

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2014*

W. Baldwin opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:34pm and initiated a roll call. All members were present.

Members Present:

W. Baldwin, Chair
P. Consentino
H. Morse

Others Present:

B. Innes, Town Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance

Cub Scout, Benjamin Lamar led all present in the pledge of allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

12/1/2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes

P. Consentino made a motion to accept the minutes of Regular Meeting 12/1/2014 as submitted. Second: H. Morse. 2/0/1. H. Morse abstained from the motion.

Donations

Elder Services Donation - \$400.00

P. Consentino made a motion to accept donations to go into the Elder Services trust fund in the amount of \$400.00. Second: H. Morse. 2/0/1. H. Morse abstained from the motion.

Appearance:

Noriko Yoshida-Travers – Playground Engineering Review

Ms. Yoshida-Travers appeared before the Board of Selectmen to discuss the option of getting an engineering review done on the playground at Woodlock Park. In July of 2014, Property-Liability Trust conducted a Safety Survey of the playground and recommended the Town of Atkinson shut the playground down due to serious structural issues. Upon receiving this recommendation, Mr. Stewart made repairs to the playground as a temporary fix, but enough to allow the playground to stay open. Ms. Yoshida-Travers is concerned about the safety of the playground, especially for when Sun-n-Fun begins, and asked the Selectmen for permission to engage Engineer, John Longchamp, to perform an Engineering Review/Assessment of the playground in the amount of \$1,275. This money can come out of the Recreation Budget.

H. Morse made a motion to allow Ms. Yoshida-Travers to engage John Longchamp to provide a structural review of the Playground at Woodlock Park in the amount of \$1,275 to come out of the Recreation Budget. Second: P. Consentino. Second for discussion. Mr. Consentino would like to get a second opinion from whoever Hampstead contracted with to build their playground. 2/1/0. P. Consentino is opposed to the motion.

New Business:

2015 Warrant Article Review

This topic was put on hold until next week to allow time for all the warrant articles to be submitted.

Audio Vendor for Deliberative Session

Mr. Innes presented a request from Dave Williams to hire MFI Productions as the audio vendor for the 2015 Deliberative Session in the amount of \$1,147.00. This is the same company the town has used for the past eight years.

P. Consentino made a motion to allow Dave Williams to hire MFI Productions as the audio vendor for the 2015 Deliberative Session in the amount of \$1,147.00. Second: H. Morse. 3/0/0.

Engineering Proposal Update

Mr. Innes presented the following proposal results for the 2015 Town Engineer with the recommendation to narrow it down to Keach/Nordstrom, KV Partners, and Stantec.

Company	Contact
Underwood Engineers 25 Vaughan Road, Suite 8 Portsmouth, NH 03801	Benjamin Dreyer 603-436-6192
Keach/Nordstrom 10 Commerce Park North, Suite 3 Bedford, NH 03110	Patrick Colburn 603-627-2881
Dubois & King 18 Constitution Drive Bedford, NH 03110	Jeffrey Adler 603-637-1043
KV Partners PO Box 432 New Boston, NH 03070	Michael Vignale 603-413-6650
CMA Engineers 35 Bow Street Portsmouth, NH 03842	Philip Corbett 603-431-6196
TFMoran, Inc. 48 Constitution Drive Bedford, NH 03110	Robert Duval 603-472-4488
Stantec 5 Dartmouth Drive, Suite 10 Auburn, NH 03032	Michael Leach 603-206-7538

Mr. Baldwin made the decision to take the project over from here.

Request for Public Hearing – Plowing Emergency Lanes

Mr. Innes presented a request from Mr. Stewart to hold a public hearing on January 5, 2014 to designate the following roads as emergency lanes for the purpose of snow removal for the 2014/2015 winter season:

- Boulder Cove Road Extension
- Chase Island Road
- High Hill Road
- Lippold Road
- Rocky Point Lane

The Board of Selectmen agreed to hold a public hearing on January 5th around 7:35pm or right after the Regular Meeting begins.

Jean Lopizzo

Mr. Innes asked the Board of Selectmen permission for Jean Lopizzo to take on five extra hours to help out with projects in the Administrators Office. Ms. Lopizzo currently works 20 hours per week for Elderly Affairs.

H. Morse made a motion to approve Jean Lopizzo to take on 5 more hours to do projects for the Administrators Office with the stipulation that her hours are appropriately billed to the correct account number. Second: P. Consentino. 3/0/0.

Old Business:

Highway Safety Meetings

Mr. Consentino would like to be invited to the Highway Safety Meetings. Mr. Innes explained the next one is in January and Mr. Consentino is on the distribution list of invitees.

Trash Company Complaints

There have been many complaints received over the past few weeks on Curbside Pickup, the present company picking up the Town of Atkinson's trash. Mr. Innes has been attempting to work with the manager of Curbside on these issues, but has recently felt dissatisfied with their reactions to the complaints. Per the Selectmen's request, Mr. Innes will invite Mike Queen, Manager of Curbside, and his boss to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Senior Luncheon – Handicapped Parking

Mr. Consentino explained there were several complaints made at the senior luncheon over handicapped parking. Mr. Innes will work with Mr. Stewart and take care of this situation right away.

School Board Members attending a Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. Consentino asked if Mr. Innes has invited members of the School Board meeting to a Board of Selectmen's meeting yet. Mr. Innes explained they would like a list of questions sent to them before-hand. Mr. Consentino will prepare a list of questions and send them to Ms. Delfino and Mr. Sapia.

School Choir Cancelled

Mr. Consentino explained that every year, at the senior luncheon, the Timberlane High School Choir attends the luncheon and puts on a performance for the seniors. This year the performance was cancelled and Mr. Consentino expressed how disappointing it was for him and the seniors.

Revised Motion – Employees Covered by Union Contract

P. Consentino made a motion to revise the motion submitted last week for Atkinson Police Department Employees covered by the union contract that whether they are union or non-union they will get the same rate of pay increase as stated in the union contract, except step increases are for certified Police Officers only. Second: H. Morse for discussion. Mr. Baldwin expressed concern regarding the situation when there are steps for other people who are outside of the contract. 2/1/0. Mr. Baldwin is opposed to the motion.

Future Dates:

12/24/2014 – Town Offices close at noon
12/25/2014 – Christmas Day – Town Offices Closed
1/1/2015 – New Year's Day – Town Offices Closed
1/21/2015 – First day of filing period for candidates
1/30/2015 – Last Day of filing period for candidates
1/31/2015 – Deliberative Session 10am Atkinson Academy

P. Consentino made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014 at 9:04 pm and to go into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Reputation. Roll Call Vote: P. Consentino: Yes; H. Morse: Yes, W. Baldwin: Yes.

Re-enter public meeting at 9:51 PM

Mr. Artus discussed the appearance of Atkinson’s school board members and the questions that they should be asked. Mr. Consentino suggested that Mr. Artus should provide a list of questions that he thought should be asked and, if appropriate, the Selectmen would present those questions to the school board members. If questions are not provided there will be no meeting. Mr. Innes was also asked to determine if the school board budget committee was advisory or set the budget for the school district.

The Selectmen discussed the question of whether the Atkinson school budget committee members should be invited to the meeting and subsequently asked Mr. Innes to do so.

**Mr. Morse made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second Mr. Consentino; 3/0/0
The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

William Baldwin, Chair

Phil Consentino

Harold Morse