

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2014*

H. Morse opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:32pm in the Atkinson Town Hall and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

W. Baldwin, Chairman (absent for 1st half)
P. Consentino
H. Morse

Others Present:

A. Artist, 114 Maple Avenue
A. Brackett, Chief, Atkinson Police Department
R. Cavalear, Town Clerk
J. Consentino, Atkinson Resident
N. Fiset, Detective, Atkinson Police Department
C. Goudreau, 26 Coventry Road
B. Innes, Town Administrator
S. Lundquist, Patrol Officer, Atkinson Police Department
K. Pettoruto, 22 Coventry Road
J. Sanders, Atkinson Garden Club
H. Shikes, Atkinson Garden Club
M. Suriani, 28 Coventry Road
V. Tobin, 32 Coventry Road

Approval of Minutes:

4/28/14 – Non-Public Meeting Minutes

**P. Consentino made a motion to approve the non-public meeting minutes of 4/28/14 as submitted.
Second: H. Morse. 2/0/0.**

5/12/14 – Non-Public Meeting Minutes

**P. Consentino made a motion to approve the non-public meeting minutes of 5/12/14 as submitted.
Second: H. Morse. 2/0/0.**

5/12/14 – Regular Meeting Minutes

**P. Consentino made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of 5/12/14 as submitted. Second:
H. Morse. 2/0/0.**

5/19/14 – Non-Public Meeting Minutes

**P. Consentino made a motion to approve the non-public meeting minutes of 5/19/14 as submitted.
Second: H. Morse. 2/0/0.**

5/19/14 – Regular Meeting Minutes

**P. Consentino made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of 5/19/14 as amended. Second: H.
Morse. 2/0/0.**

Appearances:

Promotion Ceremony

Nick Fiset – Promoted to Sergeant

Stephen Lundquist Promoted to Sergeant

Chief Brackett appeared before the Board of Selectmen to promote both Nick Fiset and Stephen Lundquist to the rank of Sergeant. Town Clerk, Rose Cavalear also appeared and swore the two gentlemen into their new rank.

Atkinson Garden Club

Ms. Sanders and Ms. Shikes appeared before the Board of Selectmen to recognize national garden week and to announce there will be a flower show held on Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14th at the Kimball Library with free admission.

E-911 Issue

Michael Suriani and Karen Pettoruto appeared before the Board of Selectmen to bring forth a complaint made by six residents on Coventry Road and a petition signed by 36 Atkinson residents. The complaint was filed on May 30, 2014 regarding mistakes/oversights made by the previous Board of Selectmen in their decision to renumber addresses on Coventry Road. The complainants would like a response from the current Board of Selectmen on or before June 5, 2014. Both Ms. Pettoruto and Mr. Suriani on behalf of the other complainants asked the Board of Selectmen to rescind their decision to renumber certain addresses on Coventry Road because such a change would put multiple families at risk for it would cause a misalignment in street numbering, which per the E-911 guidelines is just as unsafe as having alpha-numeric numbering. Ms. Suriani described the nature of the complaint to be concerning the following:

- A misrepresentation of facts by the previous Board of Selectmen based on a public meeting held on October 21, 2013 for the purpose of hearing resident's concerns and input prior to making a decision, yet a vote was already made at a regular meeting held on September 16, 2013
- Per E-911 guidelines residents are supposed to be notified of address changes within 60 days of the date of execution, yet residents received their letter 2 weeks ago for a change to take place on June 19th
- Unprofessional behavior of the previous Board of Selectmen for not responding to numerous calls and emails

Charles Goudreau also appeared before the Selectmen on the same matter to express his concerns with future development. Mr. Goudreau brought up the fact that the current plan does not allow for future development because if any resident on Coventry Road decided to subdivide their property, another alpha numeric address would be created, causing the original problem to occur all over again. Mr. Goudreau encouraged the Selectmen to develop a more comprehensible plan to avoid such problems from occurring.

Mr. Consentino believes the whole situation on Coventry Road can be resolved with the use of proper signage.

