

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

F. Childs opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:32pm 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:**

B. Clark, Chair, Railroad Committee  
P. Consentino, Chief, Atkinson Police Department  
B. Innes, Town Administrator

**Approvals:**

*Regular Meeting Minutes – 12/3/12*

T. Barbera made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of 12/3/12 as corrected. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0

*Non-public Meeting Minutes – 12/3/12*

T. Barbera made a motion to accept the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of 12/3/12 as submitted. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0

*Payroll Manifest for 12/11/12 - \$44,446.49*

T. Barbera made a motion to approve the Payroll Manifest of 12/11/12 in the amount of \$44,446.49. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0

*Accounts Payable Manifest for 12/5/12 - \$38,499.16*

T. Barbera made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest of 12/5/12 in the amount of \$38,499.16. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0

**Appearances:**

*PD Briefing Report*

Chief Consentino appeared before the Board of Selectmen to provide a PD Briefing report.

*Railroad Committee – Bob Clark*

Mr. Clark appeared before the Board of Selectmen to present the attached memo. The Selectmen advised Mr. Clark to submit a citizen's petition. Mr. Innes will assist Mr. Clark through the process of submitting a citizen's petition.

**Appointments:**

*Heritage Committee – Steven Lewis – Term to end April 2012*

T. Barbera made a motion to appoint Steven Lewis to the Heritage Committee for a term to end April 2013. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0

**Assessing:**

*Abatement: Map 2 Lot 1-13 108 Fieldstone Lane \$169.20 plus interest – Corrected to show area over the garage is unfinished*

**T. Barbera made a motion to appoint approve an abatement for Map 2 Lot 1-13 108 Fieldstone Lane in the amount of \$169.20 plus interest. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0**

**Bids:**

***Town Hall Front Entrance***

Mr. Innes presented the following bids for the Town Hall Front Entrance with a recommendation to award the bid to Antczak Building in the amount of \$3,950:

Company	Contact	Bid
Hantzis Home Improvement	Nick Hantzis	\$4,600
Antczak Building	Nathan Antczak	\$3,950
Ryan and Son Carpentry	Sean Ryan	\$6,108

**T. Barbera made a motion to award the Town Hall Entrance bid to Antczak Building in the amount of \$3,950. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0**

***Fire Station Sidewalks***

Mr. Innes presented the following bids for the Fire Station Sidewalks. Mr. Innes will check references for Concrete Work and bring a recommendation before the Board of Selectmen next week:

Company	Contact	Bid
Concrete Work	Ron Mills	\$9,680
Fisette Excavation	Jim Fisette	\$12,345
Horne Construction	Don Provost	\$23,600

***Family Mediation Floor***

Mr. Innes presented the following bids for the Family Mediation Floor with a recommendation to award the bid to Antczak Building in the amount of \$3,650:

Company	Contact	Bid
Hantzis Home Improvement	Nick Hantzis	Withdrawn
Antczak Building	Nathan Antczak	\$3,650

**T. Barbera made a motion to award the Family Mediation Floor bid to Antczak Building in the amount of \$3,650. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0**

***Police Station Well***

Mr. Innes presented the following bids for the Police Station Well with a recommendation to award the bid to George Cunningham in the amount of \$2,200:

Company	Contact	Bid
Hantzis Home Improvement	Nick Hantzis	\$4,300
Antczak Building	Nathan Antczak	\$4,350
George Cunningham	George Cunningham	\$2,200

**W. Friel made a motion to award the Police Station Wall bid to George Cunningham in the amount of \$2,200 with the assumption they meet all insurance requirements. Second: T. Barbera. 2/1/0. Mr. Childs is against this motion.**

***Kimball House Basement***

Mr. Innes presented the following bids for the Kimball House with a recommendation to award the bid to A & R Masonry in the amount of \$3,650:

Company	Contact	Bid
Daigle Masonry	France Daigle	\$4,850
Ward B. Brown & Son	Wayne Brown	\$4,127
A & R Masonry	978-374-3006	\$3,650

**T. Barbera made a motion to award the Kimball House Basement bid to A & R Masonry in the amount of \$3,650. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0**

***Collins Park Lighting***

Mr. Innes presented the following bids for the Collins Park Lighting project with a recommendation to award the bid to Pallaria Electric & Sons in the amount of \$2,282:

Company	Contact	Bid
Pallaria Electric & Sons	Dave Pallaria	\$2,282

**W. Friel made a motion to award the Collins Park Lighting bid to Pallaria Electric & Sons in the amount of \$2,282. Second: T. Barbera. 3/0/0**

**Old Business:**

***Fire Department Uniforms***

Chief Murphy submitted a request to overspend the bottom line of the 2012 Fire Department budget in the amount of \$17,000 to purchase new structural gear per the National Fire Protection Regulation NFPA 1851 Chapter 10.1.3.

