

**Town of Atkinson  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting 7:44 P.M.  
Monday, January 18, 2010**

**Open Regular Meeting:**

Chairman F. Childs opened the Regular Meeting of the Town of Atkinson Board of Selectmen at 7:44 p.m.

**Members Present:**

F. Childs, Chairman  
W. Friel  
W. Bennett

**Others Present:**

Dale Childs, Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds  
  
T. Barbera, Chairman IT Committee  
J. Sapia, President Little League  
R. LaSalle, Superintendant,  
Timberlane Regional School District  
M. Murphy, Fire Chief

**Approval of Minutes:**

- December 21, 2009 Non-Public – Mr. Bennett resent for review  
- January 4, 2010, Regular Meeting –

**Selectman W. Bennett made a Motion to approve the January 4, 2010 minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended. Selectman W. Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.**

- January 11, 2010 Regular Meeting -

**Selectman W. Friel made a Motion to approve the January 11, 2010 minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended. Selectman W. Bennett seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.**

**Appearances:**

- R. LaSalle, Timberlane Regional School District – Mr. LaSalle summarized the Timberlane School District Warrants for the Board. Mr. LaSalle also informed the Selectmen that the School Board voted to leave the Atkinson seat vacant while the Atkinson representative is on active duty in the military.

The Timberlane School District warrants can be found on the Timberlane website.

**Department Heads:**

*Street Numbering* – The purpose of the Warrant Articles was to correct problems with street numbering, including alpha numbers. Mr. Friel read the proposed articles. M. Murphy, Fire Chief addressed the Board regarding the proposed street numbering warrant articles. Mr. Murphy informed the Board that it already has the authority to number streets and a warrant is not necessary.. Mr. Bennett remarked that the Board wanted to get the sense of the voters. Mr. Murphy stated that RSA #231:133-A mandates that the Board of Selectmen address numbering issues and it is not up to the voters to decide.

Mr. Murphy informed the Board that the State requires a new number for every 50 feet in a subdivision and that if the streets were renumbered according to State requirements, the Selectmen would have to change street numbering in the whole Town, which is unrealistic. Mr. Murphy also informed the Board that a Town map was drawn up with a numbering standard 30 years ago which was still adequate for today. In Mr. Murphy's opinion, it would be better to count each house rather than every 50 feet because it would be easier to find the houses. At present, Mr. Murphy numbers new subdivisions at every 150 feet of frontage in most cases, because most developments in Atkinson have over 800 feet

of frontage while smaller lots can be numbered at every 50 feet. Mr. Murphy recommended that the Board renumber Coventry and Washington Streets but it was not necessary to renumber the whole Town.

**Money Warrant Articles:**

**ACTV**

Chairman Childs read the proposed Warrant Article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to televise Conservation Committee meetings.

**Selectman W. Friel made a Motion for the Board of Selectmen to recommend the proposed Warrant Article as read. Selectman W. Bennett seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 to recommend the proposed Warrant Article.**

Chairman Childs read the proposed Warrant Article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to televise Kimball Library Trustee meetings.

**Selectman W. Friel made a Motion for the Board of Selectmen to recommend the proposed Warrant Article as read. Selectman W. Bennett seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 to recommend the proposed Warrant Article.**

Chairman Childs read the proposed Warrant Article to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to purchase video, editing and streaming equipment in order to record, store and distribute Atkinson Town meetings over the internet.

Mrs. D. Childs stepped before the Board and explained that she was the Trustee for the Cable Television Capital Reserve Fund, that she was not consulted regarding the proposed Warrant Article; and that the Town could not appropriate money from the Trust fund for anything other than its stated purpose, to develop and equip a new facility for ACTV. The Board discussed if the proposed warrant article would be allowed according to the Trust.

The Board also discussed the Warrant Article to raise and appropriate \$18,000 from the Trust for the Cable Television Capital Reserve Fund to reconfigure Town Hall storage space for ACTV equipment. T. Barbera, IT Committee explained that he felt that the proposed articles should be allowed. Ms. Childs said that she would consult with Terry Knowles regarding the legality of the proposed warrants.

The Board decided to wait until Mrs. Childs had had a chance to consult with Terry Knowles and make a decision on the ACTV Warrant Articles at the next meeting. Mrs. Childs requested the Recording Clerk to put in the minutes that for once her husband agreed with her.

Mrs. Childs then requested that Chairman Childs read the letter from Frank Polito, Town Moderator and Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Childs remarked that he would like Mr. Polito's permission to read the letter but announced that Mr. Polito was resigning as Town Moderator and Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Barbera requested that the ACTV Warrant Articles be placed together on the ballot.