Mr. Innes explained he does not know where the 60 day notification is coming from and that the Town has diligently followed the checklist provided by E-911. Mr. Innes went on to explain that all the utilities have been notified of the change and is not sure if anything can be stopped. Mr. Innes also stated that Fire Chief, Mike Murphy is in favor of the change and that the Highway Safety Committee did their due diligence on this matter and recommended the renumbering on Coventry Road to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Baldwin explained this issue is not about one resident, but rather the entire town and that a town-wide plan does exist for all non-standard addresses in town which will all be addressed. Mr. Baldwin explained he strongly believes these changes will improve safety.

Valerie Tobin also appeared before the Board of Selectmen on this matter and said she would like to see a town-wide plan in writing with guidelines and deadlines.

H. Morse made a motion to put the brakes on renumbering Coventry Road, so long as Mr. Innes can actually stop it, until the current Board of Selectmen can review the situation and find out more information about it. Second: P. Consentino. 2/1/0. W. Baldwin is against the motion.

Appointments:

Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate – William G. Friel

H. Morse made a motion to appoint William G. Friel as an alternate member of the Zoning Board for a term to end April 2017. Second: W. Baldwin. 2/0/1. P. Consentino abstained from the motion.

Old Business:

North Broadway

Mr. Consentino informed the Selectmen he recently took a ride down North Broadway and the State has repaired a majority of the pot holes.

Elderly Affairs Van

Mr. Innes received a quote in the amount of \$2,269.20 to repair the Elderly Affairs van. Mr. Innes will look at the budget to determine where the money will come from and get back to the Selectmen with that information.

Animal Control Employees/Vaccination Records

Mr. Innes informed the Selectmen there are four employees under Animal Control and their vaccination records are kept in Sandra's office.

Hovey Meadow Road

Mr. Innes will find out when Mr. Stewart is going to complete the work on Hovey Meadow Road and get back to the Selectmen with that information.

Town Ordinances

Mr. Innes informed the Selectmen there is a book of town ordinances in his office and the ordinances are listed on the website. There are two types of ordinances that exist – those approved by the Selectmen and those approve by town warrant. Mr. Consentino will review them.

New Business:

Accept Donations to Elder Assistance Expendable Trust Fund

\$25.00 Ms. Rita B. Muse

\$30.00 Ms. Mary Ann Shaw

P. Consentino made a motion to accept the donation from Ms. Rita B. Muse in the amount of \$25.00 and the donation from Ms. Mary Ann Shaw in the amount of \$30.00 to the Elder Assistance Expendable Trust Fund. Second: H. Morse. 3/0/0.

Mr. Innes said a thank you card goes out to anyone who makes a donation.

Approval to spend \$561.50 from Warrant Article 2014-24 ACTV Rewiring

H. Morse made a motion to approve spending \$561.50 from Warrant Article 2014-24 ACTV Rewiring. Second: P. Consentino. 3/0/0.

Comcast – Elderly Rate

Mr. Consentino inquired about a senior rate available through Comcast and whether or not this rate was available to elderly residents. Mr. Innes explained there is currently a process in place where seniors can apply for and receive basic viewing through Comcast at a lower rate. Mr. Consentino/Mr. Innes will provide that information to interested elderly residents.

Appearances:

Leon Artus – 114 Maple Avenue

Mr. Artus appeared before the Board of Selectmen to inquire about the Elderly Affairs Trust Fund and how it is set up. Mr. Innes explained that Ms. Snicer is one of the Trustees of this fund and that the Elderly Affairs Director has been granted permission to spend up to \$500.00 in an emergency situation. Mr. Artus will also visit Mr. Innes to get his unanswered questions resolved regarding 91A.

Jody Consentino

Ms. Consentino appeared before the Board of Selectmen to express how upset she is with all the comments made about the previous management of the Elderly Affairs Trust Fund. She went on to explain that an audit done in the past revealed the Trust Fund books were balanced to the penny and that all monies spent out of that account went through Sandra, which is exactly how the process is going to work today. Ms. Consentino said she hopes this will never happen again.

Future Dates:

6/14/14 – Red Sox v. Cleveland Indians Community Center/Boston 1:30pm – 8pm

6/26/14 – “Phantom of the Opera” Community Center/Boston Opera House 11am

7/1/14 – Property Taxes Due

P. Consentino made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, June 2, 2014 at 9:19pm.

Second: H. Morse. 3/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

William Baldwin, Chair

Phil Consentino

Harold Morse