

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Workshop Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2015*

B. Baldwin opened the Workshop Meeting of Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:20 PM.

Members Present:

W. Baldwin, Chairman
H. Morse
P. Consentino
B. Friel
J. Grosky

Others Present:

B. Innes, Town Administrator
Al Brackett, Police Chief
Mike Murphy, Fire Chief

The purpose of this workshop was to discuss the PD and FD dispatch contract and alternatives to the current provider.

Mr. Innes presented a table (attached) showing the dispatch centers used by nine (9) Towns close to Atkinson and including Plaistow. He explained that he talked with representatives from each town on the list to get their feedback on the level of service provided by the center that they use. The majority of the towns use the Rockingham County Dispatch Center and all had positive feedback with regard to Rockingham. Mr. Innes stated that in discussion with the Salem Dispatch center(s), Mr. Murphy discovered that police and fire are dispatched separately [two (2) centers] and that the fire dispatch center would not be able to handle the Atkinson workload.

After further discussion it was decided that there are only two viable dispatch centers for Atkinson to use are Plaistow and Rockingham County.

Mr. Innes was asked to follow up with Rockingham Center and bring that information back to the Board about their ability to service another Town

Regular meeting rejoined at 7:43 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Innes

William Baldwin, Chair

Phil Consentino

William Friel

Harold Morse

Jason Grosky