

*Town of Atkinson  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2014*

**W. Friel opened the Special Meeting of Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 8:05 AM in the Atkinson Town Hall.**

**Members Present:**

W. Friel  
W. Baldwin  
F. Thompson

**Others Present:**

B. Innes, Town Administrator  
J. Garrity, Town Moderator

**Police Logs**

Mr. Friel asked if the police logs were distributed to the public. Mr. Innes stated that the logs are currently posted on the Town web site and are also posted on Facebook and Twitter. As well, Chief Brackett will also have the logs sent to three other outlets – AP, Lawrence Eagle Tribune and the Union Leader. This action will be taken as soon as possible.

**Police Chief Position**

Due to considerable feedback from Town residents, Mr. Friel suggested that the selectmen discuss reconsideration of their action to create a full time Police Chief position. Discussion centered on the need for a full time chief in today's changing environment, recommendations from the NH Association of Police Chiefs (NHAoPC), the current acting Police Chief and the feelings of Town residents among others. It was decided that, given feedback from residents, the part time Police Chief position would be maintained.

**F. Thompson made a motion, after reconsideration and public input, to change the search for a full time Police Chief to a search for a part time Police Chief. A requirement for the position will be that the new Chief must be a certified police officer. Second: w. Baldwin. 3/0/0.**

The Selectmen directed Mr. Innes to contact the NHAoPC and stop the current process and gain their support for the selection of the part time police chief. Mr. Innes was also asked to determine an appropriate salary and benefits for the position.

**Town Report**

It was decided that the Town Report would be dedicated to Todd Barbera, Mr. Innes to write the dedication. Also, a selection of charts and graphs would be added to the Town Report including total expense breakdown (Town, County, Schools, etc., others TBD).

**Elder Services**

The selectmen reaffirmed their plan to move Elder Services form the Police Station to the Community Center and to complete the move as soon as practical.

**March Election**

**W. Baldwin made a motion to affirm that the Town's polls would remain open for Town Meeting on March 11, 2014 from 7:00 o'clock in the morning through 8:00 o'clock in the evening. Second: F. Thompson. 3-0-0**

## **Public Utility Requirement**

The Selectmen received a letter from the Hampstead Area Water Company requesting that they acknowledge, in writing, to the Public Utilities Commission that they have been notified of a proposed petition to franchise a water system expansion to service the Emery area of Town, a signed document to be sent to the PUC.

**W. Baldwin made a motion to acknowledge notification of the proposed petition to franchise the extension of the HAWC water system to the Emery drive area of town and to return the signed letter to the PUC. Second: F. Thompson. 3-0-0**

## **Non-Public Session:**

**W. Friel made a motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91- A:3 II (b) and (e), to discuss the hiring of an employee and legal issues Second: W. Baldwin. Vote: F. Thompson – yes, W. Baldwin – yes, W. Friel – yes**

**Enter Non-public session at 9:40 AM.**

**Return from Non-Public at 10:30**

**F. Thompson made a motion to hire a part time person to work at the Community Center to receive calls and schedule rides for the Elder Services Department. Second: W. Baldwin. 3-0-0**

**W. Baldwin made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 10:40 AM. Second: F. Thompson. 3/0/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Innes

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Williams Friel, Chair

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William Baldwin

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Fred Thompson