

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 20 2009*

At 7:30pm on Monday, April 20, 2009 Chairman Childs called the Regular Meeting to order in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

Chairman Fred Childs
Bill Friel
Bill Bennett

Approval of Minutes

March 26, 2009 HAWC Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the minutes of March 26, 2009 as presented, seconded by Chairman Childs. 2/0/1.

April 13, 2009 Regular Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the minutes of Monday, April 13, 2009 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

April 14, 2009 Stantec Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the minutes of Tuesday, April 14, 2009 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Assessing

Elderly Exemption

Map 9, Lot 21 (13 Stage Road)

Exceeds income limit.

Mr. Friel made a motion to deny the elderly exemption for Map 9, Lot 21 - 13 Stage Road, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Veteran's Tax Credit

Map 4, Lot 25 (5 Mosher Drive)

Did not serve during prescribed time.

Mr. Friel made a motion to deny the veteran's tax credit for Map 4, Lot 25 – 5 Mosher Drive, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Map 17, Lot 30-6 (1 Stonewall Terrace)

Mr. Friel made a motion to grant the veteran's tax credit for Map 17, Lot 30-6 – 1 Stonewall Terrace, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Wood Heating Exemption

Map 19, Lot 6-2 (28 Amberwood Drive)

Pellet stoves do not qualify for wood heat exemption.

Mr. Friel made a motion to deny the wood heating exemption for Map 19, Lot 6-2 – 28 Amberwood Drive, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Department Heads

Budget Committee

Jim Blackadar appeared before the Board of Selectmen. He stated there is one opening on the budget committee. One member for a one year term will be appointed. Anyone interested can send an e-mail to atkinsonbudget@yahoo.com or to the Selectmen's office. The next meeting is

May 19th. Mr. Blackadar asked the Board of Selectmen who to send the meeting minutes to. Chairman Childs states at this time the minutes should be sent to Barbara Snicer and they will find who the minutes should go to in the future. Mr. Blackadar stated the budget season is October and they would like to get the budgets from the Department Heads in September.

Historical Society

Fred Kulak appeared before the Board of Selectmen, the Historical Society would like to put up a memorial for Evelyn Sawyer as she was a founding member of the Historical Society. Mr. Kulak stated they have received a number of donations to the Society in her name and would like to put a bench at the Historical Society. He stated no funding is needed. No foundation or footing would be needed for the bench. Mr. Kulak asked the Board of Selectmen for the okay to go ahead with the memorial.

Chairman Childs made a motion to allow the Historical Society to place a memorial bench in honor of Evelyn Sawyer, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Library Trustees

Kay Galloway and Alan Phair appeared before the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Galloway stated the Trustees would like to recommend a Selectmen liaison attend the Trustees meeting (3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm). They would welcome the participation of a member of the Board of Selectmen. The Trustees would also like a member of the Board of Selectmen to attend a training on May 7th. The Board of Selectmen was given information regarding the training. The Board of Selectmen liaison is Mr. Friel. He stated it would be a good idea to attend the meetings and plans to do so. Ms. Galloway stated the Trustees made a recommendation for the vacancy of Trustee and spoke with Chairman Childs and put forward the name. The Trustees were told to have the paperwork submitted, which they did. The Board of Selectmen chose another candidate. Ms. Galloway asks the Board of Selectmen reconsider their decision. Ms. Galloway stated the protocol has been the Trustees provide a name and the Board of Selectmen approve the recommendation. Mr. Friel stated it is the decision of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Phair stated they are concerned about the process for selecting a Trustee. Mr. Bennett stated they had asked for participation of residents in town government. Chairman Childs stated the Trustees can only have three alternates. Mr. Friel stated a vote is still needed as there is one too many alternates. Wendy Doughty spoke from the audience and stated the Board of Selectmen had alienated people in the library and asked that they re-think their decision.

Mr. Friel requested this issue be taken under advisement for one week, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Personnel Policies

The library is currently revamping the personnel policy.

