

ATKINSON PLANNING BOARD  
Atkinson, New Hampshire  
Workshop Meeting  
Wednesday March 6, 2013

**Present:** Sue Killam, Chairman; Regular Members: Tim Dziechowski, Mike Turell, John Wolters, Alternates: Scott Simmons, Harold Morse

Ms. Killam called the meeting to order at: 7:52 p.m.

**Minutes**

**Minutes of February 20, 2013**

**Scott made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor with Harold abstaining**

**Correspondence**

Incoming - none  
Outgoing - none

**Discussion**

Harold asked what MS-4 permitting was. Julie explained that there are 6 criteria that the town must follow for sewerage water, drainage, water run-off and that there is a 5 year Federal compliance. Tim stated that there were new regulations and the Board discussed 5 acre cut-off, impervious surfaces and water flow. Julie mentioned that in July that there would be forms to fill-out about testing requirements and that the Town would test lees often and are less stringent. The Board discussed East Kingston and that they have a small area for testing and that all of Atkinson is responsible for the storm water criteria. Julie has paperwork that she use as a model for Atkinson. Discussion on the Community Survey and how to use it for the Future Land Use chapter. Julie would like to write a narrative on the social community and cultural aspects of Atkinson.

Julie reviewed with the Board the results of the survey and how she with the help from Scoot broke the survey in to a Summary of High Priority Actions items. The survey shows that the Town should continue with cluster housing. The Community likes the rural feel and how quiet and safe Atkinson is. The Board review the High Priority list and how they were broken down into subcategories like Environmental/Natural Resources, Municipal Service/Facilities, Land Use and Zoning (Growth& Population or regulatory. The Town's people want conserve land and open space. They want the rural feel and character. Roadside buffers and single families houses are a high priority as well. Julie reiterated that the responses would really help the Future Land use chapter. Julie stated that she wanted to re-read the chapter and update it in the three main topics; social, community and cultural. The Board discussed the previous chapter and that the Board has kept true to the wishes of the community. The survey shows that they like the town to continue land conservation, road side buffers, single family houses, water quality, alternative energy sources. The Survey likes how the Town maintains the roads, lake protection, wetlands. The Board discussed road side buffers and the natural water aquifers in the town.

Julie feels that the Future Land Use chapter from 15 years ago is very similar in the requirements of the community as it is now.. The Board discussed putting a build-out map. The discussion revolved around slope, wetlands and type of topography of the Town. Discussion on what the Town has accomplished in regards to the Town structures, and most importantly the Scenic By Way. The Board also discussed put in about the endangered turtles known as Blansling Turtles. There was also discussion that wetlands need to have and archeologist review for building.

The survey shows that the community wants lower property taxes. The Board discussed statistics and enrollment in schools and the budget costs. The Board discussed the increased cost of road maintenance in the past 20 years and that it is due to more roads being built.

The Board discussed the neutral response portion of the survey which encompasses tourism, trails for horseback riding, cross-country skiing. The Board discussed the cost of maintaining as well as the ADA compliance and at least a portion should be needs to be compliant. Discussion evolved into a town beach and the Board discussed that it would have to be an impounded beach. Harold would like to see a town beach.

The Board discussed water supply - private and public. The Board feels that a mention in the chapter on the water issues of the Dioxane that has been found in the different wells around town. Discussion on well waters and ground fractures. It was mentioned that nothing binds to Dioxane and that is the problem with it. The Board also discussed that the DES is putting Atkinson on the top of the State list to try and fix it. Sue stated that the levels are sporadic and that this is due to ground water and how it follows lineaments and stream beds. Levels vary in range from 1.5 to 3.0.

The Board discussed the emergency preparations and that the town has a FEMA representative. Tim mentioned that there is a Bill to make unused variances expire in 2 years just like Massachusetts. The Board discussed the redevelopment of the older apartments in town.

Julie mentioned about re-zoning the zoning lines and that there are grants available for this. She will bring the Board the information. This had the Board discuss zoning and trails.

The Board discussed that a footnote (ancillary) in the Permitted Use chart regarding Accessory Building uses in the Commercial/Industrial sites. Discussion on the definition of Accessory Building in a residential and in a C/I zone.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harold seconded the motion and the Board voted in favor to adjourn.

The Planning Board meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patty Power