

Town of Atkinson

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 16, 2009

Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Chairman Fred Childs
Bill Friel
Bill Bennett

The Members of the Board of Selectmen voted Mr. Childs in as Chairman.
Mr. Bennett was welcomed as the newest Selectman by Chairman Childs and Mr. Friel.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of October 27, 2008 Regular Meeting
The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 27th as presented, seconded by Chairman Childs. Mr. Bennett abstained from the vote. 2/0/1.

Approval of March 9, 2009 Regular Meeting
The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 9th as presented, seconded by Chairman Childs. Mr. Bennett abstained from the vote. 2/0/1

Assessing Items

Administrative Abatement

Hampstead Area Water Company for \$2,126.54. Original assessment was \$2,547,367. New assessed value is \$1,750,393. BTLA decided the property was not worth as much.

Mr. Friel made a motion to approve the abatement for Hampstead Water Company in the amount of \$2,126.54, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Map 3/Lot 101 Veteran's Tax Credit

Chairman Childs made a motion to accept the Veteran's Tax Credit, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

If any resident thinks they qualify for the Veteran's Tax Credit they can fill out an application with Barbara Snicer in the Selectmen's Office. The Veteran's Tax Credit is currently \$500.

Award Bids:

East Road Recreation Area

Mr. Friel stated the Board of Selectmen met with Coleman McDonough last week and he is to get back to the Board with a break-down of the quote and schedule. Mr. McDonough to meet with the engineer directly. On hold until more information is provided.

Department Heads

Tax Collector, Debra DeSimone

Mrs. DeSimone appeared before the Board of Selectmen to thank the Atkinson residents for electing her as Tax Collector. She stated

she is honored to serve the town. Mrs. DeSimone congratulated all the candidates that won their respective races and welcomed them aboard. Mrs. DeSimone reminded the residents they can contact her at the Tax Office (362-5357) during regular office hours and may contact her at home (362-4314) with tax or legislative questions. Tax questions may also be e-mailed to ddesimone@atkinson-nh.gov. Legislative e-mail address can be found at nh.state.us. The Board of Selectmen thanked Mrs. DeSimone.

Chairman Childs announced that Timberlane Regional School hockey team won their first State Championship. Congratulations to the team.

Elderly Affairs, Phil Consentino

Mr. Consentino welcomed Mr. Bennett and also wished Chairman Childs a Happy Birthday. Mr. Consentino also wished Happy Birthday to Mr. & Mrs. Morelli. Mr. Consentino thanked the residents for their vote of confidence during voting. Article 32 requesting the Police Department command structure remain with a part time chief overwhelmingly passed with 1,146 voting yes and 261 voting no.

Police Department, Phil Consentino

Replacement of Cruiser

Replacement cruiser from Irwin Ford in Laconia - Cost: \$24,619 for 2009 Crown Victoria. There is currently \$23,600 in the outside detail account. If there is a short fall the balance will come from the Atkinson Police Charitable Trust. No cost to the town. Trading in 2003 Ford with 140,000 miles -Car #58. Car #49, with 95,000 miles will move over to Elderly Affairs. Mr. Friel looked up the warrant article which states "public auction or trade". Dealership will match state bid. Cost to re-letter car is \$550. Adamson's of Haverhill will take equipment from one vehicle to another. Mr. Consentino to notify the Board of Selectmen of the trade-in amount. **Chairman Childs made a motion to order vehicle for \$24,619, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.**

Application for Elderly Affairs position for Salvatore Novello. This position is in addition to Mr. Anderson's position.

Mr. Friel made a motion to authorize the chief to hire Salvatore Novello as a new Elderly Affairs driver at \$10.25/hr., seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Old Business

New Library

Bauen check and change order #2. Mr. Friel stated that Bauen completed work and we should release the check. Swale was not a part of proposal. There is money in the library budget. The Board of Selectmen to direct the Road Agent to get pricing for the swale.

Mr. Friel made a motion to release the check to Bauen for \$5,800, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

May Yard Clean-up Approval

Ted Stewart appeared before the Board of Selectmen, he stated the town received seven proposals for the clean-up. Mr. Stewart is recommending Tamerak Tree Service which is a grapple truck with a two man crew. Cost for two weeks would be \$16,000 plus flaggers \$4,640 = \$20,640. Mr. Stewart states it would be difficult to calculate how much work they can do in two weeks. General discussion of what cost FEMA will cover. Mr. Stewart also discussed issues with condo associations and people who do not have the capability to get brush to the roadside. Chairman Childs states there is not enough money in the budget to clean up the whole town and FEMA has not paid the town any money from December ice storm. Mr. Friel estimates it will cost \$50,000 to \$75,000 to complete the clean-up. It was decided that the brush dump will re-open this Saturday (March 21st). Mr. Bennett would like to take issue under advisement for another week. Mr. Stewart to get more information on a schedule from the state of roads they will clean up. Mr. Stewart discussed helping people that cannot afford to pay for yard clean-up or handicapped individuals that need assistance. Possibility of applying to FEMA for residents that qualify. Discussion of volunteers to help with clean-up.

