

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

W. Baldwin opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:46pm, following a workshop to discuss dispatch services for 2016, and led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

W. Baldwin, Chair
P. Consentino
W. Friel
J. Grosky
H. Morse, Vice Chair

Members Absent:

Others Present:

B. Snicer, Assistant Town Administrator

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Minutes:
 - 10/26/2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- Donations:
 - Elder Assistance Trust Fund - \$200
 - Elder Services Transportation Fund - \$220

H. Morse made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of 10/26/2015 as submitted. Second. W. Friel. 5/0/0.

Appearances

Health Insurance Plan – Jonathan Burgess and Jeremy Bourgeois

Jonathan Burgess, Regional Manager for AFLAC and Jeremy Bourgeois, Independent Health Insurance Consultant with ClaimLinx appeared before the Board of Selectmen to give an overview of ClaimLinx and how the company can save the Town of Atkinson money. Mr. Bourgeois is the previous Town Administrator for New Durham, NH, who has since left, and has been working as a Consultant for ClaimLinx, for about a month. ClaimLinx was described as a company that operates as a consultant or third party and specializes in the benefit administration of self-funded medical expense reimbursement plans. In adopting this plan, the Town of Atkinson would self-insure up to \$6,000 per employee. In other words, the Town would be responsible for the first \$6,000 per employee and the rest of the coverage would fall on whatever insurance the Town elects. The Town would be allowed to choose any insurance carrier. The company would mirror the Town's current benefits and each employee would receive two insurance cards, one for the insurance carrier and the other for ClaimLinx. The employee would be responsible for submitting claims to ClaimLinx. Mr. Bourgeois explained that the Town of New Durham has elected this plan and has saved a large amount of money. Mr. Burgess claimed that paying \$6,000 for each participant per year, would be less expensive than the monthly payment the Town is currently paying for insurance, which is \$2,400. When asked for a list of other companies who have elected this plan, Mr. Burgess listed off some names, but did not have anything in writing to submit to the Board.

Old Business

Dispatch Contract Discussion/Decision

Mr. Friel offered to take the lead on this project and will meet with the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Chief Jones to discuss changes that came out of the workshop earlier in the evening.

J. Grosky made a motion to elect Mr. Friel to take the lead on the Dispatch Contract Project. Second. H. Morse. 5/0/0.

Health Insurance

Ms. Snicer presented a Medical Rate Exhibit from HealthTrust to the Board of Selectmen for review. She noted that it appeared that the only change between the A5 Rx10/20/30 and the AB10 Rx 10/20/45 was a \$15 higher co-pay on the brand-name drugs, which would result in a decrease in cost over 2015.

P. Consentino made a motion to stay with our current provider and change the current benefit option AB5(10)-RX10/20/30 to benefit option AB10(01)-RX10/20/45. Second. W. Friel. 5/0/0.

IT Contract

Ms. Snicer presented the First Choice Networks Contract to the Board of Selectmen along with a matrix of payments made since January 2012. The Selectmen reviewed the matrix and contract.

P. Consentino made a motion to approve the contract as it is proposed. Second for discussion. J. Grosky. No discussion occurred. 0/0/5. Motion Dies.

W. Friel made a motion to go out to bid with the Town’s information technology needs, to understand better what options the Town has. Second. P. Consentino. 5/0/0.

New Town Administrator

Ms. Snicer explained that Chief Brackett has performed some interviews and is waiting on those results and affirmation from Mr. Phair’s former company, which could take more time than average due to it being over 20 years since he left the company and information has been archived.

Sandown Feasibility Study Committee

Mr. Grosky updated the Board of Selectmen that a report went out today from the Sandown Feasibility Study Committee informing their decision and the reason behind it. Their recommendation is that is it not feasible or suitable for the Town of Sandown to withdraw from the district.

Future Dates

- 11/11/2015 – Veteran’s Day Town Offices Closed
- 11/11/2015 – Veteran’s Day Breakfast and Ceremony 9am – Atkinson Community Center
- 11/14/2015 – Firefighters’ Turkey Raffle – 7 PM Atkinson Fire Station
- 11/26 & 27 – Thanksgiving Holiday Town Offices Closed
- 12/1/2015 – Greater Salem Chamber Economic Development Committee 7:30am - Atkinson Country Club

J. Grosky made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2015 at 9:21pm and to go into a non-public meeting under RSA 91-A:3 e. Second. P. Consentino. Roll Call Vote: P. Consentino: Yes, H. Morse: Yes, W. Friel: Yes, J. Grosky: Yes, W. Baldwin: Yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

William Baldwin, Chair

Phil Consentino

William Friel

Jason Grosky

Harold Morse, Vice Chair