***Elderly Affairs:***

Mr. Friel read the proposed Warrant Article to purchase a new all wheel drive Subaru for the Elderly Affairs Committee. Mr. Friel asked if the proposed note could be included. Mr. Bennett explained that it could be included on the Warrant but not on the ballot.

**Selectman W. Friel made a Motion for the Board of Selectmen to recommend the proposed Warrant Article as read. Selectman W. Bennett seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 to recommend the proposed Warrant Article.**

Selectman Bennett read the proposed Warrant Article to create the position of Director of Elderly Affairs.

**Selectman W. Bennett made a Motion for the Board of Selectmen to recommend the proposed Warrant Article as read. Selectman W. Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 to recommend the proposed Warrant Article.**

- *Fire Department* – Selectman Bennett read the proposed Warrant Article to raise and appropriate \$60,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles as outlined in the Board of Engineers' Capital Improvement Plan.

**Chairman Childs made a Motion to recommend the proposed Warrant Article as written. Selectman W. Bennett seconded the Motion and the Board of Selectmen voted 3/0/0 in favor.**

- *Highway Department* - Mr. Friel read the proposed Warrant Article for the proposed Snow Removal Expendable Trust Fund with a sum of up to \$15,000 to be taken from the General Fund.

**Selectman W. Friel made a Motion to recommend the Warrant Article as written. Selectman W. Bennett seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.**

- *Kimball House* – Selectman W. Bennett read the proposed Warrant Article.

**Selectman Bennett made a Motion to recommend the proposed Warrant Article as written. Selectman Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.**

- *Road Repair*- Chairman Childs read the following Warrant Articles for repair of roads:

- \$12,350 to shim and overlay .15 miles of Mosher Drive
- \$37,050 to shim and overlay .55 miles of Stage Road
- \$24,699 to shim and overlay .3 miles of Rockingchair Lane
- \$18,466 to shim and overlay .2 miles of Cottontail Lane
- \$18,466 to shim and overlay .2 miles of Pebble Brook Road
- \$12,350 to shim and overlay .15 miles of Leroy Avenue
- \$43,225 to shim and overlay .8 miles of Pages Lane and Bittersweet Lane

Selectman Friel reminded the Board that all but \$23,000 would be reimbursed through a highway block grant. Mr. Bennett informed the Board that the lengths to be repaired were the entire length of the streets.

**Selectman Bennett made a Motion to recommend the proposed Warrant Articles as read. Selectman Friel seconded the Motion and the Board of Selectmen voted 3/0/0 in favor.**

- *Mosquito Control* – Selectman Friel read the proposed Warrant Article

**Selectman Friel made a Motion to recommend the proposed Warrant Article as read. Selectman W. Bennett seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.**

- *Recreation* – Selectman Bennett read the proposed Warrant Article to add \$25,000 to the Recreation Fund for improvement of fields.

**Selectman Bennett made a Motion to recommend the proposed Warrant Article. Selectman W. Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 to recommend the proposed Warrant Article.**

- *Woodlock Park*: Chairman Childs read the proposed Warrant Article to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$5,000 for the purpose of improvements on Woodlock Park.

**Selectman Friel made a Motion to recommend the proposed Warrant Article to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of improvements to Woodlock Park in the Amount of \$5,000.**

Selectman Bennett stated that he was opposed to the Warrant Article because the money could be better spent to establish the new ball fields at East Road and that the recreation committee gave \$5,000 to the ball leagues anyway. Selectman Friel argued that there were a number of safety issues at Woodlock Park, including putting in a safety fence.

**The Board voted, 1/2/0 against recommending the proposed Warrant Article. Selectman Friel – yes, Chairman Childs – no and Selectman Bennett no.**

*East Road Recreation Area* – Selectman Bennett read the proposed Warrant Article to appropriate \$80,000 to continue construction of the new East Road recreation area. Mr. Bennett informed the Board that the Recreation Committee was expecting a donation to defray a large portion of the amount. Mr. Friel recommended that the Board wait to vote on the Warrant Article until it had more information regarding the donation.

- *Town Hall Generator* – Chairman Childs read the proposed Warrant Article.

**Selectman W. Friel made a Motion to recommend the proposed Warrant Article Selectman W. Bennett seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.**

**Proposed 2010 Non-Money Warrant Articles –**

*Chairman Childs - RSA 40:13V-a* – Whereby the Budget Committee's and the Selectmen's votes on budget items, or any warrant articles, shall be recorded, the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article.

*Chairman Childs - Roads for Acceptance:* Mr. Childs read the proposed Warrant Articles requesting that Little Rob Road Extension, Carriage Chase Lane and Brushwood Drive be presented to the voters as a Warrant Article for road acceptance.

- *Technology Committee* – Selectman Friel read the proposed Warrant Article.

