

Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2009

At 7:31pm on Monday, April 6, 2009 Chairman Childs called the Regular Meeting to order in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Mr. Friel made a motion to close the non-public session at 7:31pm and open the public session at 7:31pm, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Members Present:

Chairman Fred Childs
Bill Friel
Bill Bennett

Approval of Minutes

March 30, 2009 Regular Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the minutes of Monday, March 30, 2009 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

In Memoriam

The Board of Selectmen extend their condolences to the Ladd family. Chet Ladd passed away. Mr. Ladd was the Town Forester for 20 years, on the Conservation Commission for 21 years and was a long time volunteer for the town. The flags will be lowered tomorrow at Town Hall in Mr. Ladd's honor.

Department Heads

Elderly Affairs

Phil Consentino appeared before the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Consentino gave the Board the new design for the elderly affairs vehicle. The new police cruiser is being lettered. They will remove police emblem from the vehicle. Discussion of emblem meeting requirements.

Assessing

Elderly Exemption

Map 3, Lot 77 (15 Sleepy Hollow Road) - Do not meet criteria.

Mr. Friel made a motion to deny the elderly exemption for Map 3, Lot 77- 15 Sleepy Hollow Road, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Map 10, Lot 7 (8 Ironwood Lane)

Mr. Friel made a motion to grant the elderly exemption for Map 10, Lot 7 - 8 Ironwood Lane, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

There are age and income limitations for elderly exemptions.

Award Bids

Athletic Fields and Lawn Care

Care of Grounds

Ted Stewart recommends the two low bidders. There is no price for fertilization on bid. Mr. Stewart not available at the meeting to discuss further. The Board would like to hold off on the bids.

Cable Bids

Dave Williams is not in tonight to discuss bid.

Committee Appointments

Waiting until next week for appointments. Anyone interested in being on committees please fill out paperwork.

Household Hazardous Waste

May 9th 9am-12pm at Plaistow Old County Road Facility. The public can dispose of Hazardous waste for free.

Plow Damage

ProBark Contract

Stantec

Mr. Friel to discuss with Mr. Stewart.

Water Testing @ Police Department

Phil Consentino does not have the results of latest water test, he will forward results to the Board of Selectmen as soon as he has them. Atkinson Academy recently sent out notice that it is above the legal limit of lead. Mr. Friel suggested looking at the water at all the buildings.

Old Business

AARP Tax Preparation Service

This is a free service every Wednesday from 9am until 1pm until April 15th and every other Monday from 9am until 1pm. Call Joyce for an appointment at 382-9276.

Bid Format

Mr. Bennett to draft letter to department heads outlining bid format.

DES Public Hearing

Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th at the Community Center @ 7:30pm. Public hearing on Hampstead Area Water Company's application for large ground water withdrawal.

Ethics Committee

There is a vacancy in the Ethics Committee, if you are interested leave your application with the Selectmen's office and it will be forwarded to Chairman Jim Hazlett.

Energy Efficiency Meeting

Mr. Friel stated a date has not been set.

Glacial Energy

Mr. Bennett discussed this at the Area Selectmen's Meeting and no other towns had heard of the possibility. Mr. Bennett asked that it be put on the June 10th Area Selectmen's Meeting Agenda. Mr. Friel to continue to research and get a draft of the contract.

Mileage

Town rate is lower than library employees are getting for mileage. Meeting to be set up with library trustees. No decision has been made. Decision to be made next week regarding this issue.

Library

Mr. Friel to set up meeting.

Punch list from architect, Ron Lamarre and items will be completed once the weather improves.

Signs

Regarding blog signs, there is one remaining on personal property. Mr. Bennett spoke with the homeowner and the sign will come down soon. There are still some campaign signs up. The deadline for removal was March 20th. Candidates please drive around town to account for all signs.

Big Island Pond Association

Chemical for milfoil to be put in pond. Mr. Bennett requests posting no swim signs at the town launch site. Chairman Childs stated the Association is to post their own signs. Town to verify with Association that it will be posted. Mr. Friel to follow-up.

Leash Law

A sound-off note in the Eagle Tribune where a resident was told that the town does not have a leash law. Mr. Bennett stated there has been a leash law since 1976, control of animal by leash or command. The animal control officer will help with any problems you have with dogs. You must be able to restrain and control your dog.

Town Administrator

There have been interviews for a town administrator and hope to have someone on board in the near future.

PUC Public Hearing on the Ice Storm and Unital's response.

April 7th @ 7pm. If you have any anger to vent regarding events of the ice storm please go to the meeting.

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Pro-Bark Contract

Mr. Stewart stated Pro-Bark chipped Friday (5-6 loads), they have fulfilled our needs. They have not given a contract but see no change for the whole year. The brush dump has been busy.

Stantec - Engineering Contract

Mr. Stewart states he does not have copies to review, but hopes to have them for next week. Mr. Stewart had a proposal to do a drainage study on Island Pond and the effects of work being done on Rt. 111 and 121. The contract was for \$12,500. The item is in the budget.

Bids

Greenworld for fertilizing of fields and common areas including Academy Fields (\$7,091).

General discussion of use of Atkinson Academy fields, the town maintains the field. Sumner Kalman has the contract, Mr. Friel to discuss with Mr. Kalman.

Mr. Friel made a motion that we let the contract go to Greenworld for \$7,091, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Grounds Crew for mowing

Mr. Stewart stated the lowest bidder came in late. The bid includes mowing all town property and fertilize around the buildings.

Mr. Friel made a motion that we release the contract for care of ground to The Grounds Crew for \$17,865, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Mr. Friel to meet with Mr. Stewart Friday @ 12noon to discuss plow damage.

Mr. Stewart stated they had finished chipping in the neighborhoods and have been down every road once. He asks that residents do not fill the right of way back up. Barbara Snicer to put notice in the paper and Channel 20. If residents hire contractors they may need to pay for a police detail to clear the brush if they block the right of way and there is traffic diversion. The brush dump is being utilized.

Town truck has had three recalls on it. It is at the dealership for a radiator leak and out of service at this time. Appointment slips to be signed.

FEMA meeting to be held to discuss clean-up with Theresa Rios, she will be meeting with Mr. Stewart tomorrow. In the past the FEMA representative only saw 10% of roads.

Future Agenda

D.O.T. Meeting at Town Hall

April 14th @ 7pm regarding Rt. 111 and Island Pond Road.

Street Re-numbering Hearing

April 21st @ 7pm

Washington Street and Coventry Road.

Mr. Stewart to fill out forms from Sandra LaVallee.

Non-public Hearing following meeting.

RSA 91-a:3II(b)Personnel issues and public employee interviewing candidate for permanent town administrator position.

Mr. Friel made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:15pm, and open the non-public at 8:20pm, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. LeBlanc

Fred J. Childs, Jr., Chairman

William G. Friel

William M. Bennett