

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2014*

W. Baldwin opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 24, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Atkinson Town Hall and led all present in the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

W. Baldwin, Chair
P. Consentino
H. Morse

Others Present:

B. Clark, Rail Committee
R. Hovanasian, Vice President, Women's Civic Club
B. Innes, Town Administrator
D. Shikes, Town Resident
N. Yoshida-Travers, President, Women's Civic Club
D. Williams - ACTV

Approval of Minutes

3/16/14 – BoS Organizational Meeting

P. Consentino made a motion to approve the 3/16/14 BoS Organization Meeting Minutes as submitted. Second: H. Morse. 2/0/1. H. Morse abstained from the motion.

3/17/14 – Regular Meeting

P. Consentino made a motion to approve the 3/17/14 Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted. Second: H. Morse. 2/0/1. H. Morse abstained from the motion.

Announcement

The Passing of Margaret Kinney

Mr. Consentino announced the passing of Margaret Kinney. Ms. Kinney passed away on March 21, 2014 at the age of 107. The Board of Selectmen sends their sympathies to the family and friends of Ms. Kinney.

Appearance:

Rail Committee – Bob Clark

Mr. Clark appeared before the Board of Selectmen to provide an overview of the March 6th meeting involving the Plaistow Commuter Rail Extension Study. Mr. Clark began by announcing the termination of the Atkinson Rail Committee formed on or about November 16, 2010 and thanked all members for their participation. At the March 6th meeting, maps were handed out showing the six proposed layover sites and five proposed train stations. Mr. Clark provided copies of this information to the Selectmen and reviewed each proposed site and station with them. Mr. Clark announced the next meeting is being held in the Atkinson Town Hall on April 3, 2014 from 2pm – 4pm and the next public meeting is tentatively scheduled for May, 2014.

Old Business:

Cable Contract

Mr. Innes presented the cable contract to the Board of Selectmen for approval. The contract has been vetted by a Lawyer in Town. The Cable Committee reviewed and accepted about 60% of the recommendations which were presented to Comcast who in turn had issues with two of them. Mr. Morse questioned a few of the recommendations and pointed out a typo on page 54. Mr. Williams provided some clarification.

P. Consentino made a motion to accept the Cable Contract as presented pending the final changes established by Mr. Morse. Second: H. Morse. 3/0/0.

New Business:

Book and Textile Drop at the Community Center – Noriko Yoshida-Travers and Robin Hovanasian

Ms. Yoshida-Travers and Ms. Hovanasian appeared before the Board of Selectmen to obtain approval to keep the book and textile drop at the Community Center under a new company. Per the Board of Selectmen's concern with the town's liability, Ms. Yoshida-Travers will look into adding a "hold harmless clause" to the contract and will check the Women's Civic Club's insurance to find out what is covered as well as naming the Town of Atkinson on the policy as the insured and will report back to the Board of Selectmen with this information.

Women's Civic Club Spring Craft Fair – Raffle Tickets

Ms. Yoshida-Travers and Ms. Hovanasian asked the Board of Selectmen for permission to set up a table at the Energy Commission on Saturday, March 29th to sell raffle tickets in order to win baskets for the Women's Civic Club Spring Craft Fair. The raffle tickets will be sold on March 29th and April 12th.

H. Morse made a motion to approve the Women's Civic Club Spring Craft Fair Raffle under RSA 287-A:7 as presented by Ms. Yoshida-Travers and Ms. Hovanasian to be sold on March 29th and April 12th. All raffle tickets will need to be printed with the name of the organization, date, place of drawing, price of ticket, and prizes to be awarded. Second: P. Consentino. 3/0/0.

ACTV Staff Raise to \$35 per Event - Confirmation

Mr. Innes explained Mr. Williams would like to provide the ACTV staff with a raise per event from \$30 per event to \$35 per event, which will be covered under his budget.

