

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday April 27, 2009*

Open Meeting:

Chairman F. Childs opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 7:30 PM on Monday, April 27, 2009, in the Atkinson Town Hall. He then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

F. Childs, Chairman
W. Friel
W. Bennett
Trustees

Others Present:

C. Birr, Children's Librarian
E. Feuer, Alt Library Trustee
H. Galloway, Chairman, Library

N. Gray, Alt Library Trustee
J. Sapia
J. Tsai, Alt Library Trustee

Approval of Minutes:

April 14, 2009 - DoT

W. Bennett noted that on page 2, line 2, there was a typographical error, which should read "...expansion of Route 93 and general...".

W. Friel made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009, meeting with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, as amended. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

April 20, 2009

W. Bennett observed that on page 3, line 3, to be grammatically correct, should be "...of members whose terms are expiring and wish to be reappointed..". He also suggested that, on page 3, the narrative concerning "*Town Census*" should reflect that there will be census employees verifying locations to account for each dwelling, rather than taking the actual census.

W. Friel made the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2009, as amended. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

Appointments:

W. Bennett noted that the Board of Selectmen had made an error in appointing four Alternates to the Library Trustees. He added that he had reviewed the Applications for Committee Appointment, and the one for Nina Gray had no additional information, with the caveat that there was no expectation of needing to include background material.

W. Bennett made the motion to rescind the appointment of N. Gray as an Alternate to the Library Trustees. Second: W. Friel. Vote: 3/0/0.

W. Bennett made the motion to appoint W. Barker to the Technology Committee, such appointment to expire in April 2010. Second: W. Friel. Vote: 3/0/0.

Departments:

Library:

Library Trustee Chairman H. Galloway expressed her disappointment that the Selectmen chose not to reconsider their appointment of G. Spero to fill the vacant two-year position as a Library Trustee. Alternate Library Trustees E. Feuer, N. Gray and J. Tsai each asked that their name be removed from consideration for reappointment, since the Board appointed one more Alternate than is allowed under RSA 202-A:10. W. Bennett asked all three ladies to discuss which persons would

best serve as Alternates during 2009, and return next week.

Police Station Water Test Results:

W. Bennett said that, since the results of both tests performed on the Police Station water differed so widely, Maintenance Supervisor D. Weymouth will draw the samples and have them analyzed by the NH State Laboratories.

Old Business:

Avitar/Terra-Map Contract:

W. Bennett said he had not been able to speak with Assessor Rodney Wood concerning the proposed mapping contract, but would have an answer for the May 4 meeting. W. Friel wanted to discuss making the mapping contract coincident with assessing contract, as well as to discuss some of the options available through Avitar.

East Road Recreation Project:

Selectman W. Friel reported that Recreation Commission Chairman Patti Mangini has contacted both Town Counsel S. Kalman and NH Department of Revenue (DRA) Auditor J. Samms concerning the status of using the \$45,000 appropriated in 2008. It appears that only the \$40,000 appropriated in 2009 may be used. Selectmen F. Childs and W. Friel agreed that nothing substantial could be done for \$40,000, and recommended that nothing be done this year if the other \$45,000 is unavailable.

Employees' Workshop:

The Board agreed to hold a workshop for employees on Tuesday, May 5 at 2 PM in the Town Hall. B. Snicer will be asked to notify employees.

Glacial Energy:

W. Friel noted that he had sent references to W. Bennett and asked about any conclusions W. Bennett may have drawn. Both F. Childs and W. Bennett said that the Town would need more long-standing references. W. Friel said he would contact Glacial Energy for more references, as well as checking Glacial's Dunn and Bradstreet rating and Better Business Bureaus, as well as regulatory agencies in states in which the company has been established for a significant period of time.

New Business:

Deer Run Extension Road Bond:

W. Friel made the motion to instruct Treasurer S. Coppeta to release the remainder of the road bond (\$14,292 plus interest) for Deer Run Extension to Austin Realty Trust. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

Hog Hill Brook Drainage:

W. Friel made the motion to have the Road Agent, E. Stewart, put the Hog Hill Brook drainage engineering phase out to bid. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

Re-numbering Coventry Road and Washington Road:

The Board of Selectmen has not yet made a decision concerning re-numbering pending a meeting with the E-911 representatives, Atkinson Postmaster E. Mack, Fire Chief M. Murphy and Police Chief P. Consentino. Selectman W. Friel noted that the Fire Chief has the paperwork for a town-wide assessment, and indicated that the Town should be moving forward with the assessment. W. Bennett will speak with the Fire Chief concerning the status of the paperwork.

Tax Collector's Memo:

Tax Collector D. DeSimone sent a memo that the Department of Revenue was unable to find a copy of the letter from the Board of Selectmen directing her not to acquire deeds for the properties

on which there were tax liens in 2007. She submitted a letter to be signed by the Board of Selectmen with such a directive. The members of the Board signed the letter and asked that a copy be given to B. Snicer for the Selectmen's files.

Employee/Volunteer Longevity Recognition

Chairman F. Childs noted that the Board received a letter from Chief P. Consentino asking that the Selectmen recognize those members of the Police Department who have served the Town for more than ten years. Selectmen W. Bennett said that the Board should recognize all employees and volunteers who have served for ten years or more. He said he would take care of gathering such a list. He inquired whether there was a resource to which he may go to get a comprehensive list. W. Friel said B. Snicer would have such a list. W. Bennett then asked if all boards/commissions/committees were aware that they ought to have a reorganization meeting. F. Childs replied that most do.

Mosquito Control:

Chairman F. Childs read a letter from Entomologist M. Morrison, Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc., saying that control of larval mosquitoes in stagnant bodies of water will begin April 30, 2009, using a bacterium (BTI), a naturally-occurring parasite of the mosquito larvae. Special emphasis will be placed on the control of mosquito species that are known vectors of West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis. F. Childs will ask B. Snicer to set up a time for M. Morrison to come before the Board to further explain what his company is doing and to answer any questions. W. Friel asked if the Town has received reimbursement for mosquito control.

Police Department Retirement:

Police Chief P. Consentino sent a memorandum concerning the retirement of Officer Karen LaPalme on March 31, 2009, after 22 years of service to the department. Chairman F. Childs accepted the resignation with regret on behalf of the Board.

Questions/Comments from the Audience

R. Durkin, Patriot Land & Building Maintenance, LLC, appeared before the Board, suggesting that some of those who submitted bids for the 2009 care of Grounds may not be fully qualified to do the job. Selectman W. Friel noted that the Town expects the same quality of work from whoever received the bid, and offered to set up a meeting with Mr. Durkin, Road Agent E. Stewart and himself to answer any questions.

Future Agenda

April 28 – Des/HAWC meeting 7 PM Atkinson Community Center

May 1 – Silver Star Banner Day to honor our wounded military veterans.

May 9 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day 9 AM to 12 Noon New Plaistow

Recreation Area

Adjournment

W. Friel made the motion to adjourn at 8:43 PM. Second: W. Bennett.

Vote: 3/0/0.

Fred J. Childs, Jr

William G. Friel

William M. Bennett