

**Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting 7:38 P.M.
Monday, January 25, 2010**

Open Regular Meeting:

Chairman F. Childs opened the Regular Meeting of the Town of Atkinson Board of Selectmen at 7:38 p.m. and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

F. Childs, Chairman
W. Friel
W. Bennett

Others Present:

P. Smith, Town Administrator
T. Williams, Road Agent
R. Cavalear, Town Clerk

2010 Warrant:

Chairman Childs announced that the 2010 Warrant has been posted at Town Hall, the Community Center and on the website. Extra copies will be available at Town Hall. The Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010. The Warrants have been sent to DRA and THE Board received a very favorable report.

Appearances:

- *R. Cavalear, Town Clerk* – Mrs. Cavalear appeared before the Board to announce that it was now possible to license dogs on-line through the Town Website for a \$2.50 convenience fee. Rabies shots must be up to date and a tag number must be provided. The tags will be mailed. Ms. Cavalear is requesting email addresses so she can email renewals. Ms. Cavalear is still working on allowing residents to pay by credit card and has a meeting with the Treasurer in February.

2010 Warrant:

- *Default Budget* – The Default Budget is part of the Warrant. It is posted at Town Hall and at the Community Center. The total 2010 operating budget for the Town of Atkinson is \$4,443,505.75. The total reduction was (\$132,907.45) and the total Default Budget is \$4,310,598.30.

The Board deferred the Motion until the end of the Meeting.

Assessing: Two abatements and one veteran's tax credit were submitted for approval.

Abatement -Map /Lot 11-3-33, 21 Oak Hill Circle, \$422.83 plus interest

Selectman Bennett made a Motion to approve an abatement for the property located on Map/Lot 11-3- 33, with an address of 21 Oak Hill Circle in the amount of \$422.83 plus interest. Selectman Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor of approving the abatement

Abatement -Map /Lot 17-72, 2 Woodside Way, \$19.77 plus interest

Selectman Friel made a Motion to approve abatement for the property located on Map 17 Lot 72, with an address of 2 Woodside Way in the amount of \$19.77 plus interest. Selectman Bennett seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor of approving the abatement

Veteran's Tax Credit -Map /Lot 19-69, 14 Crystal Hill Road

Selectman Bennett made a Motion to deny a Veteran's Tax Credit for the property located on Map 19 Lot 69, with an address of 14 Crystal Hill Road as the applicant did not receive the Vietnam

Service Medal or an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Selectman Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 to deny the Veteran's Tax Credit.

- *Time and Date for the Second Session of the Annual Meeting (Voting)* –

Selectman Bennett made a Motion to set the date and time for the second session of the Town Meeting on March 9, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Selectman Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.

Conservation Committee – Chairman Childs read two announcements from the Conservation Committee:

- A request for signatures to be added to a request for funding of a Natural Resources Inventory through CTAP grants

- A grant request for Energy Audits for all 8 town buildings

Recycling Center – Chairman Childs asked the Board for a Motion to close the Recycling Center

Selectman Bennett made a Motion to close the Recycling Center as of January 26, 2010 until March 15, 2010.

The Board discussed whether to remove the dumpsters and containers so the Town did not have to pay rental and decided that it was cheaper to pay the rental than to pay Waste Management to haul the dumpsters and containers away.

Selectman Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.

Town Administrator's Report – Chairman Childs read the Town Administrator's Report.

- *Waste Management* – The Board of Selectmen discussed single stream recycling and showed two types of waste barrels, a 64 gallon barrel for trash and a 96 gallon barrel for single stream recycling. With single stream recycling all paper, cans and bottles would go in the recycling barrel. The estimated cost savings is around \$24,000 per year. Ted Stewart, Road Agent explained that at present there are separate trucks for recycling and separating cans, bottles and paper has to be done by hand. With the 96 gallon bin, families would be able to put all recyclable material in one bin. The Board discussed whether the 96 gallon barrel would be too heavy and if there would be enough room at some homes for it.

- *Bids* - Mr. Childs announced that there were several applicants for the cleaning bids and they toured the buildings on Monday. The sealed bids are due at the Selectman's office on before 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 1, 2010.

Town Administrator's Report: The Selectmen discussed the Town Administrator's report.

- Annual Report Bid was awarded to Loral Press

- Frank Polito has resigned as Moderator and the Honorable Jim Garrity will be serving as Moderator at Town Meeting. Mr. Garrity attended the Moderator's class on Saturday.

