

Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2009

Call to Order

At 7:30pm on Monday, February 9, 2009 Chairman Sullivan called the Regular Meeting to order in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

Chairman Sullivan
Fred Childs
Bill Friel

Approval of Minutes

Approval of January 13, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Childs made a motion to accept the minutes of January 13th as presented, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Approval of February 2, 2009 Regular Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Childs made a motion to accept the minutes of February 2nd as presented, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Assessing Items

Veterans' Tax Credit

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the Veterans' Tax Credits for Map 9, Lot 81 and Map 18, Lot 16 both in the amount of \$250.00, seconded by Mr. Childs, so moved.

The Board signed off.

Award Bids:

Cleaning -The Board approved the bid from Jani-King of Boston of \$17,616.

Mr. Childs made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Friel, so moved.

Road Striping

The Board had questions as to why Mr. Stewart had rejected the low number. The Board is to get more information from Mr. Stewart.

Department Heads

Fire Department

Chief Murphy gave information to Chairman Sullivan regarding the formal letter to terminate the contract, effective February 19, 2009. Letter has been reviewed by Sumner Kalman.

Agreement to Occupy Dwelling

Chairman Sullivan stated the rescue company is to occupy fire station as base, this will be an advantage to the town as 60% of the time personnel will be there for our calls. Rescue has medical board. We have at least 8 EMT intermediates and 10-12 EMT basics. Having a medic and EMT is a great situation for town. Change in Ambulance service, now with Trinity. Contract is basically the same, only change is occupancy areas are more restricted. Passed through Mr. Kalman and Primex. Board agrees and signed.

Mr. Childs made a motion to accept agreement to occupy dwelling as submitted, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Maintenance - Dave Weymouth

Prices needed from Mr. Weymouth for heat tape. Mr. Weymouth was not present at the meeting.

Recreation

Patti Mangini appeared before the Board. She stated there was a change in date for when the bids are due, it is now Monday, February 23, 2009 @ 2pm. Ms. Mangini stated they have had four people pick up the bid packages.

Mr. Friel made a motion to approve total cost of \$15,000 seconded by Mr. Childs, carried unanimously.

4 Town Valentine's Dinner Dance @ Vic Geary Center has been cancelled. The Community Center will be holding a Valentine's Social on Friday, February 13th at 7pm - \$5 per ticket, dance and appetizers. The 4 towns plan to hold a dance in June.

Power Pot Luck is scheduled for Friday, February 20th @ 6pm. Residents are asked to bring a dish to thank the volunteers of the ice storm.

February 19th is the Mohegan Sun trip. The cost is \$20 and they will be leaving from the Community Center.

Highway Department

Ted Stewart appeared before the Board to discuss the Road Striping bids. He stated he recommended the Hi-Way Safety Systems bid.

Mr. Childs made a motion to accept the bid for line striping from Hi-Way Safety Systems for the amount of \$4,514, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart stated he would like to re-advertise for lawn care and tree removal.

Mr. Friel drafted a policy for resident salt and sand. The policy includes 1) Only sand may be taken. 2) No salt is to be taken. 3) Must be a resident of the Town of Atkinson. 4) No contractors allowed. 5) No contractor is allowed to pick up sand for residents. 6) Use the pile of sand located next to the salt/sand shed posted "Resident Sand". 7) No one is allowed to enter the sand and salt storage building. 8) Straight salt is not given out. Only the sand/salt mix in the resident sand pile is available to residents. 9) Maximum amount a resident is allowed to take is two five gallon buckets per storm or winter event. 10) The purpose of the resident sand program is for residents to come to the DPW facility and fill up their own buckets with sand and not to take truckloads home with them or send their landscaper to pick it up for them. 11) Residents are to give way to all town vehicles while obtaining sand. 12) Please do not enter the Highway Department yard to pick up sand during snow emergencies due to heavy equipment in use and the frequency of snow plows coming and going. Being in this area during a snow operation is a dangerous situation for private vehicles and residents. 13) The Town is not responsible for damaged caused by using any mix obtained. 14) Please be advised that by obtaining these materials you do so at your risk and acknowledge and accept that the Town of Atkinson will not be held responsible for any damage to vehicles, damage to personal property or personal injury incurred.

