

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2013*

W. Friel opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:41pm in the Atkinson Town Hall and led all present in the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

W. Friel
F. Thompson

Others Present:

P. Dimaggio, 14 Emery Drive
B. Innes, Town Administrator

Public Hearing:

Comcast Cable Contract.

W. Friel made a motion to open a public hearing regarding the Comcast Cable Contract at 7:45pm. Second: F. Thompson. Roll Call Vote: W. Friel, Yes; F. Thompson, Yes.

No comments were made by the audience.

W. Friel made a motion to close the public hearing for the Comcast Cable Contract and go back into the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:46pm. Second: F. Thompson. Roll Call Vote: W. Friel, Yes; F. Thompson, Yes.

Approval of Minutes:

12/7/13 – Right-of-Way Meeting

F. Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes of the 12/7/13 Right-of-Way Meeting as submitted. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

12/8/13 – Special Meeting

F. Thompson made a motion to accept the minutes of the 12/8/13 Special Meeting as submitted. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

12/9/13 – Regular Meeting

Postponed until next week.

Old Business:

Correct Vote on Full Time Road Agent

W. Friel made a motion to retract the vote made to make the Road Agent a full-time position based on information received from LGC that the Selectmen do not have the authority to make changes to an elected positions, such a change must go before Town Meeting. Second: F. Thompson. 2/0/0.

Warrant Article Approval

Postponed to next week.

New Business:

Set the Date for Deliberative Session – Redux

F. Thompson made a motion to reverse the decision made last week to hold the Deliberative Session on February 8th in order to allow for a snow date. The Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 1st with a rain/snow date of Saturday, February 8th. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

New Fuel Storage Facility – Approval to Move Forward

Mr. Innes explained there is a new NHDOT fuel site being opened in Kingston, NH where prices for fuel are less than pump prices at the local gas stations. Mr. Innes asked the Selectmen to make a motion for all town employees to use this new site when fueling town vehicles.

F. Thompson made a motion for all Town Employees to use the new NHDOT fuel site located in Kingston, NH for diesel and gasoline for all town vehicles and to cancel all other accounts. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

IT Contract Bids

Mr. Innes presented the following IT Contract bids to the Board of Selectmen for approval with the recommendation to award the bid to First Choice Networks:

Company	Contact	Bid
Corporate IT Solutions	Josh Dinneen	\$9,200
First Choice Networks	Mike Ebbett	\$18,600
Boston Systems and Solutions	Kevin B. Wrenn	\$19,800
Eversafe IT Services	Rick Bonito	\$21,600
Rumon Networks	Denise Howard	\$26,160

F. Thompson made a motion to accept the contract from First Choice Networks in the amount of \$18,600 for the Town for 1 year with the contract commencing on 1/1/14 ending on 12/31/14. Second: W. Friel. 2/0/0.

Open Chief of Police Position – Town of Atkinson

Mr. Friel announced that the Town of Atkinson is officially accepting applications for the open position of Chief of Police in the Town of Atkinson. An Interim Chief will be appointed, provided by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office. The search process will be conducted in conjunction with the NH Chiefs of Police Association.

Appearances:

Paul Dimaggio – Atkinson Resident

Mr. Dimaggio appeared before the Board of Selectmen to provide clarification on warrant article 2014-Waterline Connections:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) to help residents who do not qualify for EPA or State funding, but are in the 1-4, Dioxane water contamination plume, with the cost of the connection to the new water line being installed along Belknap Drive, Emery Drive, Brookside Terrace and Oakridge Drive? Funding of the connections will be a three-tiered process: The first round of funding would be to residents of the 29 homes that show traces of 1-4, Dioxane, who will be awarded one-half of their cost to connect, up to Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) per household, if they chose to connect to the waterline. The second round of funding will be for residents along the aforementioned roads who do not currently show contamination by 1-4, Dioxane, with each household choosing to connect to receive Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) (or an even allocation of the remaining funds). Should there be enough funding left for a third round, funds will be allocated equally across all households desiring to connect to the new waterline. This article will lapse at the completion of this project or on December 31, 2019, whichever comes first, and is in addition to Article 2014-_____, the Operating Budget.

Mr. Dimaggio explained this warrant article has been created to support residents with traces of 1-4 Dioxane in their water, yet lower than 3.0 which is the minimum amount deemed by the EPA to qualify for state funding. Discussion occurred around how unpredictable it is to determine how many residents have or will have traces of 1-4 Dioxane in their water lower than 3.0 which would allow them to fall under this warrant article and receive help from the Town in the amount of \$4,000 per household. This could potentially cost millions for the Town because there is no way to know what will become in the future. The Selectmen will take this warrant article under advisement.

Future Dates:

12/24-25/2013 – Town Offices closed for Christmas Holiday 12/24 @12 Noon, 12/25 All Day
1/1/2014 – Town Offices closed for New Year's Holiday
1/14/2014 – Deadline for Citizens' Petitions 5pm
1/21/14 – Budget Committee Public Hearing 7pm
1/22/14 – First day to file for elected office
1/27/14 – Last day for Selectmen to post warrant and budget
1/31/14 – Last day to file for elected office
3/4/14 – Annual report must be available
3/11/14 – Town meeting (elections)

**W. Friel made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 16, 2013 at 8:15pm.
Second: F. Thompson. 2/0/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

Williams Friel, Chair

William Baldwin

Fred Thompson