

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2011*

W. Bennett opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:37 pm in the Atkinson Town Hall and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

W. Bennett, Chairman
W. Friel
F. Childs

Others Present:

P. Smith, Town Administrator
T. Dziechowski, Chairman, Conservation Committee

Appearances:

Tim Dziechowski, Chairman, Conservation Committee

Mr. Dziechowski appeared before the Board of Selectmen to provide an update on forestry maintenance. The recent cleanup of Sawyer Land Forest produced 148 cords of wood. The next cleanup will be on Carolyn Orr Conservation Land where it is expected to produce 75 cords of wood. The Conservation Committee would like residents to benefit from any cords of wood produced. Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Dziechowski to work with Mr. Stewart in developing a process.

Town Administrator's Report:

See Attached

W. Bennett made a motion to accept the contract offer from Truly Green Lawns to do our fertilizing and lawn maintenance, not cutting, for a total of \$10,890.00. Second: F. Childs. Vote: 3/0/0.

New Business:

Atkinson Energy Commission

F. Childs made a motion to form an Atkinson Energy Commission to include proposed 5 permanent members and 2 alternate members. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

F. Childs made a motion to appoint position#1 to Michelle Veasey for a 3 year term expiring April 2014. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

F. Childs made a motion to appoint position#2 to Judy Wainwright for a 3 year term expiring April 2014. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

F. Childs made a motion to appoint position#3 to Michael Mascola for a 2 year term expiring April 2013. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

F. Childs made a motion to appoint position#4 to James Garrity for a 1 year term expiring April 2012. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

F. Childs made a motion to create two one-year alternate positions for the Atkinson Energy Committee, such positions to expire in April of the following year. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

Assessing:

F. Childs made a motion to grant an abatement to Map 12/Lot 1-15A, 6 Heald Bailey Drive. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

F. Childs made a motion to grant an abatement to Map 12/Lot 50, 5 Pope Road. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

F. Childs made a motion to grant an abatement to Map 13/Lot 1-25B, 9 Steeple View Drive. Second: W. Bennett. Vote: 3/0/0.

F. Childs made a motion to grant a Veteran's Tax Credit to Map 7/Lot 157, 24 Christine Drive. Second: W. Friel. Vote: 3/0/0.

W. Bennett made a motion to close the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2011 and open a non-public session under 91-A:3 II (a) (b). Roll Call Vote: W. Bennett, Yes; W. Friel, Yes; F. Childs, Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Williams

William Bennett, Chairman

William Friel

Fred Childs

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT 04-18-11.

- **Total Risk Management (TRiM®)** program several years ago. It offers LGC member groups the opportunity to earn a contribution credit for completing risk management activities aimed at reducing future claims potential. Developed with member input, the TRiM program places an important emphasis on risk and health management through training requirements related to LGC's HealthTrust, Property-Liability Trust and Workers' Compensation lines of coverage. "Our team of Member Relations representatives is happy to meet with interested groups to provide additional TRiM information upon request." Rescheduled for May 12th 10 am.
- **Salem Haven 85KW generator being held for the Town of Atkinson**
- **New Flag needed at Woodlock Park. Replaced Selectmen Childs**
- **East Road Recreation area building being re-roofed**
- **(Pending) CDBG: Adoption needs (2) Being Reviewed by Treasurer**
- **Bayring as of 3/24/11, much improved since the switch over to T-1 line**
- **Waste Management. Letter cancelling the current contract sent out.**
- **SBA Towers Platforms completed; waiting on engineers report and sign-off.**
- **Items still in need of approval as of 2/14:**

Approval of Dates

Opening day on May 7th

Baseball Shed

Permission to use the baseball shed. Mr. Friel? Sumner's recommendation: Little league needs to name the town as insured while informing our carrier of the liability.

Address Change – Pope Road

Updating other towns on the address change to Pope Road in preparation for the baseball season. The Selectmen explained this change had been updated to the GPS database. Proper signage is in place for the upcoming baseball season.

Concession Stand

Mr. Sapia and Mr. Innes explained to the Board of Selectmen the desire of Atkinson Youth Baseball to operate a concession stand out of the park this season. The stand will be worked by teenagers and supervised by an adult at all times at no cost to the town. Issues broached, around the potential location of the stand. The Board of Selectmen will take this request under consideration.

Reimbursement for Baseball Registration

Mr. Sapia and Mr. Kiley explained Atkinson Youth Baseball would like all children to be able to play baseball even if their families cannot afford the registration fee. There is funding available for families in need and the process will be confidential. The Board of Selectmen will take under consideration ways of communicating this benefit to residents.

Atkinson Recreation

- Town Wide Clean up Week: Saturday, April 16th to Friday April 22nd. If your league would like to participate cleaning for fields, please let me know. We are providing free T-shirts, garbage bags and gloves.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 23rd. Using Woodlock Park - 2 Tennis courts, soccer fields, Baseball Field 2 Playground and pavilion. From 9 am to 12:00 noon. Please do not schedule any activities, practice or field maintenance during that time. Atkinson Children up to 10 years old. We usually have about 300 + people show up for this event.
- Fishing Derby: Saturday, May 7th at Community Center Pond registration starts at 7:30 am, Derby starts at 8:00 am and end 11:00 am. Atkinson Children up to 12 years old- there are no conflict of field usage but I believe BB Opening is day same day. If the Opening day ceremony is later in the morning, some children would be able to attend both. Just a suggestion.
- Also 2 School Field days are scheduled in June for the entire park. Both are during the school hours: Merrimack Valley Montessori School- June 8th, Atkinson Academy - June 17th;
- Rockingham County Council on Aging will meet again at the Atkinson Community Center on May 17th 12:00 ~ 2:00.

1. I would like to request the BOS to review the Sun n Fun staff salaries. Over the past 3 years, returning counselors, assistant director, and director have stayed at the same rate for 3 years. Some counselors have 4 years of experience with the camp and are paid at a first year counselor's rate. The returning counselors are not 100 % guaranteed hires. Everybody has to apply every year for positions. When the Recreation Commission and I prepare the budget for this line, we account for the different pay positions which are usually dependant on years of experience. There are approximately 20 counselors in the 1st year and 2 ~ 3 in 2nd to 5th years regarding experience levels. Pay rates start at \$7.50 for 1st, \$7.75 for 2nd, \$8.00, on up with exception given to counselors with experience from elsewhere.... So the staff enjoys good balance. As the result of the FREEZE, there was about \$3200 in 2008, \$8200 in 2009, \$5000 in 2010 left on that budget line.
2. Please consider not FREEZING salaries for Sun n Fun returning staff and let us manage the way we always did. Our fear is great counselors who have been not only trained in children's safety but are certified in First Aid, and CPR may not return.

Regards,

Noriko Yoshida