

*Town of Atkinson  
Board of Selectmen  
Workshop 6:30 PM  
September 20, 2010*

**Open Meeting:**

Chairman W. Friel opened the Selectmen's Workshop at 6:33PM on Monday, September 20, 2010, in the Atkinson Town Hall.

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

P. Smith, Town Administrator  
S. Killam, Planning Chairperson  
T. Dziechowski, Conservation Commission  
  
P. Consentino, Police Chief  
M. Murphy, Fire Chief  
B. Snicer, Assessing Clerk

**Discussion:**

Board Members discussed with S. Killam and T. Dziechowski the Fire and Police Chiefs concerns about a proposed MBTA Layover at the former Westville Homes site on Rte 125.

S. Killam had concerns with the proposed Layover site, in the following areas: The Tiger II grant is geared towards Atkinson as the site of preference. S. Killam pointed out issues with land noise, vibration and Smoke, impacting Atkinson neighborhoods. B. Snicer was concerned with the fact that legislation in NH has not caught up with the legislation in MA, regarding regulating Train Stations, Trains and Layovers. She also outlined the proposed routes, from Maine to Rhode Island. They also noted that there are three preferred sites for the Layover, Westville is just one of them, and the better site for Atkinson would be the Hilldale site.

S. Killam stated that this project is backed by RPC and NH DOT. Chief Consentino stated he is opposed to the location, it would affect many residents. She also stated that this could impact the surrounding wetlands.

B. Bennett stated; if the Layover is done properly, it will be a benefit to the area, T. Dziechowski agreed with that view point. B. Bennett stated, this project will accommodate at least 670 passengers daily. The impact to Plaistow residents was minimal, while over 300 people in Atkinson could be affected. He stated a sound barrier could be built to effectively reduce noise caused by the Layover.

Discussion finished up with, what options the town of Atkinson has; letters to local law makers, letters to RPC, DOT, and S. Killam brought up the reality, there aren't any real barriers to this project moving forward. The land is properly zoned; the property has a willing seller and buyer.

**Chairman W. Friel motioned to a Non-Public Session to order at 7:30p.m. Monday, September 20, 2010, in the Atkinson Town Hall, under RSA 91-A: 3 II. (b). W. Bennett, yes, F. Childs, yes and W. Friel, yes, roll call vote, unanimous.**

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Submitted By, Philip Smith, Town Administrator,

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William G. Friel, Chairman

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William Bennett

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Fred J. Childs, Jr