

*Town of Atkinson  
Board of Selectmen  
BOS Workshop Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2012*

**F. Childs opened the Selectmen's Workshop of Monday June 18, 2012 at 6:15 pm in the Atkinson Town Hall.**

**Members Present:**

F. Childs, Chairman  
B. Friel  
T. Barbera

**Others Present:**

B. Innes, Town Administrator

This Workshop was held to discuss non-standard addressing issues throughout the Town as submitted in a report to the Town from the State E-911 Commission (attached). There are 43 streets in Town that have non-standard addressing. Concerns range from alpha-numeric numbering to unique addressing to lot access.

**Discussion:**

B. Innes raised a concern that the Town had two numbering standards, one created by the Fire Department in May of 2003, and one adopted by the BOS in June of 2010. B. Friel clarified that the 2010 Enhanced E-911 Emergency Response Ordinance for naming and numbering of streets is the Town standard.

B. Innes reviewed documentation and maps provided to the Board based on the E-911 Commission report. After discussion it was determined that there were three alternatives available to the Board:

1. Do not change any non-standard addressing in the town. This is acceptable to both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief as they believe that they would be able to respond to any emergency within the Town without delay due to non-standard addressing.
2. Correct all non-standard addressing throughout the Town by re-addressing all of the affected streets. This would impact 43 streets and hundreds of residents/homes in Town.
3. Address non-standard numbering issues with signage, i.e., place a sign at or near every non-standard address ensuring visibility for police/fire/rescue resources.

Key to the discussion was the issue of liability to the Town. The Town cannot correct "a few" non-standard addresses without correcting them on all 43 affected streets.

It was decided that the BOS and T/A will research the issue further and re-convene on July 16 for further discussion.

**Action Item:** B. Innes will split out the 43 streets among the Selectmen and T/A. Each address will be reviewed/visited with regard to the applicable non-standard addressing issue and compared to the Town addressing standard. This information will be compiled by the T/A and the BOS will do a street-by-street review at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**F. Childs made a motion to adjourn the Selectmen’s Workshop of June 18, 2012 at 7:15 pm.  
Second: T. Barbera. 3/0/0**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Innes

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Fred Childs, Chairman

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Bill Friel

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Todd Barbera