

*Town of Atkinson  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2016*

**H. Morse returned to the Regular Meeting of Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:34pm and asked Boy Scouts – Troop 9 to lead 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:**

F. Kulik, Atkinson Historical Society  
A. Phair, Town Administrator  
C. Schuster, Eagle Scout Troop 9  
A. Stasio, Assistant Road Agent  
N. Travers, Recreation Director

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- Minutes:
  - 03/21/2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Donations:
  - Elder Services Transportation Fund - \$50

**W. Baldwin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of 3/28/2016 with revisions made to the Regular Minutes of 3/21/2016. Second. P. Consentino. 5/0/0.**

**Appearances:**

***Eagle Scout Recognition Plaque – Craig Schuster***

Mr. Schuster appeared before the Board of Selectmen to present an Eagle Scout Recognition Plaque on behalf of troop 9 and asked if it could be hung in the Town Hall. An Eagle Scout Recognition Plaque is currently hanging in the Town Hall for troop 95. Some time ago, troop 9, split off from troop 95, therefore Mr. Schuster asked that a plaque be hung to specifically recognize troop 9. The Board of Selectmen will hang the plaque in the Town Hall.

Members of troop 9 appeared before the Board of Selectmen to provide an overview of Boy Scout Troop 9. The following information was provided in their presentation:

- The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated in 1910 with the mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.
- The top five merit badges awarded in Boy Scouts are as follows:
  - First Aid
  - Swimming
  - Camping
  - Cooking Citizenship in the Community
- Overview of Troop 9 Fundraiser
  - Troop 9 camps every month throughout NH and Maine and usually takes at least one week long high adventure trip per summer.
  - These activities require the troop to hold a fundraiser.
    - Troop 9 has partnered with a local recycling firm to conduct an electronic recycling event for the past three years.
    - The goal is to raise money and provide the community with a way to recycle their unwanted electronic stuff.

- The next recycling event will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 12pm at the Community Center parking lot.
- Residents can make arrangements for the troop to pick stuff up from their homes right up to Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 2016 Plans
  - Goal remains unchanged which is to raise some money to offset the costs associated with the scouting program and provide the community with a way to recycle unwanted electronic stuff.
    - Necessary arrangements have been made and paperwork has been filled out to make April 9<sup>th</sup> a success.
    - The troop has modified their traffic plan to free up more space in the parking lot for the Energy Fair participants and have worked with Mr. Stewart to have parking spaces striped.

***Fred Kulik, Atkinson Historical Society, Moose Grant Certificate***

Mr. Kullik appeared before the Board of Selectmen to present a certificate recently received by the Atkinson Historical Society from the New Hampshire State Senate. The certificate, titled the Moose Grant Certificate, was given to thank and congratulate the Town of Atkinson on their efforts to conserve documents and will be hung at the Atkinson Historical House. The scope of the work included conserving documents dated 1812 – 1835, along with digitizing and creating microfilm for each document. It cost an amount of \$500.00 to restore each document. The grant was in the amount of \$10,000. The next project will start with documents beginning with a date of 1836.

**Old Business:**

***Fire Department Water Damage Update***

Mr. Phair explained that all water damage at the Fire Department has been fixed and all is done. The next step is to wait for the insurance company to send a reimbursement check.

***Summer Sun n Fun Extra Week Proposal (Noriko)***

Ms. Travers appeared before the Board of Selectmen to propose the extra week be a four day week beginning on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. People will have the option to choose between 6 weeks or 6.4 weeks. There will be 20 spots held for non-Atkinson residents. The extra week will cost the Town of Atkinson about \$7,900. Mr. Phair will find where this money will come from in the budget and will work on filling out the over-expenditure paperwork. Other than the over-expenditure for the extra week, the program is fully budgeted into the Operating Budget each year; however Ms. Travers will look into setting up a revolving account through a Warrant Article for this program.

**P. Consentino made a motion to make a permanent approval to add 4 days to the Sun n Fun program in 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$7,900. Second. W. Friel. 5/0/0.**

***Sun n Fun Interviews***

Ms. Travers updated the Board of Selectmen that 25 applications have been received for the 19 open Counselor positions. Based on the applications, there seem to be some wonderful candidates who have applied, however Ms. Travers will need to let six of the candidates go.

