

Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2009

At 7:30pm on Monday, May 4, 2009 Chairman Childs called the Regular Meeting to order in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

Chairman Fred Childs
Bill Friel
Bill Bennett

Assessing

Abatement

Map 8, Lot 46 (6 Christine Drive) - Condition depreciation

Map 9, Lot 25 (6 Willowvale) - Condition depreciation, large portion of wet land

Mr. Friel made a motion to approve the abatements for Map 8, Lot 46 (6 Christine Drive) in the amount of \$78.76 plus interest and Map 9, Lot 25 (6 Willowvale) in the amount of \$234.79 plus interest, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Department Heads

Police

Lt. Baldwin appeared before the Board of Selectmen. He stated he has been in touch with the South Eastern New Hampshire Regional Public Health Network dealing with pandemic issues or disasters. Lt. Baldwin stated he has been attending meetings with this organization over the past year. Derry, NH oversees the surrounding communities. If needed a pod location would be set up at Timberlane. Garrett Simonsen recently took over and will facilitate the organization. The towns have been brought together to discuss "what if" issues and plan to deal with potential disasters. The H1N1 (Swine Flu) epidemic information has been posted on the town web site as well as the police web site. There is a fact sheet and information from the CDC. A packet of information has been given out to Timberlane students. Lt. Baldwin will be working with the Fire Chief on a pandemic plan. The state EOC is at a level 2. If residents have traveled outside the country, especially to Mexico and have any flu like symptoms they should see a doctor. It is important to wash hands/use sanitizer. Fact sheet given to the Board of Selectmen. There is a continuity of operations plan in place. Mr. Bennett stated the fact sheet is posted on Channel 20, the town and police website, as well as the Town Hall and Community Center.

Letter from resident who had cut himself and had no cell phone service. An Ad Hoc committee to be set up regarding communications. Lt. Baldwin to set up a list of volunteers with Barbara Snicer. Mr. Friel stated he would like to appoint an Ad Hoc committee. Mr. Bennett asked that Loren Albright be asked to join the committee. Discussion of life safety issues.

Library

Mr. Phair appeared before the Board of Selectmen representing the Board of Trustees. He stated Ms. Galloway was unable to attend the meeting due to a conference. Mr. Phair read an e-mail from Mrs. Tsai, she declined the appointment as alternate to the Board of Trustees in favor of Nina Gray. Eleanor Feuer appeared before the Board of Selectmen and wished to resubmit her name as library alternate. The Trustees wanted to reaffirm the nominations of Eleanor Feuer, Nina Gray, and John Mack. Mr. Phair stated they look forward to moving forward and welcome Mr. Spero on board.

Mr. Bennett made a motion to appoint Eleanor Feuer, Nina Gray, and John Mack as alternates to the Library Board of Trustees and remove Joanne Tsai from previous vote, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

New Business

Lions Club

George Winchell and Mr. Magoon appeared before the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Winchell stated several months ago they lost a member of the Lions Club - Joe DeRosa. The Lions would like to create a memorial for Mr. DeRosa as he was an active member of the community. Mr. Winchell stated they would like to have a room at Town Hall named after Mr. DeRosa in his memory. Mr. Magoon stated they would like to do something permanent for Mr. DeRosa and remember him for all his service for the town. Mr. Friel asked to take the request under advisement. Mr. Winchell stated the any expenses would be paid by the Lions Club.

Saturday, May 9th

Lions Club Ham and Bean Supper @ the Community Center. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children.

The Lions Club Citizen of the Year is Dave Rockwell. There will be a reception for him at the Community Center on May 17th from 1-3pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Old Business

Water Testing

Dave Weymouth took the water tests samples to the state for testing and we are awaiting the results.

Avitar/Terra-Map Contract

To be discussed at the department head and employee meeting. There is a contract in place until 2010.

Bid Format

Mr. Bennett stated he is still working on the bid format.

East Road Recreation Area

The Board of Selectmen to meet with Sumner Kalman to discuss the way the warrant was established. Mr.

Friel to set up meeting with Mr. Kalman.

Highway Department

Ted Stewart appeared before the Board of Selectmen. Discussion of tree work, the budget was cut from \$8,000 to \$6,000. Mr. Stewart stated FEMA will pay \$16,000 to do tree work. Discussion of whether money needs to go into the general fund. The Board of Selectmen to discuss with Mr. Kalman. Mr. Stewart states he has the locations mapped for tree work and has the list from FEMA. There may be more locations that need to be on the list. They will only clear the right of way. The list needs to be cross referenced. Discussion of Academy Avenue being taken care of by the state as well as route numbered roads. Chairman Childs brought up issue of limbs in swail at Jasmine and Academy. Mr. Stewart to look into the issue.

Tree Bids

Tamerak - Option #1 - \$2,100/day - \$262.50/hr.

Option #2 - \$998/day - \$124.75/hr.

BudCo Enterprises - \$1,530/day - \$191.25/hr.

Mr. Stewart suggested taking the low bidder of Tamerak. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the bids.
Mr. Bennett made a motion to accept the bid Option #2 from Tamerak for \$998 per day, seconded by Mr. Friel, carried unanimously.

Household Hazardous Waste Day
May 9th – Plaistow Recreation Field.
Proof of residency required.

Mr. Stewart stated paving will happen this week and line striping will be done within three weeks.

Memo from Sandra LaVallee regarding department overspending their line, they must notify the Board of Selectmen and note the line and the reason for the expenditure. Departments cannot spend over \$500 without notifying the Board of Selectmen. Barbara Snicer to send out a memo regarding spending.

Chairman Childs stated money has been left over from donations and \$494 needs to be spent on the building. The Board of Selectmen to make a decision next week.

Letters from residents questioning why all residents don't recycle. Residents are encouraged to recycle. It saves the town money with less trash to be picked up and we make money on recycling.

Glacial Energy
E-mail received from Glacial Energy. Issue on hold for now.

Mosquito Control
Barbara Snicer to contact Mr. Morrison to come in to discuss mosquito control next week.

Saturday, May 9th
Fishing Derby - 8am Community Center

Opening Day AYB - 11am Pope Field

Dave Williams notified the Board of Selectmen of a conference he would like to attend on May 21st and 22nd.

Mr. Friel made a motion to grant permission to Mr. Williams to attend the conference, second by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Chairman Childs stated in error last week that Karen LaPlume had resigned, she is actually retiring. Chairman Childs read a letter from Chief Consentino regarding Karen LaPlume retiring after 22 years of service. Chairman Childs wished Ms. LaPlume good luck on her retirement.

Department Meeting cancelled for May 5th.

May 5th Cub Scouts - Pack #95
Cub Scouts will come to Town Hall for a "go see it" to see how Channel 20 works.

June 10th Area Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. Friel made a motion to adjourn at 8:42pm, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. LeBlanc

Fred J. Childs, Jr., Chairman

William G. Friel

William M. Bennett