Mr. Friel made a motion to re-open the dump on March 21st in accordance with the normal schedule, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Mr. Stewart stated the Highway Department has lost two laborers since January. He is requesting more part-time help to fill those slots. In December, 2008 Mr. Stewart advertised and would like to use that pool of applicants. The Board agreed that Mr. Stewart can use those applicants.

Discussion of Town Hall being shoveled during snow storms, Mr. Stewart agreed to have more timely service with positions filled. The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Stewart.

Energy Efficiency Meeting

Mr. Friel to get in touch with Michele Veasey and State Representative Garrity to discuss a meeting date.

Right-To-Know Policy

Mr. Friel stated he met with a resident who had issues with the policy. Dave Williams appeared before the Board of Selectmen to

discuss the time and cost involved in copying a broadcast. Data needs to be verified which could take an hour, this would include 10-15 minutes of staff time and the rest machine time. Archived tapes to DVD are done in real time. The deliberative session next year will be tape-less, this year the session was on tape back up. As of August 2008 everything is archived to DVD. Dual layer disk is used when event is over six hours. Actual time for dual layer disk is 3-5 hours of staff time and 15-20 hours of time for software encoding. All Board of Selectmen meeting are archived, meetings of significance, anything involving legal proceedings. \$15 per DVD and if it takes extra time then \$15 per hour. Chairman Childs states the rates set are fine. Mr. Williams stated the actual DVD's cost is 65¢ and 10¢ for the case, then the staff time. Plan to keep fee at \$15 per DVD. The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Williams.

New Business

AARP Tax Preparation Service at the Vic Geary Senior Center

Every Wednesday from 9am-1pm from February 4th - April 15th

Every other Monday from 9am-1pm from February 9th - April 15th

This is a free service to help with tax preparation.

Call Joyce at 382-9276 to make an appointment.

Area Selectmen's Meeting

Thursday, April 2nd at Plaistow Town Hall, 7pm. Chairman Childs, Mr. Friel and Mr. Bennett are planning to attend the meeting. Agenda items can be submitted.

Authorize Server Rack

Steve Jussif recommends the Dell Server Rack, he had 3 price quotes. The server is for the Town Hall. Mr. Friel suggested that Mr. Bennett meet with Todd Barbera for a run-down of technology package. The price for the rack is \$1,832.

Mr. Friel made a motion to approve the purchase of the Dell server rack for \$1,832 and authorize \$425-\$680 to transfer the server, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Discussion of the extra expense of \$250. Mr. Bennett stated the money would be for any extra equipment needed for the rack.

Mr. Bennett made a motion to amend the above motion to increase it by \$250, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Proclamation

Silver Star Banner Day Town Proclamation or Resolution 2009

The Town of Atkinson has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women of the Armed Forces, the Silver Star Families of America (SSFA) was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing the Silver Star Banner and Flag, to date the SSFA has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families, and members of SSFA have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this town and country with Silver Star banners, flags, and care packages, and the SSFA's sole mission is that every time someone see a Silver Star banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying that person remember the sacrifices of this town, state, and nation, and the people and Selectmen of Atkinson, NH wish that the sacrifice of so many of our Armed Forces never be forgotten. The Selectmen of the Town of Atkinson, NH proclaim our appreciation of the SSFA and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members and declare May 1st "SILVER STAR BANNER DAY" the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill soldiers of the Town of Atkinson, NH.

Mr. Friel made a motion to sign the request, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Resignations

Conflict of Interest Committee

David Hammond submitted his resignation as his wife has been elected as the Library Trustee. The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Hammond for his service.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the resignation with regret, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Technology committee

Joyce LaFrance submitted her resignation in anticipation of her appointment to the Conflict of Interest Committee. The Board of Selectmen thanked Ms. LaFrance for her service.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Chairman Childs made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm, seconded by Mr. Friel, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. LeBlanc

Fred J. Childs, Jr., Chairman

William G. Friel

William M. Bennett

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