

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2012*

F. Childs opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Atkinson Town Hall and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

T. Barbera
F. Childs, Jr, Chairman
W. Friel

Others Present:

J. Garrity, Town Moderator
B. Innes, Town Administrator
J. Morse, Senator
D. Scanlon, Assistant Secretary of State

Approvals:

Workshop Minutes – 9/10/12

T. Barbera made a motion to approve the minutes from Workshop 9/10/12 as presented. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0.

Regular Meeting Minutes – 9/10/12

T. Barbera made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting 9/10/12 as amended. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0.

Payroll Manifest for 9/18/12 - \$37,255.89 and Accounts Payable Manifest for 9/12/12 - \$71,238.54

F. Childs made a motion to approve the 9/18/12 Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$37,255.89 and the Accounts Payable Manifest for 9/12/12 in the amount of \$71,238.54. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0.

Old Business:

25 Maple Avenue

Mr. Innes provided an update on work being done on 25 Maple Avenue. Mr. Innes expects to receive the work easement for Mr. Stewart to begin work on the property at some point this week.

New Business:

Assistance Update

Mr. Innes presented a quarterly assistance update to the Board of Selectmen. The total budget for the year is \$14,400. The amount expended for the year is \$5,996 (42% of the budget). The total donations for the year are \$1,445 leaving the total amount expended to be in the amount of \$7,441. The Town is currently within budget for the year.

Appearances:

Election ID Law – Senator Morse and Dave Scanlon (Secretary of State’s Office)

Jim Garrity, Town Moderator appeared before the Board of Selectmen to provide an update on last week’s State Primary Election. There were 1209 voters out of a total registered count of 4,957 leaving a turn out of 24.38% which is higher than the state wide average. The first photo-ID experiment was very positive. There were 51 people who did not have a photo ID with them and out of that number there was only 1 person who never had a photo ID in her life and that person was told she could get a free photo ID for voting purposes in October. Mr. Garrity explained that all in all the election went very well.

Senator Morse and Assistant Secretary of State Dave Scanlon appeared before the Board of Selectmen to provide details on the Photo ID law coming into effect in the November election. The numbers of individuals without a photo ID in the most recent State Primary Election have been pretty low (around 6% of voters) which is the expectation in the November election. The acceptable ID's for the November election include a driver's license issued by any State even if its expired, a non-driver ID issued by the DMV, a military ID, a US passport even if its expired. Additional ID's being accepted for 2012 through September, 2013 are government ID's issued by Federal, State, County, or local government, a valid student ID, an ID agreed as acceptable by the Moderator, Clerk, and Supervisors of the Checklist i.e. Hospital ID, and if the identify of the voter can be verified by either the Moderator, Clerk and Supervisors of the Checklist. If a voter shows up without one of the above listed ID's he or she will still be allowed to vote, but will have to sign a Challenge Voter Affidavit. There will be an opportunity to obtain a voter ID through the DMV around October at no cost, but will need to go through the Town Clerk first to obtain this. For the November election, the recommendation is for Towns to set up a station to filter out voters without an ID prior to getting in line. This change has no effect on absentee balloting. There have been complaints received from voters frustrated with being asked to show their ID at the State Primary Election, but so far no complaints have been received regarding people being turned away for not presenting an ID.

New Business:

PD Thank You Letter

Mr. Innes presented a thank you letter from Christopher Snyder thanking Kevin Donnelly for coming to Salem and running the RAD program at the Rockingham Christian Church.

Resignation: Judy Wainwright from Energy Commission

W. Friel made a motion to accept, with regret, the resignation from Judith Wainwright from the Energy Commission. Second: T. Barbera. 3/0/0.

Job Description Approval

Mr. Innes presented the following job description to the Board of Selectmen for approval:

- Maintenance Specialist
- Treasurer
- Deputy Treasurer

W. Friel made a motion to accept the job descriptions for Maintenance Specialist, Treasurer, and Deputy Treasurer as presented by Mr. Innes. Second: T. Barbera. 3/0/0.

Mosquito Spraying Reimbursement

Mr. Innes received a letter stating there will be no reimbursement from the state for the recent mosquito spraying in Town.

Applications for lot/house numbers

Mr. Innes has received the following applications for lot/house numbers:

- Lot 13-40 Academy Avenue – would like to number this 8 Academy Avenue as recommended by the E-911 Commission

T. Barbera made a motion number Lot 13-40 as 8 Academy Avenue in accordance to the recommendations of the E-911 Commission. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0.

- Lot 14-86-3 East Road– would like to number this 31 East Road as recommended by the E-911 Commission

T. Barbera made a motion number Lot 14-86-3 as 31 East Road in accordance to the recommendations of the E-911 Commission. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0.

- Lot 49-6 Kelly Lane– would like to number this 7 Kelly Lane as recommended by the E-911 Commission

T. Barbera made a motion number Lot 49-6 as 7 Kelly Lane in accordance to the recommendations of the E-911 Commission. Second: F. Childs. 2/0/1. Mr. Friel abstained from the motion.

Future Agenda:

9/18/12 – TRSD Annual Facilities Tour @ Atkinson Academy @ 6PM

9/29/12 – Drug Take Back Initiative @ APD 10:00AM – 2:00PM

10/8/12 – Columbus Day – Town Hall Closed

10/27/12 – Hazardous Waste Collection 9:00 – Noon @ 178 Main Street in Kingston

Mr. Barbera made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2012 at 8:04pm. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

Fred Childs, Jr, Chairman

William Friel

Todd Barbera