

*Town of Atkinson  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2012*

**W. Friel opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:34pm in the Atkinson Town Hall and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Members Present:**

F. Childs, Jr  
W. Friel, Chairman  
C. Schuster

**Others Present:**

P. Consentino, Police Chief, Atkinson Police Department  
E. Fournier, Cable Operator Candidate  
J. Garrity, Town Moderator  
B. Innes, Town Administrator  
T. Stewart, Road Agent  
Webelos Pack 95

**Special Guests:**

*Webelos Pack 95*

Mr. Schuster introduced Webelos Pack 95 and explained the reason for their presence was to learn about Citizenship, Government, Laws, and Taxes. Each boy stated his name.

**Appointment:**

*Part-time Police Officer – K. Nolan*

Mr. Innes explained a motion was made in error by Mr. Bennett back in 2009. The original motion appointed K. Nolan as a part-time police officer with an expiration date of June 10, 2010. Mr. Innes requested the Selectmen to make a motion to move Mr. Nolan's appointment back retroactive with an effective date of June 10, 2010.

**F. Childs made a motion to appoint Kevin Nolan as a part-time Police Officer, effective June 10, 2010. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

*Authorization to Hire Camera Operator – Edward Fournier*

Mr. Williams submitted an interoffice memorandum to the Board of Selectmen requesting approval to hire candidate Edward Fournier as Cable Operator. Mr. Fournier appeared before the Board of Selectmen to introduce himself. The Board of Selectmen read the recommendations submitted by Mr. Williams and all agree Mr. Fournier would be a viable candidate for the open position of Camera Operator.

**F. Childs made a motion to hire Edward Fournier as Camera Operator. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

**Assessing:**

*Veteran's Tax Credit*

**F. Childs made a motion to grant a Veteran's Tax Credit on Map 9/Lot 14 with an address of 22 Sawyer Avenue in the amount of \$500.00. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

**Appearances:**

*James Garrity, Town Moderator*

Mr. Garrity appeared before the Board of Selectmen to announce the NH Primary will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 from 7:00am to 8:00pm in the Atkinson Community Center. Mr. Garrity encouraged all residents to come and vote and said the process should only take about 5 minutes.

Mr. Innes asked Mr. Garrity to stay at the meeting to assist in the review of the 2012 Warrant Articles.

## **Budgets:**

### ***Review 2012 Warrant Articles and Operating Budget Recommendations***

The following proposed 2012 Warrant Articles were reviewed and either accepted or not accepted by the Board of Selectmen:

#### **Multiple-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement**

- No comments

#### **Authorization for Special Meeting on Defeated Collective Bargaining Agreement**

- No comments

#### **Operating Budget**

- No final recommendation

#### **Disabled Exemption**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to increase the earnings guidelines for the Disabled Exemption. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

#### **Establish Capital Improvement Committee**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to form a Capital Improvement Committee. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

#### **Repair Fire Station Sidewalk**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to Repair Fire Station Sidewalk for \$11,000. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

#### **Repair Town Hall Sidewalk**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to Repair Town Hall Sidewalk for \$11,000. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

#### **Improve Cemetery Roads**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to Improve Cemetery Roads for \$7,900. Second: F. Childs. 2/1/0. C. Schuster abstained from the vote.

#### **Town Forest – Pettengill Parcel**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to designate the Pettengill Parcel as an Atkinson Town Forest. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

#### **Conservation Commission Membership**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to modify the membership of the Conservation Commission per RSA 36-A:3. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

#### **Move Elderly Affairs**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to move the Elderly Affairs Department to the Atkinson Community Center for \$1,000. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

### **Director of Senior and Recreation Affairs**

**F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to create a position of Director of Senior and Recreation Affairs for \$25,000. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

Chief Consentino approached the Board of Selectmen concerning the above warrant articles to move elderly affairs and to raise \$25,000 to create a position for Director of Senior and Recreation Affairs. The Chief questioned whether or not the Board of Selectmen was planning on eliminating him as Director of Elderly Affairs. The Board explained there is no such plan in place and the topic was not up for discussion as of yet.

