

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2016*

H. Morse returned to the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:45pm and led all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Others Present:

K. Galloway, Atkinson Historical Society
S. Killam, Planning Board
A. Phair, Town Administrator
R. Sousa, Prince Lobel Tye LLP
K. Vellante, C² Systems. LLC

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- Minutes:
 - 03/14/2016 Reorganization Meeting Minutes
 - 03/14/2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Donations:
 - Elder Services Transportation Fund - \$165

P. Consentino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of 3/21/16. Second. J. Grosky. 5/0/0.

Appearances:

Kay Galloway – Available Scholarships

Ms. Galloway appeared before the Board of Selectmen to announce there are scholarships available to high school graduates of 2016 through the Atkinson Garden Club, Women’s Civic Club, and the Historical Society. The Atkinson Garden Club is granting one scholarship in the amount of \$750.00 to an Atkinson resident planning to further his/her education in horticulture, landscaping, conservation, forestry, agriculture, ecology, botany, environmental engineering, biology, and related subjects. The student must have maintained an overall B average throughout his/her junior and senior years in high school. The scholarship award will be presented for the second semester tuition charges. The Atkinson Women’s Civic Club is granting three \$500.00 scholarships to an Atkinson resident, who has been involved in our community through volunteer, civic, local government, scouting, and similar activities. The Atkinson Historical Society is granting two \$500.00 scholarships to an Atkinson resident planning to further his/her education in history, political science, and related subjects. Each application is available on the respective organization’s website, the local High School Guidance Counselor’s office, and at the Kimball Library. The deadline to submit these applications is May 16, 2016.

Ricardo Sousa – Prince Lobel Tye LLP

Mr. Morse stepped off the Board of Selectmen for this topic and passed on the Chair responsibilities to Mr. Consentino who in turn handed over meeting to Mr. Baldwin for this topic.

Richardo Sousa appeared before the Board of Selectmen on behalf of SBA Communications and Verizon Wireless to respectfully ask the Selectmen for permission to modify the telecommunications tower on High Hill Road in order to fill the gap in coverage that currently exists in the Town of Atkinson. Mr. Sousa, an Attorney and Partner at Prince Lobel Tye LLP, represents SBA Towers and Verizon Wireless on this matter and presented photo simulations from six different vantage points on how the area would look with a modified tower. Mr. Sousa introduced Radio-Frequency Engineer, Keith Vellante to present on the gap in coverage.

Mr. Vellante, Radio-Frequency Engineer, of C² Systems, LLC appeared before the Board of Selectmen to present on the gap in coverage in the Town of Atkinson. Mr. Vellante explained that Verizon Wireless hired C²

Systems to research the current gap in coverage and how a modification to the tower will close the gap. Mr. Vellante presented several maps showing the gap in coverage and stated that in his professional opinion, he would consider the gap to be huge. Mr. Vellante also presented several maps showing the improvement that will be made upon a modification to the tower. Even though Mr. Vellante appeared on behalf of Verizon Wireless, he explained modifications would also enhance coverage for all carriers.

Mr. Sousa explained that other carriers would be encouraged to be on the same tower. Mr. Sousa went on to explain that any changes made to the tower require consent from the Board of Selectmen. The current structure is referred to as a “Guyed Tower” of 161 feet. The modifications to the current tower would include changing the structure to be a “monopole” structure, moving it 30 feet north-northwest (more north than west), with added platforms to accommodate each carrier with a vertical separation of 10 feet between each platform. Platforms will start 120 feet off the ground with arms that will extend 7 feet off of each platform to allow for antennae. There will be a total of 12 antennae, 4 in each section, and the tower will be a Monopole structure, 40 inches in diameter at the top. Mr. Sousa plans to appear before the Planning Board as well since the structure needs to be moved 30 feet. He will also appear before the Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding the application.