**T. Barbera made a motion to approve the request to overspend the bottom line of the 2012 Fire Department budget for the purchase of structural gear to meet the requirements of the National Fire Protection Regulation NFPA 1851 Chapter 10.1.3. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0**

***Warrant Article Carryover - PD***

Chief Consentino submitted a request to carry over warrant article 2012-23 from the 2012 budget to the 2013 budget, out expense line item 40.49021.212.09 in the amount of \$3,387.50 to be used specifically to outfit a new police cruiser to be purchased in 2013. Selectmen denied this request unanimously because the wording of warrant article 2012-23 did not allow for a carry over.

**New Business:**

***Xfinity Price Increase***

Mr. Innes made an announcement that beginning January 22, 2012 Xfinity will be implementing new prices that will affect some video and internet services. Residents were welcome to contact Xfinity with any questions.

***Christmas Eve Closure – ½ Day on December 24th***

Mr. Innes asked the Board of Selectmen for approval to close the office on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. The Selectmen approved this request.

## **Future Agenda:**

12/12/12 – Area Selectmen’s Meeting 7PM 157 Main Street, Epping

12/15-16/2012 – Shoeboxes from Santa

1/4/13 – Recreation trip to the Celtics Game

## **Appearances:**

### ***Chief Consentino***

Chief Consentino appeared before the Board of Selectmen to question their decision regarding the carry-over of warrant article 2012-12. The Chief pointed out the email from Jeane Samms where she told Mr. Innes it would be ok for the Selectmen to approve the carry-over. The Selectmen explained to the Chief they already reached their decision and have no interest in changing their minds.

**T. Barbera made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2012 at 8:12pm. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Lueders

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Fred Childs, Jr, Chairman

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William Friel

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Todd Barbera

## Memo Read by Robert Clark

Good Evening Selectmen and Fellow Town Residents:

I am here tonight, as both Chairman of the Atkinson Rail Committee and Atkinson's representative to the Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee. I tried getting vanity license plates for that title, but the motor vehicle department staff just gave me a blank stare..ha ha.

On November 28, 2012, I received an email from Fred Childs who was contacted by Joe Flanagan, the Chairman of Westminster, MA Board of Selectmen. Joe reached out to our town in hopes that Atkinson does not fall into the same trap by the MBTA as his town is about to, in reference to the relocation of an existing layover yard.

I contacted Joe and we discussed backgrounds of both of our towns and similarities. Both small, rural New England towns about to be an unwilling recipient of an MBTA layover yard.

In Westminster's case, the MBTA would be relocating from Finchburg to Westminster, a distance of approximately 4 ½ miles.

The Mart (Montachusett Regional Transit Authority) was granted a TIGER GRANT (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery), which by definition is a ground ready...job creating incentive federal program. In the application part of this project, Westminster wrote in language to protect its town from environmental damage, noise and air pollution...they wanted to be guaranteed that local laws and application processes were followed. This agreement was signed by MART.

After the grant was approved, the Federal Transit Administration Transferred IT from Mart to the MBTA, who almost immediately stated that previous agreements would be null and void.

The town of Westminster has been trying to play catch up to no avail. On Thursday, December 6, 2012, both myself and fellow committee member Joe Demonaco went to Westminster and had an informal discussion. We met with Joe Flanagan and an abutter to the new layover yard. Both gentlemen expressed how disappointed they were with the MBTA and said...hopefully our town does not fall into the same fate. After our meeting, Joe and I drove to the proposed job...we were met with a "no trespassing" sign and turned around. Excavation was already underway.

Now, unlike Westminster, Plaistow, NH was denied the tiger grant...WHICH IS A GOOD THING!!!

However, they did apply for and receive the CMAQ grant (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality)

Due to the fact that at the time of the application, lower Rockingham County had an air quality issue. The project currently is waiting approval in NH Legislation to release CMAQ money to an engineering firm to conduct a feasibility study.

NOW IS EVERYONE FEELINGDOWN???

Well....we may have some good news on the horizon.

As of, I believe, July 20, 2013, lower Rockingham County will no longer be classified as an area with an air quality issue. According to federal regulation, any previous approved grant money can now be used for other transportation improvement projects in the state of NH.

I discovered this bit of information at one of the Technical Advisory Committee meetings I attended.

Soooo...I would like to thank the Atkinson Selectmen for appointing me to the Technical Advisory Committee on May 21, 2012. And..my fellow Rail Committee members for their continued devoted support for a project that just never seems to die!!!

Any questions??