H. Morse made a motion to approve a raise for the ACTV Staff from \$30 per event to \$35 per event as presented by Mr. Innes. The raise shall be covered by the Cable Budget. Second: P. Consentino. 3/0/0.

Security Cameras at the Community Center

Mr. Baldwin would like to look into the cost of installing security cameras at the Community Center with night vision controlled by Elder Services and stored on online, which could be accessed at anytime.

P. Consentino made a motion to allow Mr. Innes to look into the cost of installing security cameras at the Community Center as described by Mr. Baldwin. Second: W. Baldwin. 2/1/0. H. Morse is opposed.

Police Department Vehicles

Mr. Innes explained Chief Brackett has submitted notification to the Board of Selectmen of the Police Department locating and ordering two (2) Ford Police Inceptor Utility AWD Vehicles from Irwin Motors per the approved Warrant Article 2014-7. Chief Brackett will be utilizing the Warrant Article as follows:

- One (1) vehicle to be purchased from the detail account for approximately \$27,000.00 and an additional \$10,000.00 from this account for associated emergency equipment
- One (1) vehicle to be purchased from funds appropriated under warrant article 204-7 for approximately \$27,000.00 and an additional \$10,000.00 under this warrant article for associated emergency equipment

Mr. Innes will provide Mr. Morse with a breakdown of these costs per his request.

Discussion – Truck Traffic on Westside Drive

Mr. Consentino explained he has received many complaints regarding truck traffic on Westside Drive. Mr. Consentino requested Mr. Innes ask Chief Brackett to look into what the gross limit is for trucks on Westside Drive and to decide whether or not police enforcement needs to be implemented. Mr. Innes will follow up with Chief Brackett.

Resignation from the Conflict of Interest Committee – Joyce LaFrance

Mr. Innes explained Joyce LaFrance has submitted her resignation from the Conflict of Interest Committee to the Board of Selectmen for acceptance.

H. Morse made a motion to accept the resignation from Joyce LaFrance from the Conflict of Interest Committee dated March 22, 2014. Second: W. Baldwin. 2/0/1.

Warrant Article 6 – Recount Results

Mr. Innes explained the Timberlane Regional School District Warrant Article 6 was submitted for a recount and passed by 4 votes.

Baying Contract

Mr. Innes explained there is an option to stay with Bayring and they will drop their price by 10.5% saving the town \$1,300 per year. The total cost will be \$900.00 per year for the Town Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, and the Community Center.

H. Morse made a motion to continue with the Bayring Contract until next year. Second: P. Consentino. 3/0/0.

Announcements:

Boston Post Cane

Mr. Consentino announced the Boston Post Cane is available to any resident over the age of 96 to take this over from Ms Kinney who has recently passed. Any interested resident should contact Mr. Consentino.

Lions Club – Citizen of the Year Award

Mr. Consentino announced the Lions Club has named their citizen of the year to be Martin Feuer. Mr. Feuer will receive his award at the Lions Club Citizen of the Year ceremony which will be held on May 4th from 1pm – 3pm at the Atkinson Congregational Church.

Lions Club – Upcoming Dates

Mr. Consentino announced the Lions Club will be holding their annual ham and bean supper on May 17th from 4pm – 7pm at the Atkinson Congregational Church and their annual Pancake Breakfast on April 13th from 7:30am – 11:30am at the Atkinson Congregational Church.

Correspondence from Senator Jeanne Shaheen

Mr. Baldwin announced there have been two forms of correspondence received from Senator Jeanne Shaheen thanking the residents of the Town of Atkinson for help in reaching an agreement with the EPA.

Appearance:

David Shikes

Mr. Shikes appeared before the Board of Selectmen to bring to their attention there is a lot of background noise every time Chief Consentino attempts to speak. Mr. Williams explained he is working on correcting the issue.

Future Dates:

4/26/14 – Boy Scout Troop #9 Recycling Event Community center 8am to 2pm

H. Morse made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 8:46pm. Second: P. Consentino. 3/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

William Baldwin, Chair

Phil Consentino

Harold Morse