

**Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectman
Public Hearing Meeting 7:00 pm
Monday, June 7, 2010**

Public Hearing Meeting

Chairman Friel opened the Public Hearing of the Board of Selectmen at 7:06. The purpose of the hearing is the re-naming of a section of Pope Road, which currently connects West Side Drive and Woodlock Park, the proposed new name is Woodlock Park Lane.

Members Present:

W. Friel, Chairman
W. Bennett
F. Childs

Others Present:

P. Smith, Town Administrator
M. Kelleher, State of NH E-911
F. Callahan, 106 Pope Road

Discussion:

Chairman Friel explained that for safety reasons, currently now named, (Lower) Pope Road needs to be re-named. This re-naming of this street is also recommended by NH's E-911. Chairman Friel asked if there was anyone who would like to discuss the proposed change. Mr. Frank Callahan of 106 Pope Road, a resident of Atkinson for almost 30 years came before the Board with the concerns that these changes may affect his now ailing wife and proper response. It was explained by Mike Kelleher of E-911; Pope Road is not a "thru" street it would be hard for emergency personnel to properly respond to an emergency call if in fact they enter from the wrong end. It was also stated by Mr. Kelleher that the Atkinson Emergency personnel may know Pope Road is not a "thru" Street but in the event that Mutual Aid towns are responding, this may not be the same scenario. The current issue with Pope Road could see problems such as; delays, lost time and through that time issue possibly lost lives. Selectman Childs brought up the incident where as a little boy broke his arm and the responding ambulance and Emergency crew had gone to the wrong end of the street and had to re-direct their responding units. Chairman Friel asked the Board members if anyone was opposed to the re-naming of Lower Pope Road.

Adjournment

Selectman Childs made the motion to close the Public hearing at 7:16 pm Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. Board voted unanimously 3/0/0

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Power

William G. Friel, Chairman

William M. Bennett

Fred J. Childs, Jr.