

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2012*

F. Childs opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:31pm in the Atkinson Town Hall and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

T. Barbera
F. Childs, Jr., Chairman

Others Present:

B. Innes, Town Administrator

Approval of Minutes:

4/30/12 – Regular Meeting

F. Childs noted that the fifth paragraph on page 1 should read “F. Childs made a motion to take a 15-minute recess at 7:28 PM. Second: W. Friel. Vote: 3/0/0.”

T. Barbera made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting 4/30/12 as amended. Second: F. Childs. 2/0/0.

Assessing:

Abatement

T. Barbera made a motion to grant an abatement on Map/Lot 000009-000049-000001; 3 Blackford Drive in the amount of \$133.48 plus interest. Second: F. Childs. 2/0/0.

Old Business:

Police Department Gift

Mr. Innes explained the Atkinson Police Department would like to make three separate donations in the amount of \$1,000 or less, each from the Atkinson Police Charitable Fund to the General Fund for the purpose of supplying the Elderly Affairs Department with more money for gas. In order to not throw off the operating budget, Mr. Barbera would like Mr. Innes to ask if Chief Consentino can work with the designated gas station, rather than make these donations, and prepay for the Elderly Affairs gas using money from the Atkinson Police Charitable Fund in the increments described above. Mr. Innes will report back to the Selectmen with the outcome of this inquiry next week.

Decision on Letters of Reprimand

Mr. Innes recommended placement of a verbal warning in Mr. Stewart’s and Mr. Dugdale’s personnel file for not using a paddle, such warning to be removed after 6 months pending no recurrence of this situation.

T. Barbera made a motion to rescind the letters of reprimand and replace with verbal reprimands to go into the files of Mr. Stewart and Mr. Dugdale for six month and if no further instances the reprimand shall be expunged. Second: F. Childs. 2/0/0.

Public Hearing Update

Mr. Innes gave an update concerning the Informational Meeting held on Thursday, May 3rd regarding the 1,4 Dioxane issue. Mr. Innes said that this meeting was very successful. There were eight representatives from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) and one from the United States’ Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) who presented the history of 1,4-Dioxane within the town, and what has been done thus far to resolve the issue. The DES and EPA are working on a long-term solution to get clean water to the affected areas

of the town. There was a question and answer session after the presentation, and residents were able to sign up for their well to be tested and to get a copy of the presentation.

Announcements

Condolences to Debbie DeSimone

Mr. Childs announced the passing of Ms. DeSimone's mother and gave condolences on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Future Agenda:

Information – Recreation Commission has Red Sox baseball tickets - \$65/person

Monday, August 6 at 7:10pm – Texas Rangers

Tuesday, August 21 at 7:10pm – Los Angeles Angles

5/12/12 – 9:00am – 12:00pm Hazardous Waste drop-off in Plaistow @ 51 Old Country Road

5/17/12 – A representative from Congressman Frank Guinta will hold public office hours in Plaistow at the Plaistow Town Hall on Thursday, May 17 at 11:00am

6/1/12 – Dog licenses are due

T. Barbera made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2012 at 7:34pm. Second: F. Childs. 2/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

Fred Childs, Jr, Chairman

William Friel

Todd Barbera