

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2015*

W. Baldwin opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:46pm and led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

W. Baldwin
P. Consentino
H. Morse

Others Present:

P. Casey, Student
K. Delfino, Timberlane School Board
C. Donnelly, Student
J. Grosky, Timberlane School Budget Committee
B. Innes, Town Administrator
J. Sapia, Timberlane School Board
G. Spero, Timberlane School Budget Committee
B. Thompson, President, Northside Carting

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1/12/2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes

H. Morse made a motion to accept the minutes of Regular Meeting 1/12/2015 as submitted. Second. P. Consentino. 2/0/1. W. Baldwin abstained from the motion.

Donations for Elder Services Transportation - \$325.00

H. Morse made a motion to accept donations totaling an amount of \$325.00 to go into the Elder Services Transportation Line. Second. P. Consentino. 2/0/1. W. Baldwin abstained from the motion.

Elder Assistance Donations - \$25

H. Morse made a motion to accept donations totaling an amount of \$25.00 to go into the Elder Assistance Trust Fund. Second. P. Consentino. 2/0/1. W. Baldwin abstained from the motion.

****Mr. Innes will provide Mr. Morse with more information on the difference between donations going directly into the operating budget versus donations going into a trust fund.**

Veteran's Tax Credit

Map/Lot	Address	\$	Rec.
9/86	50 Coventry Road	\$500	Grant

H. Morse made a motion to grant a Veteran's Tax Credit for Map/lot 9/86; address: 50 Coventry Road in the amount of \$500.00. Second. P. Consentino. 2/0/1. W. Baldwin abstained from the motion.

Resignation:

Conflict of Interest Committee – Freda Muldoon

P. Consentino made a motion to accept the resignation from Freda Muldoon from the Conflict of Interest Committee. Second. H. Morse. 3/0/0.

Retirement:

Police Department – Joanne Consentino

H. Morse made a motion to accept the retirement of Joanne Consentino after 38 years of service from the Police Department effective Friday, February 6, 2015. Second. W. Baldwin. 2/0/1. P. Consentino abstained from the motion.

****Mr. Innes will speak with Chief Brackett about arranging a retirement party for Mrs. Consentino.**

Old Business:

Woodlock Park Playground Equipment Structural Review

Mr. Innes explained he received a report back from Daigle Engineers, Inc. recommending the uprights and underground cross beams be replaced. Mr. Morse advised Mr. Innes to not use pressure treated wood. Mr. Innes will put an RFQ out immediately.

Selectmen Workshop Discussion

Mr. Innes explained the following workshops are pending to be scheduled:

- Continuous of Planning Board Workshop
- Fuel Workshop
- 91A Workshop

The Selectmen advised Mr. Innes to schedule at the end of February after he's come back from a few days off.

New Desks

Mr. Innes anticipates delivery of the new desks within the next 2-3 weeks.

New Business:

Employee Mileage Rate Reimbursement

Mr. Innes explained the current mileage reimbursement rates to be as follows:

- \$.505/mile for Town Employees
- \$.555/mile for the Road Agent
- \$.565/mile for Library Employees

The Board of Selectmen would like the rates to be the same across the town and would like the reimbursement rate to be whatever the current federal rate is, whether that goes up or down. Mr. Innes will update the policy to reflect this change and bring back to the Selectmen for approval.

Request for Reimbursement from Elder Services Expendable Trust

Mr. Innes presented an invoice from Mobility & More, LLC in the amount of \$250.00 for the removal/delivery of a straight stairway lift to be kept at the Atkinson Community Center. Mr. Innes asked the Board of Selectmen for approval to take the money out of the Elder Services Expendable Trust to pay the invoice.

H. Morse made a motion to approve an amount of \$250.00 to come out of the Elder Services Expendable Trust to pay an invoice from Mobility & More, LLC for the removal/delivery of a straight stairway lift. Second. W. Baldwin. 2/1/0. P. Consentino would like more information on this request.

****Mr. Innes will provide more information to Mr. Consentino.**

Recycling Center Hours

Mr. Innes asked for approval to leave the recycling center open. There will be someone there monitoring it. The Selectmen approved this request.

The Board of Selectmen took a 15 minute recess.

Appearances:

Northside Carting – Bill Thompson

Mr. Thompson, President of Northside Carting, appeared before the Board of Selectmen to address some complaints the town has had about Northside Carting. Mr. Consentino brought the following issues to Mr. Thompson’s attention:

Issue	Mr. Thompson’s Response
Criss-Cross Driving	Northside Carting employees are paid by the hour so should have no reason to rush and are never told to hurry up. Criss-Cross Driving is never allowed.
Engine Oil and Hydraulic Fuel Spills	There have been issues with some of the equipment. The company is struggling with a particular engine manufacturer with emission controls. There have been constant breakdowns with trucks. Northside Carting is planning to switch truck brands to avoid this problem and is working on bringing additional equipment in. Northside Carting will be held responsible for cleaning up any and all spills in the future.
Inconsistency with trash pick-up days	Probably due to equipment related issues and getting behind from that. Northside Carting will start bringing in another truck to avoid getting behind.
Barrels not completely emptied and left in the middle of the street which has caused damage to them	That should not be happening.
A resident witness recycling going into the same truck as the trash.	Some of the trucks have a split container which is hard to see so maybe that was the case with this. Otherwise – that should not be happening.