- Glacial Energy has started the new electrical contract, but has not caught up with the billing yet.

- *Open Positions* - 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.

- 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 two
- 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

There have been more resignations from office:

- Steven Giangregorio resigned from the Budget Committee due to a work conflict
- Jim Blackadar resigned as Chairman of the Budget Committee
- Virginia Busby resigned as Supervisor of the Checklist. The Supervisors of the Checklist appointed Laura Lipfort, Supervisor of the Checklist to fill out the term of Virginia Busby. The term expires in 2012.
- Pam Murphy has retired from the Fire Department

Announcements:

- *Annual Pancake Breakfast* – Atkinson Cub Scout Pack 95 will be holding its annual pancake breakfast on January 31, 2010 from 8:00 – 11:00 in the Atkinson Community Breakfast. It is all you can eat. Chocolate chip and plain pancakes will be served. Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, Family \$15.00
- A Button Up NH workshop is to be held at the Kimball Library on Saturday, February 6th from 10:00 am to Noon at the Kimball Town Library.

New Business:

- *Mosquito Control* – The Town Administrator informed the Board that the contract has been awarded at the same price.

Future Agenda

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

Old Business

- *Waste Management* – Mr. Stewart asked the Board if they were going to close the dump and was informed that the Board voted to close the recycling center as of January 26, 2010 earlier in the meeting. Mr. Stewart requested that the Board leave the recycling center open; stating closing it would not encourage recycling and asked if anyone could tell him the cost to the Town to close it. Mr. Friel informed the Road Agent that according to Waste Management, it would be cheaper to recycle curbside. The Board also discussed brush and yard waste recycling. Mr. Stewart informed the Board that compost from yard waste was used to fertilize the parks and that residents were allowed to haul it free of cost. Mr. Friel also informed Mr. Stewart that the Board has talked to other contractors and once the contract with Waste Management ends, the Town could contract with another company for a savings of \$106,000.

- *16 Industrial Way, Map 16 Lot 59* – Selectman Friel informed the Board that the property has been sold and that the previous developer, Lauren Realty, was holding a \$40,694.40 bond. The new owners, Ruby Holdings, LLC, have requested to post a new bond in the amount of \$38,232 based on the review by

Keach Nordstrom of the value of the site. The new owners have given the Board a project improvement guarantee and an irrevocable standby letter of credit from Pentucket Bank with a call date. Mr. Friel stated that the Board would need a Motion to allow the Treasurer to release the bond in the amount of \$40,694.40 by Lauren Realty and accept the new bond in the amount of \$38,232 held by Ruby Holdings, LLC

Mr. Childs recessed the Board for 10 minutes to allow time to review the new bond and the minutes for the December 21, 2010, January 18, 2010 and January 19, 2010 meetings.

The Meeting resumed at 8::50 p/m.

Selectman Friel made a Motion to authorize the Treasurer to release the \$40,694.40 bond filed by Lauren Realty Corporation and to accept the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit from the new owner, Ruby Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$38,232.00 as bond. Selectman Friel seconded the Motion. Mr. Childs asked if they had all the paperwork, including the Engineers Report and Mr. Friel responded that the Board had the new bond, the call date and the Engineer's Report. The Board voted 3/0/0 in favor of approving the bond.

Approval of Minutes

- *December 21, 2009 Non-Public, December 21, Regular Meeting –*

- *January 18, 2010, Regular Meeting, January 18, 2010 Public Hearing –* The Board reviewed the Minutes and set them aside for the Board of Selectman's Meeting January 30, 2010.

- *January 19, 2010, Regular Meeting, January 19, 2010 Public Hearing, –* The Board reviewed the Minutes and set them aside for the Board of Selectman's Meeting January 30, 2010.

Selectman Bennett made a Motion to approve the December 21, 2009 Public and Non-Public Meetings of the Board of Selectmen as submitted by the Recording Clerk and Amended by the Town Administrator. Selectman Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.

Return to Old Business: - *Default Budget –* Selectman Bennett reminded the Board that a Motion was needed to accept the Default Budget.

Selectman Bennett made a Motion to accept the Default Budget as submitted in the amount of \$4,310,598.30. Selectman Friel seconded the Motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 in favor.

Selectman Bennett made a Motion to adjourn the January 25, 2010 meeting of the Town of Atkinson Board of Selectmen at 8:53 p.m. Selectman William Friel seconded the motion and the Board voted 3/0/0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wemmelmann

Fred J. Childs, Jr.

William G. Friel

William M. Bennett