Punch List progress

The interior punch list is complete except for the children's room carpet and the pocket door (door is to be replaced). Ms. Galloway and Mr. Phair have met with the contractor and a representative from the Bauen Corporation. General discussion of items to be completed. Ms. Galloway states they expect 100% completion by mid-May. Ms. Galloway to let the Board of Selectmen know when the final walk-through is to be held.

Maintenance

Dave Weymouth informed Mr. Friel that the test kits have been ordered from the state for town buildings with well water and once the tests are in they will test all the water.

Police

Phil Consentino informed Mr. Bennett the water test results are in from the Police Station. They sampled two dates, one week apart and one is alarmingly high. The high level is in the total alpha radiation. There is question as to whether the test is accurate. Mr. Bennett to speak to the people who did the test.

Appointments

Evaluation of existing Committee members up for re-appointment is missing. Mr. Bennett suggested the board and committee chairman keep attendance records and give to the Board of Selectmen along with personnel reviews of members whose terms are expiring and wish to be reappointed. Currently only Family Mediation keeps logs and gives to the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Childs stated they have not seen the Library Trustees minutes. Ms. Galloway stated she had given Mrs. Snicer the minutes from the last two years and states the Selectmen will get the minutes each month. Mr. Bennett would like the Board of Selectmen to send a letter of direction for an employee review at the end of February (prior to appointments) with a report for the prior year. This would be for appointed individuals, not elected.

Mr. Bennett made a motion for the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to chairman of boards and committees for appointed positions to send a review for each person seeking re-appointment no later than February 28th, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Old Business

East Road Recreation Area

A meeting needs to be scheduled with recreation to review options. Mr. Friel suggests a pre-meeting with Board of Selectmen and Recreation then meet with contractor.

Schedule Employee Workshop

Board of Selectmen to discuss with employees and schedule the meeting for during the day.

New Business

Avitar/Terra-Map Contract

Discussion of putting the contract out to bid. The contract was extended last year. Mr. Bennett to speak with Rod Wood and Barbara Snicer to get more information. To be discussed further next week.

Committee Appointments

Seats are still vacant for Committees, if you are interested fill out application at the Selectmen's office.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Saturday, May 9th 9am-12pm @ New Plaistow Recreation Field – 52 Old County Road, Plaistow. Proof of residency is required. A list will be posted at Town Hall of what you can and cannot bring.

Town Clerk

Rose Cavalear requested the Selectmen remind the residents to license your dog, the deadline is April 30, 2009. If your dog is over four months old and has had a rabies shot it needs to be licensed per RSA 466:1. Male/Female \$10.00, Neutered/Spayed \$7.50, Puppies \$7.50, owner 65 years or more \$2.00, one dog per owner. Late fee of \$1.00 per month will be charged commencing on June 1st per RSA 466:7. Important: be sure to bring your rabies certificate with you. If there has been any change in your dogs status please call the office at 362-4920. Warning: Failure to comply will make you liable to a civil forfeiture penalty of \$25 per RSA 466:13 and 466:14. We are trying to help you avoid the civil forfeiture penalties so please come by and license your dog. Thank you.

Town Census

Between April and July 2009, Census employees will be going through the Town verifying locations. It is their purpose to account for each dwelling, and will wear official identification and carry hand-held computers to record addresses and coordinates.

Letter from Resident

A resident recently sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen with a compliment to the new brush dump attendant. They received "great" service.

Ms. Galloway stated she had a public service announcement. She stated this week is Clean-up week. If you are interested in helping out go see Noriko at the Community Center and you can

sign up for a portion of a street and you will be given bags, gloves, and a t-shirt. Residents are encouraged to do their part to keep Atkinson clean.

Future Agenda

Street Re-numbering Hearing
April 21st @ 7pm – Town Hall
Washington Street and Coventry Road

DES/HAWC Hearing
April 28th @7pm - Community Center

Silver Star Banner Day
May 1st

Household Hazardous Waste Day
May 9th - Plaistow

Area Selectmen's Meeting
June 10th

Mr. Bennett made a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm, seconded by Mr.Friel, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. LeBlanc

Fred J. Childs, Jr., Chairman

William G. Friel

William M. Bennett