

*Town of Atkinson  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
December 29, 2014*

**W. Baldwin opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 29, 2014 at 7:30pm and led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Members Present:**

W. Baldwin, Chair  
P. Consentino  
H. Morse (late arrival)

**Others Present:**

L. Artus, Resident  
T. Dziechowski, Chair Conservation Committee  
A. Green, Sandown Budget Committee  
D. Green, Sandown School Board  
B. Innes, Town Administrator  
D. Williams, ACTV

**Approval of Minutes:**

*12/22/2014 – Regular Meeting Minutes*

**P. Consentino made a motion to accept the minutes of Regular Meeting 12/22/2014 as submitted. Second: W. Baldwin. 2/0/0.**

*12/22/2014 – Non-Public Meeting Minutes*

**P. Consentino made a motion to accept the minutes of Non-Public Meeting 12/22/2014 as submitted. Second: W. Baldwin. 2/0/0.**

**Selectmen's Warrant Article Review**

**W. Baldwin made a motion to enter into a workshop to review the 2015 Warrant Articles. Second: P. Consentino. 2/0/0.**

**Harold Morse joined the meeting at 7:34pm**

*The following 2015 Warrant Articles were reviewed and voted on:*

Article #	Article Name	Baldwin	Consentino	Morse
Article 2015-2	Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-3	Authorization for Special Meeting on Collective Bargaining Article (CBA)	Yes	Yes	No
Article 2015-4	Operating Budget	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-5	Video Playback Server (Dave Williams)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-6	Robotic Video Cameras (Dave Williams)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-	Media-Safe Fire Suppression System (Dave Williams) **This article was removed on account of the vote	No	Yes	No
Article 2015-7	Cemetery Capital Reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-8	Land Swap (Tim Dziechowski)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-9	Lean-to Shed (Tim Dziechowski)	Yes	Yes	No
Article 2015-	Contingency Fund **This article was removed on account of the vote	No	No	No
Article 2015-10	Purchase Fire Pumper/Tanker (Mike Murphy) – changed it to just say fire pumper – Remove the word “tanker from entire article”.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-11	Fire Department Capital Reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-12	Replace SCBA Gear	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-13	Shim and Overlay Roads	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-14	Highway Department Truck – budget committee took this out of the budget. The budget numbers will change. Selectmen asked Mr. Innes to add accessories including a plow and wing	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-15	Purchase a Loader/Backhoe. Selectmen went with annual funding.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-16	Winter Capital Reserve – basically an emergency fund for salt. Selectmen changed amount to \$5,000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-17	Kimball House Shutters	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-18	Radar Message Sign – Baldwin asked if the Police Chief could look into a grant to support this.	Yes	Yes	No
Article 2015-19	Playground Updates – 5,000 for the repair of tikes towers at the Woodlock Park Playground	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-20	Recreation Capital Reserve	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-21	Tax Collector’s Salary Increase	Yes	Yes	No
Article 2015-22	Deputy Tax Collector’s Hours	Yes	Yes	No
Article 2015-23	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Expendable Trust Fund	Yes	Yes	No
Article 2015-24	Town Hall Generator – this does not happen unless we get the grant	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-25	Town Clerk’s Salary Increase	Yes	Yes	No
Article 2015-26	Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer Stipend Increase	Yes	Yes	abstained
Article 2015-27	Funding State Education Needs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-28	Acceptance of Unanticipated Sources of Funds	Yes	Yes	Yes
Article 2015-29	Acceptance of Reports	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Old Business:**

*Employee Issue*

Mr. Innes recommended terminating Dan Negri for cause. Mr. Innes has created a letter for the Selectmen to sign which will be sent out on the next business day with a return receipt.

**H. Morse made a motion to terminate Dan Negri for cause and to send out a termination letter. Second: P. Consentino. 3/0/0.**

***Comments from the Audience***

Leon Artus appeared before the Board of Selectmen to introduce Donna Green, Sandown School Board Representative and Arthur Green, Sandown Budget Committee Representative to present a proposed school budget designed by Mr. Green to reduce the current budget from 68 million to 64 million. Mr. Green used the Hudson, NH system as an example of a school with the same amount of children, who do better on tests such as NECAPs, yet have 76 fewer staff members. Mr. Green said he realizes he is comparing a district school with a non-district school and understands the differences. Mr. Green went on to explain cutting 76 staff members in a single vote would be unreasonable, therefore his proposed budget is based around cutting 39 staff members with an average of salary and benefits. Mr. Green also explained that percentages around what each town is responsible for is based on a state adequacy calculation. The Board of Selectmen will review the information.

**Future Dates:**

- 1/1/2015 – New Year’s Day – Town Offices Closed
- 1/5 – 1/9 & 1/12 – 1/16 – Christmas Tree Pickup
- 1/19/2015 – Martin Luther King 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
- 4/11/2015 – Boy Scout Electronics Recycling Fundraiser Community Center 8:00 – 12:00

**P. Consentino made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 29, 2014 at 9:55 pm. Second: H. Morse. 3/0/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Lueders

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William Baldwin, Chair

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Phil Consentino

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Harold Morse