

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2015*

H. Morse opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:30pm and led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

P. Consentino
H. Morse, Acting Chair

Others Present:

L. Artus, Resident
R. Kantola, 5 High Hill Road
T. Dziechowski, Conservation Committee Chairman
S. Killam, Planning Board Chairman
S. Silva, 43 Boulder Cove Road
B. Snicer, Administrative Assistant
E. Stewart, Road Agent

Mr. Morse opened a Public Hearing to discuss Plowing Emergency lanes at 7:35pm

Public Hearing – Plowing Emergency Lanes

Mr. Stewart – Road Agent

Mr. Stewart appeared before the Board of Selectmen to designate the following roads as “emergency lanes” under RSA 231:59-a, III, 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

Scott Silva of 43 Boulder Cove Road appeared before the Board of Selectmen to ask if the town could subsidize the cost of paving a portion of Boulder Cove Road. Mr. Stewart explained that since Boulder Cove Road is not a town road, the town cannot subsidize the cost, however to help ease the cost, Mr. Stewart will see if the residents can get the Town rate for paving from Brox, since they will be working in that area this summer.

R. Kantola, 5 High Hill Road, appeared before the Board of Selectmen to suggest the town tax a piece of property on High Hill Road. The current owner lives in CA. Sue Killam explained the question is whether or not the property is platted as a right of way and the first step would be to research plans, then the deeds. Ms. Snicer will look into this matter.

Mr. Morse closed the Public Hearing to discuss plowing emergency lanes at 7:50pm and returned to the Regular Meeting.

Regular Meeting:

P. Consentino made a motion to designate Boulder Cove Road Extension, Chase Island Road, High Hill Road, Lippold Road, and Rocky Point Lane as “emergency lanes” for the purpose of snow removal for the 2014/2015 winter season, so that emergency vehicles may reach the pond. Second: H. Morse. 2/0/0.

Approval of Minutes:

12/29/2014 – Warrant Article Workshop Minutes

P. Consentino made a motion to accept the minutes of Warrant Article Workshop 12/29/2014 as submitted. Second: H. Morse for Discussion. Mr. Morse requested that “Mr. and Mrs. Green did not appear before the Board of Selectmen as representatives of the School Board Committee or School Budget Committee” be added to the minutes. 2/0/0.

Donations:

Donations - \$25

P. Consentino made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$25.00 to go into the Elder Assistance Expendable Trust Fund. Second. H. Morse. 2/0/0.

Old Business:

Review Warrant Article – 2015-8

Mr. Dziechowski appeared before the Board of Selectmen to review warrant article – 2015 – 8. The following points were made in the conversation:

- Mr. Dziechowksi confirmed that Mr. Allen will be responsible for all expenses incurred in the exchange such as surveying, drawing plans, and abutter notifications.
- Fred Thompson is going to approach NH DOT to ask for a parcel release to remove deed restriction
- Mitigation plans will need to be submitted to DES.
- Mr. Dziechowski is aware the 32 acre parcel is currently the subject of a DES action requiring the owner (Mr. Allen) to create a remediation plan to correct wetlands infractions that were occurred when the piece was clear cut and graded last year. Mr. Dziechowski stated the committee has no intention of acquiring the piece of land unless everything is right.
- The Conservation Commission believes this exchange would be a benefit to the Town. The Town would be acquiring 13 acres in this exchange. There are 10 acres of Prime Wetlands and a 3 acre buffer. The Conservation Committee would like the town to own the area so that someone else doesn't do something with the land and jeopardize the water supply. Wetland areas such as these act as natural reservoir and provide a natural balance to the town.
- The assessed value of the land is in the amount of \$144,000, but there are deed restrictions imposed by DOT. The true value of the land is estimated to be in the amount of \$100,000.
- The Board of Selectmen would like to make sure all issues have been resolved prior to the exchange and will add language to the warrant article to reflect that.

P. Consentino made a motion to add the following language to warrant article #2015-8 Land Swap: “...pending approval of all state and local authorities”. Second. H. Morse. 2/0/0.

New Business:

Capital Reserve Fund – Elder Services

Ms. Snicer explained that Elder Services will need their wheel chair van replaced in the next couple of years and suggested creating a Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of replacing Elder Services Vehicles and equipment on the 2015 Warrant.

P. Consentino made a motion to establish a capital reserve fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of replacing Elder Services Vehicles and equipment and add it as Warrant Article #2015-10 with the wording “Shall the Town vote to establish an Elder Services Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of

replacing vehicles and equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for this purpose”
Second. H. Morse. 2/0/0.

Window Repair

Mr. Consentino explained that recently the Fire Department had to break a window in order to save an elderly woman who had fallen on her floor and laid there for two days. The cost to repair the window was in the amount of \$72.27, which Mr. Consentino would like to take out of Elder Assistance fund.

P. Consentino made a motion to take \$72.27 out of the Elder Services Trust Fund to pay for the cost of repairing the window. Second. H. Morse. 2/0/0.

Plaistow Rail Study Committee

The Plaistow Rail Study Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 6th at 1pm in the Plaistow Town Hall.

Final Budget Reductions/Additions

Mr. Innes was able to reduce the final operating budget in the amount of \$22,437, but had to add \$26,000 back in to the Highway Department to accommodate the purchase of a new truck. (copy attached)

Appearance:

Leon Artus – Maple Avenue

Mr. Artus appeared before the Board of Selectmen to ask them to send out a memo to residents encouraging them to attend the Deliberative Session for the Timberlane School Budget on Thursday, February 5th at 7pm at the Timberlane Regional High School.

Light out at the end of the driveway

Mr. Consentino asked Ms. Snicer to contact Unitil regarding the light out at the end of the driveway on Academy Avenue and request for them to come out and replace it.

Future Dates:

- 1/5 – 1/9 & 1/12 – 1/16 – Christmas Tree Pickup
- 1/13/2015 – Last day for voters to petition Selectmen to include an article in the warrant
- 1/15/2014 – Public Hearing on School Budget - PAC
- 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 January 5, 2015 at 8:35 pm. Second: H. Morse. 2/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

William Baldwin, Chair

Phil Consentino

Harold Morse