***Easter Egg Hunt***

Ms. Travers updated the Board of Selectmen that the 2016 Easter Egg hunt went well. A total of 1,500 eggs were hidden. The new bunny suits recently purchased were utilized and worked out well.

***Regional Selectmen Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 6:00pm Plaistow***

Mr. Morse, Mr. Friel, and Mr. Consentino will be attending the meeting. Mr. Phair will post a notice of the meeting.

**Jason Grosky left the meeting at 8:19pm.**

## **New Business:**

### ***Paving – Adam Stasio***

Assistant Road Agent, Adam Stasio appeared before the Board of Selectmen to ask permission to pave the Community Center Parking lot due to recent concern expressed at the Presidential Primary Election regarding a messy, muddy, parking lot. The recommendation made by the Road Agent is to put a winter binder down for an amount of \$19,650. Since there has been a mild winter, the money can come out of the winter maintenance line.

**P. Consentino made a motion to allow the Road Agent to pave the Community Center Parking lot for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 which shall come out of the winter maintenance line. Second. W. Baldwin. 4/0/0.**

### ***Highway Department Update***

Mr. Stasio provided the Board of Selectmen with an update on the Highway Department.

- Crack sealing will be done at the Town Hall and Police Department. Grinding will begin tomorrow.
- Seasonal employee, Ron Gale is scheduled to return soon and Mr. Stasio asked the Board of Selectmen if it would be ok to hire him back. The Board of Selectmen agreed it is fine to hire back Ron Gale since he is a seasonal employee and never actually terminated.
- Mr. Stasio also explained that the company Probark has always been used to grind brush. They do a great job and the Road Agent would like to know if it would be ok to use them again. The Board of Selectmen agreed it would be fine to use Probark again.
- There was a mild winter with not much snow removal. The Highway Department has been working on taking trees out of the right of way. There were 15 cranes in use and lots of stump grinding. Many large logs were removed and put outside the brush dump. Clean up of plow damage has also started.
- The Highway Department has gotten Woodlock Park ready for the season.

Mr. Baldwin inquired about stumps on Woodlawn Avenue and whether or not this road is going to be repaved. Mr. Stasio will ask Mr. Stewart about this. Mr. Baldwin also asked Mr. Stasio to ask the Road Agent about culvert issues on Coventry Road and whether or not this is going to be addressed due to a safety and flooding issue. Mr. Morse inquired about the corner of Sawyer Road and Meditation Road and how there is always a puddle there when it rains. Mr. Stasio responded to Mr. Morse by stating the Highway Department is addressing that issue. Mr. Consentino asked Mr. Stasio to tell the Road Agent to put a guard rail up on Salem Road and to take the fence down.

## **Future Dates:**

- 4/6/2016 – Kerry Ann Mendez “Perennials for Three Seasons of Color” Kimball Library (Atk. Garden Club)
- 4/6/2016 – Red Sox Ticket Sale 7PM to 8PM – Kimball Library
- 4/7/2016 – Lyme Disease and Awareness – 6PM to 8PM – Kimball Library
- 4/9/2016 – Town Energy Fair, Community Center – 10am
- 4/9/2016 – Boy Scout Troop 9 Electronics Recycling at Community Center parking lot
- 4/9/2016 – “Green Energy Fair” 10AM to 1PM – Atkinson Community Center
- 4/9/2016 – Senior Citizens’ Party 1PM to 3:30PM – Timberlane High School – no charge, but registration required – 603-362-5531
- 4/12/2016 – “Estate Planning Seminar” 1PM to 3PM and 6:30PM to 8:30PM – Kimball Library – Registration required 603-362-5234
- 4/13/2016 – Senior Spring Luncheon Community Center – Noon – 2PM – Free to Atk. Residents over 65 years.

**P. Consentino made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2016 at 8:35pm. Second. W. Friel. 4/0/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Lueders

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Harold Morse, Chair

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Phil Consentino, Vice Chair

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William Friel

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Jason Grosky

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William Baldwin