- *Citizen Petition to define Marriage* – Chairman Childs read the Petition.

Mr. Sapia stepped before the Board and stated that he was President of the Atkinson Little League. He informed the Board that he had received a letter from the Recreation Committee stating that each park would be receiving \$2,000 this year, not \$5,000. He also said that the Town ball program had grown in the past five years with more programs and that the Little League Program had grown to 350 players. He also stated that East Road would not be completed for two years and that there was an immediate need to irrigate Woodlock Park for the current season.

The Board then set the order for the proposed warrants. The first are the "Money Warrants"

- 2010-1 – To purchase a 2010 Subaru for the Elderly Affairs Department
- 2010-2 – To create the position of Director of Elderly Affairs
- 2010-3 – Appropriate \$60,000- for the Fire Department Trust Fund
- 2010-4 - \$15,000 for the Winter Expendable Trust Fund
- 2010-5 - \$12,350 to shim and overlay .15 miles of Mosher Drive
- 2010-6 - \$37,050 to shim and overlay .55 miles of Stage Road
- 2010-7 - \$24,699 to shim and overlay .3 miles of Rockingchair Lane
- 2010-8 - \$18,466 to shim and overlay .2 miles of Cottontail Lane

- 2010-9- \$18,466 to shim and overlay .2 miles of Pebble Brook Road
- 2010-10- \$12,350 to shim and overlay .15 miles of Leroy Avenue
- 2010-11- \$43,225 to shim and overlay .8 miles of Pages Lane and Bittersweet Lane
- 2010-12 - \$80,000 for continued construction of the East Road Recreation Area
- 2010-13 - \$25,000 for the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund
- 2010-14 - \$5,000 for improvements to the Woodlock Park recreation area
- 2010-15 – \$25,000 for a Town Hall Generator
- 2010-16 - \$46,000 for Mosquito Control
- 2010-17 - \$35,000 for repair of Kimball House
- 2010-18 - \$1,000 to televise Conservation Committee meetings
- 2010-19 - \$1,000 to televise Kimball Library Trustee meetings
- 2010-20 - \$10,000 for video editing and streaming equipment
- 2010-21 - \$18,000 for additional space for ACTV

**Bids:**

Chairman Childs announced that the Town is accepting bids for cleaning the Town Buildings. The information can be picked up at the Selectmen's office. The contract will be from February 14, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The sealed bids will be accepted at the Selectman's office on before 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 1, 2010. For information, contact Maintenance Supervisor, David Weymouth, at 603-234-0664.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

- The Regional Selectmen's Meeting will have to be put off until sometime in February or March.
- The Selectmen are negotiating with Waste Management to reduce trash removal costs and recycling costs. Further discussion regarding recycling and costs to be continued next Monday.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business**

- *New Door and Locks* – Mr. Friel suggested that rather than rekeying all locks, a key pad be placed on the rear door and all entry be forced through that door.

- Conditional recommendation to accept Little Rob Road Extension and Carriage Chase Lane – the Selectmen still have not received the Engineer's report and cannot recommend acceptance until it is received.

*Mosquito Control Contract Anniversary Date – Sometime in February* – bid has been accepted but contract has not been signed.

- *Waste Management Bid* – continuing with the old same contract because present contractor has license. The Selectmen decided to check other contractors.

- *Printing of Town Report* -

**Chairman Childs made a Motion to award the contract to print the Town Report to Laurel press for \$6,762.00. Selectman Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.**

**Future Agenda**

*January 19, 2010 7:00 p.m. – Budget Committee TRBC Public Hearing*

*January 30, 2010 10:00 a.m. - Dyke Auditorium Deliberative Session  
February 4, 2010 7:00 p.m. – PAC TRSD Deliberative Session*

Chairman Childs announced the openings for 2010 Town elected positions. The filing period opens on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 and closes 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2010. Sign up sheets can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office, any questions, (603) 362-4920. Chairman Childs read the list of positions.

- Selectman – 3 years vote, for one
- Moderator – 2 years, vote for one
- Treasurer – 3 years, vote for one
- Cemetery Trustee – 3 years, vote for one
- Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 years, vote for one
- Conflict of Interest – 3 years, vote for one
- Trustee of the Trust Fund – 3 years, vote for one
- Budget Committee – 2 years, vote for one
- Budget Committee – 3 years, vote for two
- Library Trustee – 3 years, vote for two

**Selectman Bennett made a Motion to adjourn the January 18, 2010 meeting of the Town of Atkinson Board of Selectmen at 10:29 p.m. Selectman William Friel seconded the motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 to adjourn.**

***Respectfully submitted by Karen Wemmelmann***

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Fred J. Childs, Jr.

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William G. Friel

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William M. Bennett