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Town of Atkinson

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2009

At 7:34pm on Monday, March 9, 2009 Chairman Sullivan called the Regular Meeting to order in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

Chairman Paul Sullivan
Fred Childs
Bill Friel

The Board of Selectmen made a presentation to Mr. Buzz Durkin. Mr. Durkin is the owner, founder, and head master of the Buzz Durkin Karate School. He is an outstanding citizen and his school has over 300 students and graduated over 700 black belts in the past three years. Mr. Durkin received his 9th degree black belt (only 3 others in North America hold this achievement) and the Board of Selectmen recognized this outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to Mr. Durkin.

Mr. Childs and Mr. Friel presented Chairman Sullivan with a framed gavel as it is his last night as Selectman. They wished him luck in whatever he chooses to do.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of March 2, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Board reviewed the minutes.

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

Assessing Items

Map 13, Lot 6 - Meditation Lane

Mr. Childs made a motion to recommend Map 13/Lot 6 (\$15,000) Blind Exemption as submitted, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Map 19, Lot 7 - 79 East Road

Mr. Childs made a motion to recommend Map19/Lot 7 Veterans' Tax Credit (\$250) as submitted, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Award Bid

Brush Removal

The Board of Selectmen have received the bids but are not ready to make a decision at this time.

Department Heads

Maintenance

Dave Weymouth appeared before the Board of Selectmen to discuss icing issues. Mr. Weymouth is requesting funds for heat tape for the Town Hall. He states it is the safest and most economical way to remove ice. The cost of the heat tape is \$675 and would come from the 2009 General Maintenance Fund. Mr. Childs stated he is not in favor of the heat tape installation, the Highway Department should keep the walkway clear. Mr. Friel recommended waiting and discuss re-roofing in the future. Mr. Weymouth also discussed the Police Station which has the same issues. Discussion of permanent repair to prevent ice build-up. Mr. Weymouth had no recommendation for the Police Station at this time.

Police Department

Lt. Baldwin appeared before the Board of Selectmen. He stated election day is tomorrow (3/10) and the Community Center will have officers posted in the parking lot to direct the traffic. Lt. Baldwin also discussed the recent vandalism in town. He asked that residents call the police if they see anything suspicious and states the public can assist and it would be greatly appreciated.

Old Business

Board of Adjustment

Application for Committee Appointment received from Glenn Saba.

Mr. Friel made a motion to appoint Glenn Saba as alternate to ZBA, seconded by Mr. Childs.

Library change order

Discussion of work in question is the drain to shed. Memorandum of Understanding discussed. \$5,800 change order. Possibility of Fresh Water Farms doing the work. There is money in budget to cover cost. Discussion of holding the check and Mr. Friel to talk to Bauen and get cost.

There should be a separate change order for swale work. Water has to be re-hooked to cemetery. Mr. Friel to contact Jeff Parks at Bauen Corp.

Mr. Friel made a motion to approve the change order for \$5,808 which excludes swale in the cemetery as change order 2 to the library contract, seconded by Mr. Childs.

***Mr. Friel modified the motion subject to the agreement that the water pipe will be repaired, seconded by Mr. Childs.**

May Brush Clean up Approval

No decision made at this time.

Right-To-Know Fees

General discussion of policy. Fee schedule - Paper Copies: 50¢ per page; Electronic Copies: \$1.00 per disk; Blueprints: Actual cost; Redaction: \$1.00 per page; DVD copies :\$15.83 per copy; Postage: Actual cost; Other types of mailing: Actual cost; Research: \$15.00 per hour. Right-To-Know Request form developed. Mr. Friel to give a copy to Barbara Snicer to publish and post. Date adopted March 9, 2009.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the Right-To-Know Policy and the Right-To-Know request form as presented Right-To-Know Fee Schedule, seconded by Mr. Childs.

Street numbering

Citizen request to renumber street. Director of E911 to attend the meeting.

Mr. Friel made a motion to hold the public hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 7pm at the Town Hall, seconded by Mr. Childs.

Chairman Sullivan stated he received a card from Ellen and Jonathan DeRosa thanking the Board of Selectmen and the town for their love and support during a difficult time.

Energy Efficiency Meeting

Waiting for date from Michele Veasey.

New Business

ZBA Application Fees

Discussion of the cost of publishing Legal Notices, the fee for the past 20 years has been \$25.00, the actual cost to the Town is \$92.58.

Mr. Friel made a motion to raise the fee to \$92.58 for the Zoning Board application fee, seconded by Mr. Childs, carried unanimously.

Discussion of election day (March 10, 2009). Polls will be open 7:30am to 8pm. Public is encouraged to vote. Light towers will be set up.

The Board of Selectmen were notified by Rose Cavalear of a Right-To-Know workshop to be held March 19th in Nashua.

Note from National Flood Insurance Program that Atkinson has been approved into the National Flood Insurance Program. To be posted on the website. All residents eligible to purchase NFIP flood insurance policies.

Chairman Sullivan to contact the Health Office regarding a health notice.

Letter regarding water on Stonewall Terrace, Mr. Childs to give letter to Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Boyle appeared before the Board to congratulate Chairman Sullivan at the end of his term and wish him luck.

Chairman Sullivan thanked the Selectmen for working together and stated it has been a rewarding experience. He also thanked residents, the employees, and volunteers. Mr. Friel and Mr. Childs thanked Chairman Sullivan and stated it has been a pleasure serving with him. Mr. Childs wished good luck to all the candidates.

Mr. Childs made a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm, 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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