

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
December 29, 2009
Workshop*

Open Meeting:

Chairman F. Childs opened a workshop of the Board of Selectmen at 6:00PM on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

P. Smith Town Administrator
T. Barbera, Chairman, Technology Committee
W. Barker, Technology Committee
T. Cannon, Technology Committee
D. Hammond, Technology Committee

Discussion:

Technology Committee:

The Technology Committee asked the Board of Selectmen to submit an article to the 2010 Warrant to permanently establish the Committee. W. Bennett said the Board is in favor of establishing a permanent Technology Committee.

They also proposed four warrant articles for the Board of Selectmen's review and direction: Video Streaming, ACTV Equipment room, Re-Purpose Cable TV Fund and Technology Refresh.

The relocation of the Server and Cable TV hardware was reviewed, covering different options as well as the current cooling systems available.

The Technology Committee emphasized the need to refresh the hardware and software based not only on the age of the current equipment but also because servicing existing equipment will cost more than the cost of new equipment. In addition, the ability to start fresh with a new service provider and the use of 2010 virus protection which cannot be sustained by the current equipment will optimize the efficiency of all departments. W. Bennett remarked that asking for replacements of all 12 older computers might not be well-received and a partial replacement plan might be better.

No action taken

Adjournment:

W. Friel made the motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Second: F. Childs. Vote: 3/0/0.

Submitted by Philip Smith Town Administrator

Fred J. Childs Jr. Chairman

William G. Friel

William M. Bennett