It is for his property in Albion Basin.
3. As it relates to the two lawsuits going on, Onno commented that one of his employees came back from Snow Basin Ski Resort and reported that they had asked a woman why she was not skiing in Alta. This person commented that she has a feeling that there are always fights going and lawsuits and battles. This gives her a bad vibe.
4. Onno reported that Guy Jordan was present at this meeting and opined that Mr. Jordan has been cast as a "bad guy" in Town. Mr. Wieringa opined that this was America. Guy saw something he did not like in the voter registration and he thought it needed to be looked at. Mr. Jordan then took it thought he process. Onno continued by opining that whether you like it or you don't like it, he went through the public process and Onno does not think Mr. Jordan should be chastised for that.
5. Onno noted that Alta, as part of the mountain collective pass program, has expanded this pass to include Snowbird, Mammoth and Whistler/Blackcomb.

6. Onno commented on a time capsule story that he had heard from some friends that were visiting from Montana.
7. Onno opined about the situation that occurred in the canyon on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. In his opinion there were a lot of factors that made this situation problematic. He knows that Mike Morey and the UDOT guys are working hard to come up with some short and long term remedies but people should not wish this away. Saturday powder skiing is an event and a lot people came to the canyon that day. Onno knows it took the public a long time to exit the canyon and knows there are a lot of hazards on the road. Onno asked everyone to be constructive in your thoughts.
8. Onno opined that if there is anything missing in the introduction and the amendments to the commercial core that the Council just approved it's that Snowbird is a huge part of what goes on in the canyon: they are not included in the history.
9. Onno reminded everyone that it is Alta's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and when this canyon made the transformation from a mining town to a ski town a lot of the private land at that time was gathered together and donated to the U.S. Forest Service. They became partners in providing recreation to the public. There were a few outlying land areas that the Forest Service did not acquire and the private land in Albion Basin, the Shrontz property and other private land above the Town are some of those areas. The lodges were also located on Forest Service land until a land trade took place a short while ago. Onno commented that as the Town considers the commercial core area of Town it should also consider how they want to address the private property owners in the Town. The Town should work with all the parties to figure out where private properties fit into Alta picture. In Onno's opinion, if the Town of Alta decides that Bill Hoge should not build a house in Albion Basin, maybe they should consider buying Mr. Hoge out or get him another piece of property if they want to protect Albion Basin. The Town should not let a "Judge" decide what happens in this community and believes that if we come together as community we could better results.

Bill Hoge stated that he bought his property when he was 17 years old. Mr. Hoge commented on the changes to the base facilities zone by opining that he is outraged at the proposal to increase coverage to 75% for the existing hotels. Mr. Hoge went on to opine that he's happy to see that the Council is starting to think about including the GMD and possibly the Peruvian in that proposal and is not against the increase. However, Mr. Hoge opined that he continues to be outraged that the Town continues to deny him but at the same time the Town can go ahead and approve what he perceives as a self-serving zoning changes for employees for the hotels: the Mayor and Mr. Curry.

Mr. Curry clarified that this process to date has been a Planning Commission process.

Roger Bourke asked if there was anything that residents could do to help in these situations like the one Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> other than stay off the road. Mike Morey assumed that Roger was well dialed into the information services available that the Town and the County offer. Mike asked that the residents and employees keep that alive by informing everyone they see and talk to that they should subscribe to that service. When the Town can communicate real time

information with the motoring public, it benefits everyone.

Onno commented on the fiber optics coming up the road and the UDOT's smart road concept in the canyon and encouraged everyone to be supportive of these projects.

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

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

/s/ Katherine S.W. Black, Town Clerk