Mr. Stewart asked how this will be policed. Mr. Childs state he is hoping people will obey the signs. Sign to be made up. Mr. Stewart stated the salt/sand mix will be to the right of the sand pile, there will be enough salt mixed in so the sand does not freeze.

Mr. Childs made a motion to accept the resident salt and sand policy as read, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Information regarding policy to be put on the web site and local TV station.

Mr. Childs requested a sign made up for the dump.

Mr. Stewart gave the Board the letter from Pro-Bark. If fuel prices spike they may add on a charge. Mr. Stewart stated he called DES to change policy to allow up to 2 foot diameter under present permit that is fine as long as it is posted for chips only and not be burned. Mr. Stewart would like to get in writing that they will come in five times per year or a commitment until July. Pro-Bark will chip and haul to energy plant. The company needs 500 yards of chips. Mr. Stewart wants the Fire Chief and DES on board with this plan. Chairman Sullivan asked if we can have one or two specific clean up days for the town. Mr. Stewart stated they are open 2 ½ days per week, can't make it any more specific of when they bring the brush in. Mr. Stewart also asked if the fact that the dump is closed be posted on Channel 20. Mr. Stewart asked the Board to reconsider the dump being closed, no motion at this time.

Old Business

Maple Heights Realty, LLC-Letter of Credit

Agreed on by developer and bank. All the improvement to be completed 45 days prior to January 31, 2011 then the letter of credit will be called without further action. The amount is \$380,000.

Mr. Childs made a motion to accept the irrevocable stand by Letter of Credit issued February 9th with expiration date of January 31 to the applicant of Maple Heights Realty LLC, seconded by Mr. Friel for discussion.

Mr. Friel had a question about the Separate bond for \$2,000 for winter maintenance. Sumner Kalman has signed off. Chairman Sullivan stated the Letter of Credit is called without further action.

Mr. Childs rescinded first motion.

Accept the Letter of Credit for \$380,000 issued February 9, 2009 to Maple Heights Realty LLC on the condition we receive the bond or another letter of credit for \$2,000 for the road maintenance recommended by our engineer, Stantec, seconded by Mr. Friel as amended.

Deliberative Session

Chairman Sullivan expressed his appreciation for all the input and stated everyone was very professional. He stated he would like to see more people attend and get involved. Chairman Sullivan stated there were 14 people from Atkinson at the Timberlane Deliberative Session.

Administrative Abatement

Overpayment of taxes by \$89 and requesting a rebate plus interest.

Mr. Childs made a motion to grant administrative abatement for \$89 plus interest for Map 10, Lot 7-1A, seconded by Mr. Friel.

Mr. Childs stated the interest the town charges is 12% he is not sure what the % is to pay back.

Tax Collector Supplemental Property Tax Warrant

Board to find out more information regarding this warrant. Letter from DRA concerning evaluation and assessing of Hampstead Water. Change in value allocated for the town. Value went from \$5,294,512 to 5,355,597. Tax warrant will be for \$2,199. Informing us this may affect utility values.

Taken under advisement, the Board to reviewed.

Future Agenda

02/16/09 - Monday Town Hall will be closed for President's Day

02/17/09 - Energy Efficiency Workshop with Michele Veasy

02/11/09 - Public Health Emergency Planning Meeting in Derry, Bob Jones to attend presentation.

03/03/09 - Town Report due out. Report to be mailed out.

03/10/09 - Election day

03/17/09 - Last day for recount petition

03/20/09 - Last day to remove political signs

Mr. Childs made a motion to adjourn at 8:36pm, seconded by Mr. Friel, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. LeBlanc

Paul A. Sullivan, Chairman

Fred J. Childs, Jr.

William G. Friel

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