

Town of Atkinson

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2009

At 7:30pm on Monday, May 11, 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

April 27, 2009 Regular Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes. Mr. Bennett noted on Page 2 an addition to the Glacial Energy information to add "contact regulatory agencies at the state as well".

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of April 27, 2009 with the change as noted, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

May 4, 2009 Regular Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes. Chairman Childs noted on Page 2 a spelling error, John Mack is the correct spelling.

Mr. Friel made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of May 4, 2009 as corrected, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Department Heads

Code Enforcement

Jim Kirsch appeared before the Board of Selectmen. He discussed a situation involving complaints regarding a resident cleaning up his yard. Mr. Kirsch stated the options are to take the individual to Plaistow District Court or let it go. The Board of Selectmen agreed that they need to proceed. The resident has items listed in Zoning and Ordinance which would be considered junk. Mr. Bennett suggested the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Kirsch meet with the resident. Mr. Kirsch states he will discuss situation with resident and if he does not cooperate they will then meet with the Board of Selectmen next Monday, May 18th at 6:30pm.

Highway

Hog Hill Brook Engineering bid to be put out, Mr. Friel to look into the bids and get back to the Board next week.

Limbs in swale at Jasmine and Academy Avenue. Chairman Childs stated the brush has been removed and the state is to clean the catch basin. Mr. Stewart has been in touch with the state.

Police

Lt. Baldwin appeared before the Board of Selectmen. He is requesting an AdHoc Public Safety Communications Tower Committee be approved. The goal of the committee would be to provide information on a solution to resolve the public safety two way communications. Discussion of using the Technology Committee and working together, possibly as a sub-committee to the Technology Committee. Plaistow Police Department needs to be involved as they are an entity of the Atkinson Police Department. Mr. Friel stated he would like a meeting with the IT Committee to discuss a plan. Mr. Bennett to schedule a meeting to organize the committee. Lt. Baldwin and Todd Barbera to attend the Selectmen's meeting next week to discuss further.

Maintenance

Dave Weymouth informed Mr. Bennett that the Police Department water test results will not be in for three to four weeks.

Silent Auction

2008 Article 32 - Dispose of capital equipment by public auction or trade. Mr. Weymouth provided the Board of Selectmen a list of items to be bid on. The auction will be advertised on cable and the Carriage Town News. Past auction was held at the Town Hall. Mr. Friel suggested items be in one location or post a list of items and take best offer. Mr. Bennett to discuss with Mr. Weymouth how the auction will run.

Energy Efficiency Committee

The Committee (Michele Veasey, James Garrity, Michael Mascola and Judy Wainwright) appeared before the Board of Selectmen. The Committee received a grant from the Rockingham Planning Commission for a little over 50 hours of their time. They are working to develop a new chapter for the master plan which would encourage energy efficiency in town buildings. They hope to open doors for future ordinances in the town for energy efficient homes. The focus is on the current energy efficiency of town buildings. The small town carbon calculator, Atkinson is one of only three towns in the state that are currently inputting data. The town is also inputting energy data into the EPA portfolio manager to track energy efficient. The Committee plans to present results of the performance tracking on the town buildings this summer. They would like to educate town residents and give helpful tips for making homes more energy efficiency. They have had tips on cable and may use Carriage Town News for tip of the week. The Committee is looking for volunteers to become members of the Committee, especially people in the trade and can share their expertise. All volunteers are welcome. The Committee currently meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. The Committee also encourages residents to recycle as it saves energy. The Committee has donated a kilowatt meter to the library, residents can check the energy use of anything. Residents can sign the meter out like a library book. Mr. Garrity stated they will be working with Unitil regarding street lighting and possibility of scaling back on expenses. The current expense is \$33,000 per year.

Old Business

Avitar/Terra-Map Contract

Atkinson is the only town in the area using Terra-Maps. Contract is up for renewal in 2010. Mr. Bennett stated Terra-Maps has been acquired by Avitar, Rod Wood is expecting product to get better. Mr. Bennett to price the competitor.

Bid Format

Mr. Bennett is working on bid format.

East Road Recreation Area

Letter to DRA going out tomorrow in reference to their opinion of the way the warrant was originally written for recreation capital reserve. The Board of Selectmen has spoken to the town attorney and should have a response by next week.

Longevity Recognition

Mr. Bennett stated Chief Consentino will be getting back to him regarding when he will be ready to do longevity recognition for his department. Sandra LaVallee to look up records. Barbara Snicer to get a list from the Department Heads.

Town Hall Donation

Money left over from when Town Hall was built, there is \$484 left from the budget. Mr. Friel recommended a reverse osmosis system, he states this will save money for the town.

Mr. Friel made a motion to pursue putting a reverse osmosis system in the Town Hall kitchen within the budget of \$484, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Re-numbering Assessment

Offer from the state that Chief Murphy has is to re-map the streets and lots where houses are in the town. This re-mapping would be done for free. This offer has nothing to do with re-numbering. Chief Murphy to drop of paperwork tomorrow and the Board of Selectmen to review.

Town Hall Keys

Chairman Childs requested anyone with keys to Town Hall who have left town employment turn them in. Discussion of changing locks if keys are not turned in. The duty cruiser has a key if needed.

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed on Wednesday, May 20th for the annual Seacoast Regional Workshop.

Rose Cavalear reminded the residents to license your dog, the deadline was 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.

Mr. Bennett would like to apologize to Nina Gray as he left the impression that she had not filled out the application, she had not filled out the qualifications section but had submitted her resume separately which got disconnected from the folder.

Appointments

Recreation Commission

Mr. Friel made a motion to appoint Joan M. Fettes to the Recreation Commission as an alternate, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Mr. Friel made a motion to appoint Frank Polito as a full member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Committee Vacancies

The Budget Committee, Energy Efficiency Committee, Conflict of Interest, Highway Safety Committee, Insurance Committee, and Building Needs Committee are still looking to appoint applicants. Applications can be submitted to Town Hall.

New Business

General discussion of having Selectmen's meeting in June, July and August every other week. Mr. Friel suggested adding another meeting in if needed. The decision was made to schedule the meetings during the summer months for every other week.

Future Agenda

May 12th - Right To Know Workshop cancelled

May 12th - 7pm Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3 II [c]

May 13th - 6:30pm RPC Large groundwater withdrawal - Seabrook

May 18th - 7:45pm Municipal Pest Management

May 25th - 10:30am Memorial Day Parade - Town Hall Closed

June 10th - Area Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. Friel made a motion to adjourn at 8:47pm, seconded by Mr. Bennett, carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen J. LeBlanc

Fred J. Childs, Jr., Chairman

William G. Friel

William M. Bennett