

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2011*

W. Friel opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:35pm in the Atkinson Town Hall and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

F. Childs, Jr
W. Friel, Chairman

Others Present:

T. Barbera, Chairman, Technology Committee
P. Consentino, Chief, Police Department

Department Heads:

Ted Stewart – Request to Hire a New Employee

Mr. Stewart submitted a request to the Board of Selectmen to hire Joseph Martin for the open Highway Laborer and Recycling Attendant positions, at \$10.50 per hour.

F. Childs made a motion to hire Joseph Martin as a part time worker for the highway department pending wage review. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Chief Consentino – Over-Spending Propane Line

Selectmen explained this has already been approved and signed off on last week.

Over-Spending Gas Line

The Chief explained the reason for the discrepancy on the last report was due to Exxon-Mobil using the wrong cards when the transponders do not work. The Chief will obtain a letter from Exxon-Mobil to support his statement. The starting budget was in the amount of \$28,000 and the Chief is looking to overspend the account by \$10,746.00.

F. Childs made a motion to approve Chief Consentino to over-expend the Gas Line in his budget by \$10,746.00. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

The hire of 2 full time officers and 2 part time officers

The Chief explained he needed to hire 2 full time officers and 2 part time officers to cover all 3 shifts.

F. Childs made a motion to allow Chief Consentino to hire two full time police officers – 1 at the rate of \$23.22 per hour and the other at the rate of \$21.00 per officer. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

F. Childs made a motion to allow Chief Consentino to hire two part time police officers – 1 will go to the Police Academy and will not work until certified and will be responsible for all expenses at the rate of an entry level part time position per the union contract, and the other, a licensed Weapon's Instructor to start at the rate of \$15.91. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Chief Consentino will put the names before the Board of Selectmen for final approval.

Patrol Corporal

F. Childs made a motion to promote Officer Butler as a certified Patrol Corporal at the rate of \$23.22 per hour. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Todd Barbera – Town Website

Mr. Barbera appeared before the Board of Selectmen to give an update on the Town Website. There has been positive feedback received thus far. Discussion occurred around whether or not the sub domains will be shut down upon “go-live”. Mr. Friel will follow up with Mr. Bennett’s notes. Mr. Barbera went on to explain he is in need of a nice picture, landscape and in color, for the website. Mr. Friel asked residents to submit to the town any pictures appropriate for the Town website.

New Business:

Applicant for Cemetery Trustee – Mark F. Keefe

The Cemetery Trustees recommended the appointment of Mark F. Keefe as a Cemetery Trustee, to fill the vacancy created by Donald Murphy’s resignation, term to end March 2014.

F. Childs made a motion to appoint Mark F. Keefe as a Cemetery Trustee, finishing out Donald Murphy’s term expiring March 2014. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Resignation Letter

Mr. Friel announced the resignation of Mr. Bennett as Chairman and member of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Friel read Mr. Bennett’s resignation letter aloud. Selectmen wished Mr. Bennett the best.

F. Childs made a motion to accept Mr. Bennett’s resignation letter. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Mr. Friel went on to announce he and Mr. Childs will begin the process of appointing the next Selectman immediately. Mr. Friel asked for all interested candidates to submit a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk’s office by noon on Friday, September 30th. Mr. Friel and Mr. Childs will review all resumes. Mr. Friel also requested each candidate to attend the Board of Selectmen’s meeting on Monday, October 3, 2011 for a brief interview. Mr. Barbera will post this information to the Town Website.

F. Childs made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 26, 2011 at 8:03pm. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Williams

William Friel, Chairman

Fred Childs