Mr. Thompson explained that Northside Carting is a family owned business and that the contract with the Town of Atkinson is very important to them. He acknowledges that his company has fallen short on living up to the terms of the contract and he will make every effort to correct these issues. Mr. Innes has all of Mr. Thompson’s contact information in the event anyone would like to contact him.

Timberlane Regional School District Representatives

Ms. Delfino, Mr. Grosky, Mr. Spero, Mr. Sapia and students Cam Donnelly and Patrick Casey appeared before the Board of Selectmen to give an update on happenings in the school district. Both Cam and Patrick began by expressing how supportive the current school system has been for them. They are both 3-sport athletes, part of the student counsel, and honor students and attribute their success to the staff and opportunities they have had at the Timberlane High School. The Member of the School Board went on to present the following information to the Board of Selectmen:

- Full day kindergarten is up and running at Atkinson Academy. It is tuition based and Spanish language classes will be offered for all kindergartners.
- Timberlane High School has been named NH’s High School of the year
- SAT scores for college entrance have gone up in the last 3 years
- The reinstatement of midterms and finals for students have been a huge success
- New opportunities for high school students to receive college credit at SNHU, NECC, and NHTI
- Timberlane music program placed 2x more students in NH All State concerts than any other high school in the state
- Expanded summer course offerings for credit and enrichment while drop-out rate continues to fall
- CIP Committee will begin meeting next month and includes community representative from each of the four towns

- Spanish language classes will be expanded to include 1st grade
- There is a possibility of closing down Sandown Central School in order to save \$744,299 per year. The school serves grades 4 & 5. Sandown North can accommodate these children
- There is a possibility for sprinkler systems for Sandown North and Danville Elementary, which are not required by code but highly recommended by local fire departments. They are not on the ballot – may be paid for with surplus funds
- No major construction foreseen; major projects continue to be delayed
- Reduced student enrollment results in 15 fewer full-time equivalent staff
- For the last five years, the school budget has climbed about 2% each year
- The proposed 2015-16 budget is \$388,245 more than last year’s budget (up .58%, or just over half of a percentage point)
- If voted down, the default budget would be \$68,160,616. This is higher than the proposed budget
- The 2015 – 16 budget is Article 2 on the district ballot
- The estimated tax rate impact is as follows:

Town	2014	Recommended	Default
Atkinson	\$14.98	\$15.20	\$15.32
Danville	\$23.44	\$24.22	\$24.48
Plaistow	\$18.01	\$18.38	\$18.54
Sandown	\$21.98	\$22.15	\$22.39

- Two Sandown school reps will likely try to cut the budget by \$2.8 million which will force the district to lay off at least 39 full-time employees and end a number of academic programs and could leave parents facing new costs such as fees for sports, music, arts, and busing
- Article 10 proposes to change the school funding formula which would impact Atkinson taxpayers greatly
- Atkinson and Plaistow have made more of a total town tax contribution to Timberlane between the years 1965-2013 based on number of students
- Article 3 – Capital Reserve Fund would transfer \$250,000 from surplus to the District’s Capital Reserve Fund
- Article 4 – Sandown Central – spend up to \$1,160,544 to keep the school open another year and replace kitchen
- Article 5 – Sandown North playground Expansion – Spend up to \$90,000 in new taxes to expand the playground area at Sandown North
- Article 6 – TSSU Two-Year Contract - \$97,783 in 2015 – 16 and \$98,673 in 2016-17
- Article 9 – Provide full-day, non-tuition kindergarten to all
- Article 11 – Maintain Sandown Central for one year – cost: \$602,528
- Article 12 – New Requirements for closing a school
- All Residents are encouraged to attend the school district Deliberative Session on Thursday, February 5th at 7pm in the High School Gym. Voters will decide what goes on the District ballot put before voters on March 10th
- All are welcome to contact the School Board Representatives or Dr. Metzler at any time

Future Dates:

2/5/2015 – Vote Registration TRHS Cafeteria 6PM

2/5/2015 – TRSD Deliberative Session TRHS Gym 7pm

4/11/2015 – Boy Scout Electronics Recycling Fundraiser Community Center 8:00 – 12:00

Motion to enter non-public session made by H. Morse; Second P. Consentino; Vote 3/0/0

Roll Call: P. Consentino – Yes

H. Morse – Yes

W. Baldwin – Yes

Specific exemption relied upon as foundation for the non-public session:

RSA 91-A:3II(e) – Legal

RSA 91-A:3II(a) – Employee – Two issues: Salary and Union Contract

Entered non-public session at 9:20 PM

H. Morse made a motion to compensate Margery Watkins at the Highway Department labor rate of \$13.50 per hour while she works for the Highway Department, her labor rate to return to \$11.50 per hour once the cemetery opens. Second P. Consentino; Vote 3/0/0

Motion to reconvene the public session made by Mr. Morse; Second Mr. Consentino; Vote: 3/0/0

Roll Call: H. Morse – Yes

P. Consentino – Yes

W. Baldwin – Yes

No decisions were made during the non-public session.

Re-enter public meeting at 10:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

William Baldwin, Chair

Phil Consentino

Harold Morse