

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Wednesday January 14, 2015*

Open Meeting:

Chairman W. Baldwin opened the Special Meeting of the Atkinson Board of Selectmen at 7:10 PM on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

W. Baldwin, Chairman
P. Consentino
H. Morse

Others Present:

B. Snicer, Asst Town Administrator

Discussions:

Transfer Funds:

B. Snicer explained that a check for \$3,400.23 to the Atkinson Conservation Commission for reimbursement for a 2012-2013 DRED trails' improvement project in the Sawyer Town Forest, was inadvertently deposited in the town's General Fund. Conservation Chairman T. Dziechowski has asked that the money be transferred to the Conservation Fund.

P. Consentino made the motion to transfer the \$3,400.23 from the General Fund to the Conservation Fund, pending approval of the NH Department of Revenue and the town's auditors, Roberts-Greene. Second: H. Morse. Vote: 3/0/0.

Warrant Articles:

- Conflict of Interest (ordinance attached)
Conflict of Interest Chairman R. Fournier submitted the following two articles for the Selectmen's consideration to go onto the 2015 Warrant:
 - *"Shall the Town vote to approve an amendment to the Conflict of Interest Ordinance as follows:
ADD TO SECTION I, C, after County Elective 'Atkinson Representative [sic] to the school distric [sic].'* Add after no member shall be employed full or part time by the Town of Atkinson *'or by the regional school district.'*"

The Board of Selectmen asked B. Snicer to put this article in context for the Warrant, i.e. **Shall the Town vote to amend the Conflict of Interest Ordinance by adding the underlined wording in Section I. (Election of Conflict of Interest Committee) C.:**
"No member of the Conflict of Interest Committee shall hold any Town, School District, Federal, State or County elective or appointed office, board membership or trusteeship. No member of the Committee shall be employed full or part time by the Town of Atkinson or School District. Family of elected or appointed town

officials, town employees or contractors or their employees who provide services to the town shall not be allowed to serve on the Committee. This does not prevent a member of the Committee from volunteering unpaid services to the town, where no conflict of interest is created.”?

H. Morse made a motion to include the above article in the 2015 Warrant. Second: P. Consentino. Vote: 3/0/0.

- *“Reword Section V, (1)
In his or her official capacity introduce, discuss, deliberate, approve or vote upon any matter in whih [sic] he or she holds any interest, wether [sic] it be personal, familial, financial or pecuniary known to said member.”*

The Board of Selectmen asked B. Snicer to put this article in context for the Warrant, i.e.:

Shall the Town vote to change Section V, (Prohibited Conduct) A. (1) from:

“A. Participating in prohibited conduct establishes a Conflict of Interest with the town. It is in violation of this code for any member to

- (1) In his or her official capacity, introduce, discuss, deliberate, approve or vote upon any matter in which he or she or any member of his or her family has an interest known to said member.”

To:

“A. Participating in prohibited conduct establishes a Conflict of Interest with the town. It is in violation of this code for any member to:

- (1) In his or her official capacity, introduce, discuss, deliberate, approve or vote upon any matter in which he or she holds any interest, *whether it be personal, familial, financial or pecuniary* known to said member.”

Following some discussion regarding both the vagueness of “personal” and redundancy of the additional language, the Board decided not to include this article in the 2015 Warrant.

➤ Highway Department Contract Labor:

The Budget Committee asked that the following article be included in the 2015 Warrant to accommodate the necessary funding of \$26,000.00, should the Highway Department truck article fail to pass, without increasing the Operating Budget.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) to be added to the Highway Department’s Snow and Ice Control’s Contract Labor and Equipment/Winter (A/C#40.43125.890.000) if and only if Article #2015-15 to purchase a Highway Department Truck fails to pass?

H. Morse made the motion to include the above article for Highway Department Contract Labor for \$26,000 on the 2015 Warrant. Second: P. Consentino. Vote: 3/0/0.

- Mosquito Control (Municipal Pest Management 2015 Proposal attached)
B. Snicer explained to the Board that the article for Mosquito Control had been inadvertently overlooked when the proposed articles were prepared for the Selectmen, and asked that the following be included in the 2015 Warrant:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Forty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$49,390.00) for the purpose of insect control, such funds to be put into the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund, established in 2006 for that purpose and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend this money? As of December 31, 2013, there were Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-six and 16/100 Dollars (\$2,936.16) in the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2015-4, the Operating Budget.

P. Consentino made the motion to include the above article for Mosquito Control for \$49,390 on the 2015 Warrant. Second: W. Baldwin. Vote: 3/0/0.

January 26, 2015 Agenda:

B. Snicer informed the Selectmen that there were to be two appearances on the agenda for January 26, both of which are likely to engender rather intense discussions: Northside Carting and the Atkinson Representatives to the Timberlane Regional School Board and Budget Committee, and asked the Board who they would prefer to appear first. After some thoughtful analysis, the Board decided to have Northside Carting go first, as those issues were well-defined.

Questions for School District Officials:

- Which questions would the Selectmen like to ask?
 - P. Consentino would like to know how the proposed budget was derived, and will it be adequate?
 - H. Morse would like to know if the \$64,000,000 budget proposal was considered during the budget discussions.
 - The other question of importance is the status of the Sandown schools: has the money been put into the budget for closing one of the schools? Or continuing to use both schools?
 - Of the +18 questions submitted by Mr. Leon Artus on January 8, 2015, which do you wish to ask? After some discussion, the Board decided to forward the questions submitted to the District Officials, removing references to individuals.

- Who should ask the questions?
H. Morse asked that all questions be directed through the Chairman. W. Baldwin and P. Consentino agreed.

- Will you permit audience participation?
The Selectmen decided that there would be no public input at this meeting.

Adjournment:

H. Morse made the motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Second: P. Consentino. Vote: 3/0/0.

William M. Baldwin, Chairman

Philip V. Consentino

Harold J. Morse