

*Town of Atkinson  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
February 4, 2013*

**F. Childs opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:45pm 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:**

P. Consentino, Police Chief  
P. Caggiano, Sergeant, Atkinson PD  
T. Dziechowski, Chair, Conservation Committee  
B. Innes, Town Administrator

**Approvals:**

*Regular Meeting Minutes – 1/28/2013*

**T. Barbera made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of 1/28/2013 as presented. Second: F. Childs. 2/0/1. W. Friel recused himself from the motion.**

*Payroll Manifest for 2/5/13 - \$22,156.84*

**T. Barbera made a motion to approve the Payroll Manifest of 2/5/13 in the amount of \$22,156.84. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0**

*Accounts Payable Manifest for 1/30/13 - \$36,978.67*

**T. Barbera made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest of 1/30/13 in the amount of \$36,978.67. Second: W. Friel. 3/0/0**

**Old Business:**

*Recap Deliberative Session*

Mr. Innes gave an overview of the Deliberative Session held on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Dyke Auditorium, Atkinson Academy at 10am. Warrant articles were discussed. Conflict of interest articles were modified. Budget is up 1.84%.

*Part Time Police Officer – Josh Dugdale*

Chief Consentino and Sergeant Caggiano appeared before the Board of Selectmen to answer questions regarding the request made at the last meeting to appoint Josh Dugdale as a part-time officer. This request was made to provide Mr. Dugdale with the authority to serve a summons when need be, which falls under the responsibility of Animal Control Officer. Sergeant Caggiano referred the Selectmen to statute 466. Currently, Mr. Dugdale has needed the help of the Police Department to serve these summonses. Chief Consentino would like to separate the Police Department and Animal Control Department as much as possible. In the event Mr. Dugdale is appointed, he would attend the Police Academy at no cost to the town and would not be part of the union. Mr. Dugdale would not be allowed to perform duties as a part-time Police Officer and would receive a letter from Chief Consentino upon completion of the Police Academy explaining that. The Selectmen explained it would be difficult to separate the departments because as a part-time Police Officer, Mr. Dugdale would probably need to report to Chief Consentino. If that is the case, Chief Consentino is not interested in proceeding with this matter. The Selectmen took this request under advisement and Mr. Friel will follow up with the State on this matter and obtain some information.

## **New Business:**

### ***Support – Police Department 5 Year Strategic Plan***

Chief Consentino and Sergeant Caggiano presented and reviewed the Police Department's 5 Year Strategic Plan dated January 2012 – December 2017. Goals were reviewed. The Selectmen would like to be made aware as the plan grows and dates are updated.

### ***Recent Police Activity in Town***

Chief Consentino explained he would like to thank Officer Wilson for a job-well-done during a recent incident in Atkinson. Officer Wilson spent hours on the phone with the suspect and did a great job. In fact, the whole incident was handled exceptionally well by all the police officers in town.

### ***Town Hall Service Disruption – 2/6 – 2/7***

Mr. Innes explained the Town Hall will experience a service disruption on 2/6 – 2/7 due to Bayring needing to make some adjustments.

### ***Town Clerk's Office Early Close – 2/8 @ 11:00AM***

Mr. Innes explained the Town Clerk's and Tax Collector's Offices will be closing early on Friday, February 8, 2013, at 11:00 AM since the Server for the computer system is being moved.

## **Appearances:**

### ***Tim Dziechowski – Opt – in Insurance for Town Officials***

Mr. Dziechowski appeared before the Board of Selectmen to request the Selectmen think about permitting Elected and Appointed/Volunteer positions the option to buy health insurance through the town at the individual's complete expense. Mr. Dziechowski presented information from LGC to the Selectmen pertaining to this matter. Eligible positions include Town Employees, Town Employees who are on leave of absence or retired, publicly elected officials whose term of office is at least one year, volunteer fire fighters, any elected or appointed official serving on a permanent board or commission of the town, which board or commission is established pursuant to a statute of the state of New Hampshire and whose term of office is at least one year, and any spouse or dependent, including a surviving spouse or dependent, of any of the foregoing persons. Mr. Dziechowski encouraged the Selectmen to vote individually on the categories eligible for insurance. There would be no cost to the Town if this is approved. The Selectmen will take this matter under advisement.

## **Future Agenda:**

2/7 – TRSD Deliberative Session 7PM Performing Arts Center

2/18 – Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino 8AM

3/14 – Senior Valentine Party 11AM Harris' Pelham Inn

3/1 – 3/2 – Garden Club "Petals and Pallets Art and Floral Arrangement Display @ the ACC Tuscon Room

3/12 – Town Meeting (Elections) 7AM to 8PM Atkinson Community Center

3/13 – Health Fair TRHS 3PM

3/14 – Flower Show Boston 12 Noon

3/24 – Lions Club Breakfast – Atkinson Community Center 8AM

3/30 – Easter Egg Hunt – Woodlock Park 11AM

4/22 – 4/24 – Recreation sponsored trip to Pennsylvania

**T. Barbera made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2013 at 8:55pm. 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