### **Fire Department Capital Reserve**

**F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to add \$90,000 to the Fire Department Capital Reserve. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

### **Shim and Overlay Roads**

**F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to shim and overlay 1.4 miles of Sawyer Avenue, 0.4 mile of Providence Hill Road, 0.15 mile of Geary Lane and 0.22 mile of Bluebird Lane for \$194,000. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

### **Brendan Road Culvert**

**F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to repair the Brendan Road culvert for \$38,000. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

Discussion occurred around the rules of modifying the dollar amount in a warrant article. Mr. Garrity explained that any warrant article could be amended as long as the subject matter of the work does not change.

### **Millstream Drive Bridge**

**F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to repair the Millstream Drive bridge for \$83,965. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

### **Purchase Highway Department Truck**

**W. Friel made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to purchase a second Highway Department truck, under a five-year lease-purchase agreement for \$97,500. Second: C. Schuster. 2/0/1. F. Childs is against this motion.**

### **Mosquito Control Expendable Trust**

**F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to place an additional \$48,000 in the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this money. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

### **Repair Police Station**

**F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to repair the ductwork and ceiling at the Police Station for \$45,000. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

### **New Police Cruiser**

**F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to purchase a new police cruiser for \$30,500. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

### **Sixth Full-Time Officer**

W. Friel made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to hire a sixth full-time Police Officer for \$46,000 from June 1 through December 31, 2012. The annual salary for this position will be \$80,006, subject to annual funding. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

### **Recreation Capital Reserve**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article deposit \$12,500 in the Recreation Capital Reserve Fund. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

### **Repurpose the Cable Capital Reserve Fund**

W. Friel made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to Repurpose the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. Second: C. Schuster. 2/0/1. F. Childs is against this motion.

### **Town Hall Data Rewiring**

W. Friel made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to do some rewiring for data in the Town Hall for \$8,100. Second: C. Schuster. 2/0/1. F. Childs is against this motion.

### **Town Hall Security**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to increase security at the Town Hall for \$5,000. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

### **Town Hall Renovation**

F. Childs made a motion to place on the 2012 Warrant an article to renovate the Town Clerk's and Tax Collector's offices per the Department of Labor directives for \$20,000. C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

Mr. Childs explained the total amount of the 2012 warrant articles is around \$722,000 and suggests all residents look over the warrant articles very carefully. The warrant will be posted by January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Mr. Garrity announced the Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2011 at the Dyke Auditorium located in Atkinson Academy, at 10 AM. The Second Session is on March 13, 2011. Mr. Garrity went on to emphasize the importance of the Deliberative Session and strongly encouraged all residents to attend the session.

### **New Business:**

#### ***Request to increase labor lines – Ted Stewart***

Mr. Stewart made a request to increase his summer labor line 43122.110-01 to \$31,454 and his winter labor line 43122.110.02 to \$24,734.

F. Childs made a motion to increase labor line 43122.110-01 to \$31,454 and labor line 43122.110-02 to \$22,734. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.

### **Future Agenda:**

1/10/12 – Presidential Primary Election Community Center 7AM – 8PM

1/10/12 – Deadline for CBA cost items fro 2012

1/10/12 – Deadline for Citizens' petition articles

1/25/12 – Open candidates filing 8:30am – Town Clerk's Regular Hours – SAU #55 – Regular Hours (8:30am – 4pm)

1/27/12 – Annual Report Bids due 12Noon

1/30/12 – Post Warrant, Budget and Default Budget

2/3/12 – Close candidates’ filing period – 5pm Town Clerk’s office/SAU #55  
2/4/12 – Deliberative session – 10am – Dyke Auditorium, Atkinson Academy  
2/9/12 – TRSD Deliberative session – performing arts center – 7pm  
3/13/12 – Town Meeting (voting) Atkinson Community Center – 7:30am – 8Pm

**F. Childs made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2012 at 8:58pm. Second: C. Schuster. 3/0/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Lueders

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William Friel, Chairman

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Fred Childs, Jr

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Craig Schuster