

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2012*

W. Friel opened the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Atkinson Town Hall and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

T. Barbera
W. Friel

Others Present:

M. George, Northside Carting
B. Innes, Town Administrator

Approval of Minutes:

4/2/12 – Non-Public Meeting

Mr. Barbera made a motion to approve the minutes from Non-Public Meeting 4/2/12 as submitted. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

4/2/12 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Barbera made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting 4/2/12 as amended. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

4/4/12 – Special Meeting

Mr. Barbera made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting 4/4/12 as submitted. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Assessing:

Abatement – Map/Lot 000013-000029-000024-17 Winslow Drive

Mr. Barbera made a motion to grant an Abatement for Map/Lot 13-29-24, 17 Winslow Drive in the amount of \$1,874.36 plus interest. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Elderly Exemption – Map/Lot 000009-000025-000000-6 Willow Vale

Mr. Barbera made a motion to grant an Elderly Exemption for Map/Lot 9-25, 6 Willow Vale. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Elderly Exemption – Map/Lot 000014-000062-000000-44 Academy Avenue

Mr. Barbera made a motion to grant an Elderly Exemption for Map/Lot 14-62, 44 Academy Avenue. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Veterans' Tax Credit – Map/Lot 000015-000007-000000 – 26 East Road

Mr. Barbera made a motion to deny a Veterans' Tax Credit for Map/Lot 15-7, 26 East Road because there were no qualifying medals. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Old Business:

Police Department Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Document – Status

Mr. Friel will follow up with MRI on the status.

Letter to Mr. Morin re: Involuntarily Merged Lots - Status

Mr. Friel will follow up with Town Counsel.

Personnel Policies Manual – Mileage Rates

Mr. Innes explained the recommendation is to set the mileage reimbursement rate for all town employees to \$.555 per mile. Currently the mileage rates are set as follows:

Employee	Rate
Town Employee (non-library)	\$.45/mile
Highway Department	\$.505/mile
Town Employee (library)	\$.555/mile

Mr. Friel explained highway department employees have a higher rate than non-library employees because they drive diesel trucks. Mr. Friel also explained library employee rates are set under a library vote.

Mr. Barbera made a motion to change the mileage reimbursement rate for town employees (non-library) to \$.505/mile and to change the mileage reimbursement rate for highway department employees to \$.555/mile. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Appearances:

Mark George, Northside Carting – Contract Discussion

Mr. George appeared before the Board of Selectmen to discuss a discrepancy found in the total price of the recently approved contract for the collection of MSW and Recycling in the town. The Selectmen approved the contract at a fixed rate of \$495,412 for 3 years; however the total price of the contract is in the amount of \$503,324 leaving a discrepancy of \$7,912. Mr. George explained the discrepancy is due to the estimated tonnage per year. The town averages about 3,200 tons per year. The fixed rate of the contract is the collection at \$231,374 per year and the disposal at \$73.50/ton. The total amount of the contract will be dependent on how many tons are collected annually.

Mr. Friel made a motion to retract the previous motion of approval for the Northside Carting contract in the amount of \$495,413 for 3 years. Second: T. Barbera. 2/0/0.

Mr. Friel made a motion to engage Northside Carting for the collection of MSW and Recycling in the town at a rate of \$231,374 per year and a fixed rate of \$73.50/ton for 3 years. The total amount per year could vary based on the amount of tonnage each year. Second: T. Barbera. 2/0/0.

New Business:

Open Volunteer Positions

Mr. Innes announced there are many 2012 open positions in the town and encouraged any interested residents to volunteer for an open position. Mr. Innes read the list of open positions out loud and will advertise the list in the Carriage House News and on the Town Website.

Address Assignment – Coventry Road

Mr. Innes presented a map to the Board of Selectmen showing two properties, ML 14-86-0, and ML 14-86-3. Mr. Innes explained the recommendation from him and Ms. Snicer is to assign an address of 2 Coventry Road to ML 14-86-0 and an address of 31 East Road to ML 14-86-3. Mr. Friel would like to hold off on making any decisions until the project with E-911 Commission is complete.

Elderly Affairs – Hiring Two New Drivers

Mr. Innes explained the Director of Elderly Affairs would like to hire two new employees due to one employee retiring and there being a heavy workload. There will be no additional cost to the town, just more shared hours.

The Selectmen granted permission to the Director of Elderly Affairs to advertise and solicit two new drivers but will need to go before the Board of Selectmen for approval to hire.

Library – Generator Acceptance of the EMPG Grant

Mr. Innes asked the Selectmen to make a motion to accept the Library Generator EMPG Grant per the recent work done by Mr. Phair to obtain the grant. Mr. Innes explained the total cost of the project is in the amount of \$67,096.00, where \$33,548.00 will be supplied by the grant and \$33,548.00 will be supplied by a private donation.

Mr. Barbera made a motion that the Town of Atkinson accept the New Hampshire Emergency Management Performance Grant agreement terms as presented. The Grant will be used to purchase and install a 150KW generator, transfer switch and ancillary electrical wiring and to connect to the library main electrical control board, including the HVAC system. The total cost of the project is \$67,096.00 with \$33,548.00 to be supplied by the grant and \$33,548.00 to be provided by matching funds from a private donation. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Update – Representative from Representative Bass’ Office Visit

Mr. Innes explained that Ivey Jones from Representative Bass’ office visited the town and four residents came in to speak with her. Two of these residents were interested in discussion the 1,4-Dioxane issue in town.

Update – 1,4 – Dioxane Issue

Mr. Innes explained there will an informational session on May 3rd where DES will be available to residents for questions and answers regarding the 1,4-Dioxane issue in town. The EPA is working to determine if they can be involved or not.

Information – Recreation Commission Has Red Sox Baseball Tickets

Mr. Innes announced the Recreation Commission has Red Sox tickets available to residents for the following dates: July 19th, August 6th, and August 21st. Interested residents should contact Noriko Yoshida-Travers.

Information – Library COLA Increase

Mr. Innes explained the Library has given their employees a COLA increase to match what was given to town employees.

Information – Baseball is Laying Sod on Field 2 – M&K is doing the work

Mr. Innes explained M&K is currently laying sod down on field 2. Mr. Friel asked Mr. Innes to stop the work because a public hearing needs to be held to accept the donation before work can be done. Mr. Innes will stop the work and schedule a public hearing to accept the donation.

Selectmen Meeting Agendas

Mr. Barbera announced the Board of Selectmen meeting agendas will be posted on-line.

School Board Meeting

Mr. Barbera explained that he and Mr. Friel recently attended the School Board meeting where it was decided the SAU 55 Board will contract with NESDEC to do a nation-wide search for a new superintendant.

Future Agenda:

4/11/12 – ZBA Meeting Wednesday 7:30PM Selectmen’s Office

4/11/12 – Town Clerks Office will close at 3:00PM

4/14/12 – Saturday 8AM – Indoor Farmer’s Market Community Center
8am Kickoff Town Beautification Week Community Center

5/3/12 – 1,4 Dioxane Public Information Meeting 6:30PM Community Center

W. Friel made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2012 at 8:02pm. Second: T. Barbera. 2/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

Fred Childs, Jr, Chairman

William Friel

Todd Barbera