

*Town of Atkinson
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2016*

H. Morse opened the Regular Meeting of Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:30pm 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:

N. Gray, Atkinson Garden Club
L. Hall, Atkinson Resident
A. Phair, Town Administrator
H. Shikes, Atkinson Garden Club

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- Minutes:
 - 5/23/2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Donations:
 - Elder Services Transportation Fund: \$520

J. Grosky made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of 6/6/2016 with corrections made to the regular minutes of 5/23/2016. Second. P. Consentino. 5/0/0.

Appearances:

Atkinson Garden Club (National Garden Week)

Nina Gray and Hedi Shikes from the Atkinson Garden Club appeared before the Board of Selectmen to present two floral arrangements, one for the Town Hall, and the other for the Library. The Garden Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month except for January and February. Their main purpose is to beautify the Town of Atkinson. The door is always open for volunteers.

Appointments:

Robert M. Connors ZBA 2 year term to expire April 2018

David W. Farris, Technology Committee – 1 year term to expire April 2017

P. Consentino made a motion to appoint Robert M. Connors to the ZBA for a 2 year term expiring April 2018 and to appoint David W. Farris to the Technology Committee for a 1 year term expiring April 2017. Second. J. Grosky. 5/0/0.

Old Business:

Elder Services Schedule Coordinator

So far, Mr. Phair has received one application. He will bring recommendations before the Board of Selectmen next week. Candidates will be screened and interviewed ahead of time and Mr. Phair will speak to the current temporary employee.

School Zone Sign (Leroy/Academy)

The issue will be brought before the Highway Safety Committee. In the meantime, the Road Agent has ordered a “slow school zone” sign to put up.

High Hill Tower (Update)

Per Attorney Ricardo Sousa, SBA Corporate has approved the \$10,000 to be put in an account. Money should be there next week.

Position Openings – Assistant Bookkeeper, Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Phair is in the process of looking for a replacement for these positions.

Mason Case

Payment is still behind. Court proceedings have begun.

Over-expenditure/Fire Department

Mr. Phair explained he spoke with Attorney Tony Augeri regarding the issue with the Fire Department and the 1944 warrant article. Mr. Augeri is comfortable taking this matter on for an amount ranging between \$1,000 to \$2,000. Mr. Phair also spoke with Attorney Bart Mayer, who would also be willing to take this matter on for an amount of \$750.00.

W. Friel made a motion to engage Attorney Bart Mayer on this matter to get a clear vision on where we are so far in the amount of \$750.00. Second. J. Grosky. 4/0/1. Mr. Consentino is opposed to the motion.

Striping cost for the Community Center Parking Lot

Per the Road Agent, the cost of striping the Community Center Parking Lot was in the amount of approximately \$500.00. This money came out of the Road Agent's budget.

Tree on Sawyer Avenue

The tree is not on Town property. The Road Agent will be speaking to the neighbors again on this matter.

New Business:

Area Board of Selectmen Meeting

The next area Selectmen meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6:30PM at the Sandown Town Hall. All members of the Board of Selectmen along with the Town Administrator plan to attend this meeting.

Cemetery

Mr. Phair and the Board of Selectmen commented on how beautiful the cemetery looks and thanked the Library Trustees and Workers for a job well done.

Osborne Case

Mr. Grosky inquired on whether or not the June payment has been made. Mr. Phair explained it has not been made yet.

Town Clock

Atkinson Resident, Leonard Hall appeared before the Board of Selectmen to ask about the potential of putting a town clock up at Dow Commons. Mr. Hall is also the President Elect of the Lions Club and explained he has recently been assigned a legacy project. In 2017, the Town will be celebrating its 250th anniversary and the Lions Club will be celebrating its 40th. Based on these celebrations, Mr. Hall thought it would be a nice idea to put up a town clock at Dow Commons. Mr. Hall passed around pictures of a couple of ideas and asked the Board of Selectmen if they would allow him to move forward with this project. Funding for the project still needs to be worked out, but is very doable. The project will take between 12 – 15 weeks.

W. Baldwin made a motion to approve Leonard Hall and the Lions Club to move forward with this project, but would like to see where it is going before it is put up. Second. W. Friel. 5/0/0.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be a non-televised brief meeting to be held on June 13th at 6:30pm for the purpose of potentially filling the Elder Services Coordinator position.

