

**TOWN OF ATHOL**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**APRIL 1, 2014 7 P.M.**  
**ROOM 21, ATHOL TOWN HALL**

Present: Chairman Stephen Raymond, Vice Chairman Lee Chauvette, Anthony Brighenti, Phillip King & Susannah Lee. Also Town Counsel Mark Goldstein.

Call to Order: Raymond called the meeting to order and asked Phil King to lead the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes: Chauvette made a motion to approve minutes for March 18, 2014 and the executive session minutes for March 18, 2014. Lee seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Permits & Licenses: Lee made a motion to approve licenses for vendors at the River Rat parade on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Brighenti seconded. The motion carried 5-0. There was discussion with Police Chief Anderson about how to corral

Public Comment: Chief Lozier and Superintendent Doug Walsh updated the Board on the culvert on Pike Street. Lozier said the weekend's heavy rains have flooded the area once again. Lozier said representatives from Pan Am have been in town for most of the day and have taken over the pumping of the water out of the area.

Town Dept. /  
Comm. Business: **Office of Community Development & Planning**  
**Silver Lake School RFP Results**  
Tabled

General Business: **Budget Subcommittee**  
**FY15 budget presentation**  
Ken Duffy, Chairman of the FWAC, said that in the absence of a Town Manager the budget is being put together by the Raymond, Chauvette, Ben Feldman and himself. He said they have compiled all of the requests from the various departments that there is an \$800,000 gap between that number and the available revenues. Duffy said there will be difficult decisions will have to be made to get the FY15 budget where it needs to be for Town Meeting.

**Capital Planning Committee**  
**FY15 budget presentation**  
Chairman Robert Muzzy reviewed the FY15 budget they will present to Town Meeting. He said the committee started with \$1.4 million in requests and have

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prioritized them into \$581,000 worth of projects plus an additional \$465,000 in transfers from various enterprise accounts.

Selectmen's Reports\*: King acknowledged this is his last meeting and thanked the Board members for their support over the years.

Brighenti said he has enjoyed working with King and thanked him for his hard work. Brighenti said the Town must take a look at the flag pole in front of Town Hall as it is in disrepair. He said the Town must also take a look at the spikes or hammers occurring in the water system which are affecting Main St, including Starretts, the Library other businesses.

Chauvette also reminded voters of Monday's election and wishes the best to King.

Lee also wished King the best. She said it's been a gratifying week to be a member of the Vacant & Abandoned Bldg Committee as so much progress is being made all at once on Main St., Lake Ellis Road, and Benton Place.

Chauvette asked Town Counsel whether there was a provision in the Open Meeting Law that allowed the Board to screen resumes for the Town Manager's position in Executive Session. After reviewing the exemptions Goldstein said yes the Board could do its preliminary screening in Executive Session but would have to do their interviews of any finalists in Open Session.

Chairman's Report\*: Raymond said the budget process is coming along and that he appreciates everyone's guidance and assistance.

Town Manager's Report\*: No Town Manager's Report tonight

Town Counsel's Report\*: Nothing tonight.

Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A True Copy Attest:

  
Heather Brissette

\*Related Documents: agenda 4/1/14; minutes 3/18/14, River Rat vendor permits, FY15 budget documents.

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