

*Town of Atkinson*

*Board of Selectmen*

*Regular Meeting*

*Monday, March 2, 2009*

**At 7:37pm on Monday, March 2, 2009 Chairman Sullivan called the Regular Meeting to order in the Atkinson Town Hall.**

**Members Present:**

Chairman Paul Sullivan

Fred Childs

Bill Friel

The town dedicated the 2008 Town Report to Peter Lewis. Members of the Board of Selectmen presented Christine Lewis-Morse with a letter and a framed reproduction of the town report.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Approval of January 21, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes.*

The Board reviewed the minutes.

**Mr. Childs made a motion to accept the minutes of January 21<sup>st</sup> as submitted, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.**

*Approval of February 23, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes & February 24, 2009 Non-Public Session.*

The Board reviewed the minutes. **Top of Form**

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**Mr. Childs made a motion to accept the minutes from February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting which was continued to February 24<sup>th</sup> (Non-Public) as submitted, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.**

**Assessing Items**

*Abatements*

Map 3, Lot 99 - 21 Meadow Lane

Wrong date used for elderly exemption. Should have qualified for 75-79 exemption. Signed by assessor. Abatement for \$50,000.

**Mr. Friel made a motion to recommend Map 3, Lot 99 for corrected elderly exemption, seconded by Mr. Childs, carried unanimously.**

*Map 5, Lot 5-6 and 5-10 thru 5-12*

Assesor denied abatement.

**Mr. Childs made a motion to deny application on Map 5, Lot 5-6 and 5-10 thru 5-12, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.**

*Blind exemption*

Map 137, Lot 6 - 9 Meditation Lane

Waiting for letter from doctor. Mr. Childs stated he had reviewed the letter. Chairman Sullivan stated they need to see signature from Ron Wood.

*Veteran's Tax Credit*

Map 7, Lot 7

**Mr. Childs made a motion to accept the Veteran's Tax Credit for \$250, for Map 7, Lot 7, seconded by Mr. Friel.**

**Brush Removal**

Mr. Stewart was not present at the meeting for discussion.

Representative Garrity appeared before the Board with an update on energy. He discussed the ice storm of December 2008. He stated the Public Utilities Commission has extended virtual hearings regarding response from utilities and public agencies during ice storm. On their website is a 7 page form asking individuals for their experience during the storm. Mr. Garrity is urging residents to let the state know what they think. Public Utilities is holding public hearings on March 24<sup>th</sup> @ Exeter Town Hall and March 31<sup>st</sup> @ Raymond Middle School. More information is posted on the website under "Ice Storm 2008". Chairman Sullivan suggested someone from the town fill out form.

The state has issued a request for proposal Greenhouse Gas Emmisions Reduction Fund.

10 NorthEastern states each quarter do a carbon auction with proceeds to go to state. NH has several million dollars to spend. Purpose is to invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. A town can put in a proposal for energy audits, individual business can put in proposals as well. Public Utility website is asking for ideas.

Michele Veasy going to investigate if energy auditing company would work with our town. Information presented to the Board of Selectmen. Web site is [www.puc.nh.gov](http://www.puc.nh.gov)

Chairman Sullivan discussed Federal stimulus. The town had sent a wish list and was wondering where we stand. Mr. Garrity to find out more information. Mr. Garrity stated there is a stimulus coordinator, Bud Fitch. Discussion of public works, highways, drinking water, waste water, storm water management. Mr. Garrity stated the goal is to keep the water clean. Drainage projects may be eligible. NH.gov website has a link to DES to apply for water related stimulus money. Money to go to Energy Efficiency and weatherization for low income. Energy Efficiency Block Grant money, the top 10 Municipalities and top 10 counties will be eligible. Chairman Sullivan asked about money for addition to Town Hall and police station, Mr. Garrity to get more information.

## **Old Business**

### *Board of Adjustment*

Hold off until next week.

### *Library change order*

The Board received input from Steven Lewis and he stated the drainage was complete except for swail on cemetery side. Looking to hold back \$600-1,000 on the change order until it is complete. Ties in to Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Friel questioned if the change order is valid?

Mr. Friel to call Jeff Parks, Supervisor for Bauen Corp. and get more information.

### *May Brush Clean up Approval*

Brush removal bids received, Mr. Stewart to go thru proposals. FEMA may reimburse, the town will not get 100% of money spent back, most likely 70-72%. Cost ranges from \$60,000 - \$250,000. The Board of Selectmen to find out from Sandra when we need to get numbers in to FEMA as part of the package.

### *Right To Know Fees*

Right to know request policy, in minutes from April 7, 2008. No price set. Dani came up with figures with breakdown that came to \$15 for DVD. Respond within 30 days from when letter received last week. Letter to Attorney General sent on Friday in response to this issue.

### *Street numbering*

Citizen request to renumber street. Dave and Julie Hammond appeared at the meeting. A public hearing is needed. Spoke with Head of E911 and will need to coordinate all parties to attend. Schedule for next week when to set the meeting. 10 day notice is needed and must be posted.

## **New Business**

None.

Annual Town Report will be out tomorrow, March 3, 2009.

Election day is March 10, 2009.

Dave Hammond, President of the Atkinson Academy Night Owls appeared before the Board. Events coming up are:

March 20<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Lip Sync

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Lip Synch

**Mr. Childs made a motion to adjourn at 8:19pm, seconded by Mr. Friel, and carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. LeBlanc

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Paul A. Sullivan, Chairman

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Fred J. Childs, Jr.

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William G. Friel

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