

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
JULY 8, 2010
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order. The following members of the Town council were present: Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley and Dave Richards. Steve Gilman and Cliff Curry were excused.

The Mayor announced the passing of Tom Whipple last week. Tom was a long time member of this community and had been with the Alta Ski Lift Company for over 20 years. The Mayor passed on his condolences to his wife Becky and son Matt. He will be missed by all. A memorial service will be held at the Albion Grill this evening.

The dust retardant for the summer road will be laid on Friday, July 9th and the summer road will open on Sunday, July 11, 2010. The Albion Basin free shuttle starts the following weekend.

On June 22 the annual Little Cottonwood Clean Up day was held. It was very successful, with over 200 people participating in the event.

Utah Office of Tourism grant has been submitted to the State of Utah.

The Town has hired Karen Wikstrom to conduct an analysis of the effectiveness of the Alta Visitors Bureau. It will be an amendment to her original study that was finished in 2003. She would like to get together with members of the community during the last week in July or the first week in August.

On July 22nd at 9:00 AM the motion to dismiss the Shrontz suit will be heard in front Judge Kennedy. Paul explained that Salt Lake City filed a motion to dismiss and the Town of Alta joined in that motion. Paul opined on the probability of this motion being granted. If the Judge does rule to dismiss, Paul opined that the Shrontz estate will probably appeal that decision.

The Mayor reported that we are continuing to working with all parties as it relates to the proposed wilderness legislation. Proposed new language has been worked into the proposed legislation and the Town is working on language to address some of the Town of Alta's concerns.

2. Departmental Reports

Claire Runge updated the Council on the Solar Array Project. She explained that the Town has done due diligence on trying to find the best way to go about putting up a solar panel near or on the Town's special use permit area surrounding our buildings. After

Careful consideration, Claire is now recommending that the Town return the grant funds to Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) and look at doing something a bit more reasonable. For the amount of power the panel would produce, Claire opined that it is not worth it. Claire did work with solar panel contractors over the course of the last two years and did come up with some interesting ideas and locations for the panel. As a result of this review and to locate this panel on Forest Service land, the Town would have to go through the NEPA process and obtain a permit. The Town would also have to address the fact that the panel would probably be located in an avalanche path which is very problematic. This would not be the first time that funds were returned to Rocky Mountain Power on projects like this. Claire has come up with ideas for a smaller project such as a solar panel to run the street light and RMP would be open for another application for such a project. The Council agreed with Claire's recommendation.

Claire reported that she attended a sprayer's workshop for the Spruce Bark Beetle situation in the canyons. Ultimately it is up to the private property owner to determine how they would like to handle this situation on their property. Claire is available with information or referrals on this matter. The Town does not own any land and therefore will not be spraying any trees.

Dave Richards asked if a private property owner could call the Town to get the information on a spraying and hire that company to spray their trees. Claire said that before a sprayer sprays a tree(s) in Little Cottonwood Canyon, they need to obtain permit from Salt Lake City Watershed Department. Dave asked if we know of a sprayer that has been issued that permit so we in turn can give that name to a private property owner. . Claire mentioned that there is a company that has a contract to spray trees on the Forest Service land that has a permit from Salt Lake City. That company will be spraying trees on the Alta Ski Lift Special Use permit areas. The name of the company is Tiger Trees. Claire also has a list of other companies that are registered arborists with the State of Utah. The price for spraying a tree depends on the size of the tree and whether they need to do pruning before they spray.

Alta Marshal's Report: Mike Morey read his monthly report which is attached to the minutes.

The Albion Basin summer road is scheduled to open on Sunday, July 11th and Mike reminded everyone that the speed limit on the road is 15 mph.

Mike asked everyone to keep an eye open for wild fires. He also mentioned that there have been signs of a mountain lion in the Supreme area.

3. Citizen Input

Roger Bourke appreciates the Town keeping the road closed so late this year. It is so nice to see families hiking and biking the road without any interference from cars. Roger also has seen three bull moose near his home on the Albion Basin road.

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

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Katherine S.W. Black
Town Clerk