Mr. Sousa explained the process and impact would include heavy equipment with minimal interruptions of service. Each carrier will operate under a very strict FCC License. Mr. Sousa will provide the Board of Selectmen with a definitive timeline on the process and impact, however if approved, the project would start immediately and completed during the summer months. Mr. Sousa will also check with SBA Towers regarding plans to refurbish High Hill Road and report back to the Board of Selectmen on that.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to allow people in the audience to ask questions. Chairman of the Planning Board, Sue Killam, asked Mr. Sousa to speak to the matter of “shot clock”. Mr. Sousa responded to Ms. Killam by explaining the 150 days will start when the application is deemed complete. Dorothy Kantola, 5 High Hill Road, explained that High Hill Road is a private road that the residents plan to pave soon. Sanford Carter, an abutter to the right-of-way to the tower, who has also sat on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for over 30 years, asked Mr. Sousa to clarify his response to Ms. Killam’s question. Robert Kantola of High Hill Road asked about the diameter of the tower. Mr. Sousa responded to Mr. Kantola by stating the structure is a Monopole structure and will be 40 inches in diameter at top. Brian Donnelly asked about plans to move the tower. Mr. Sousa responded to Mr. Donnelly that the tower will need to be moved 30 feet northwest, more north than west.

The Board of Selectmen will take this matter under advisement.

The Board of Selectmen closed the door for 15 minutes to meet with Counsel on this matter.

The Board of Selectmen continued with the Regular Meeting at 9:09pm and Mr. Morse took over as Chair.

J. Grosky made a motion to instruct the Town Administrator to prepare a Request for Proposals to solicit a consultant to perform a technical review of the SBA Towers proposal and related telecommunications issues on behalf of the Town. Second. W. Friel. H. Morse recused himself from the motion. 4/ 0 /0

Old Business:

Budget Committee ex-officio and alternate

Mr. Phair explained that per Title III, Chapter 32 Municipal Budget Law, one member of the governing body of the municipality may be a regular member of the Budget Committee and there maybe be another member of the governing body assigned as an alternate member. Mr. Morse agreed to be the regular member with Mr. Grosky agreeing to become the alternate.

Municipal Solid Waste and Assessing

Mr. Phair explained that there has been no one assigned as ex-officio to Municipal Solid Waste or Assessing. Mr. Consentino agreed to take on both roles.

Fire Department Water Damage Update

Mr. Phair explained there is no update.

Summer Sun n Fun Extra Week Proposal

Mr. Phair will invite Ms. Travers in to present on this matter.

New Business:

Dave Williams Moving Fiber Optic Equipment to the Community Center

Dave Williams will be moving the fiber optic equipment to the Community Center. Comcast will cover the expenses for this move.

Regional Selectmen's Meeting

A Regional Selectmen's Meeting will be held on April 14th in Plaistow. Mr. Phair will find out the time, forward the email and agenda, and post that the Selectmen will be attending this meeting.

Community Center Kitchen

The Community Center kitchen needs to be thoroughly cleaned on a quarterly basis. Mr. Weymouth is going to check things out on Friday.

SBA Proposal

Per the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Phair will ask SBA if they can put their entire proposal on the web as a link in order to provide residents with an easy way to view it.

Trash Clean Up

Mr. Grosky recently witnessed a volunteer picking up trash along the side of an Atkinson road, which gave him the idea to inquire about a Trustee(s) doing it for the Town of Atkinson. Mr. Grosky spoke with David Consentino at the Rockingham House of Corrections who said they would be more than willing to send a supervised crew to perform this task. Mr. Stewart is in support of this. Mr. Phair will follow up with David Consentino and make arrangements.

Future Dates:

- 3/22/2016 – Cyber-Crime Prevention for Seniors with Greg Page – Kimball Library
- 3/22/2016 – “The Quite ‘Big Date Revolution’” (Who’s Tracking you Online)” with Greg Page 6:30PM to 8PM – Kimball Library
- 3/25/2016 – K of C Blood Drive 1PM to 6PM – Atkinson Community Center
- 3/26/2016 – Easter Egg Hunt Recreation Dept. at Woodlock Park 11am (children up to 10 yrs old)
- 3/25/2015 – BeatleJuice concert by Atkinson Lions Club at Timberlane Performing Arts Center
- 4/6/2016 – Kerry Ann Mendez “Perennials for Three Seasons of Color” Kimball Library (Atk. Garden Club)
- 4/9/2016 – Town Energy Fair, Community Center – 10am
- 4/9/2016 – Boy Scout Troop 9 Electronics Recycling at Community Center parking lot

P. Consentino made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2016 at 9:30pm. Second. W. Baldwin. 5/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda Lueders

Harold Morse, Chair

Phil Consentino, Vice Chair

William Friel

Jason Grosky

William Baldwin