

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2017

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Visitors: Barry Trudeau, Kevin McEnaney

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton and Corporal Ian MacMillan met with the Selectmen and informed them that they had three candidates for the two full time police officer positions. The three were interviewed and two passed the interview as well as the physical testing. Chief Keaton also said that the January NH Police Standards and Training Academy is full. Selectman Hebert inquired if we were on a list in case an opening became available. Chief Keaton replied no as all paper work had to be submitted by today and there are more tests that haven't been completed yet by the candidates. Selectman Hebert inquired how these new candidates feel about the employment contract. Chief Keaton replied that one had no problem with it and the second one said she will be closer to her boyfriend who works in Coos County.

Chief Keaton has been contacted by Bill Weiss of Crest Chevrolet to see if the Selectmen would accept the gift of a new Dodge fully loaded pickup truck. The truck would be all set up as a cruiser even the lettering on the side. Selectman Hebert inquired why a pickup? Chairman Chandler inquired if the donor would consider something else. Chief Keaton stated that Weiss had already found the truck. Selectman Hebert stated that it is a beautiful thought but he is concerned about the use of it and is this the type of vehicle they want. Chief Keaton replied that he would be the one using it. Selectman Hebert commented that they aren't the safest vehicles and he isn't a big fan of pickups. Cpl. MacMillan stated that Jackson and Moultonborough as well as other towns have them.

Chief Keaton mentioned that it has to be accepted before the end of the year and the donor will want to have a photograph taken of the Selectmen accepting the truck.

Selectman Hebert made a motion to accept the gift of the truck. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Chairman Chandler inquired if the police secretary's computer is set up at her residence so that she can work from home while she is recuperating. Chief Keaton replied that the Sheriff's Department had to have their IMC program updated first before they can connect to the Bartlett police department. He has been given a date of December 13th. That has to be done before anything is done to the secretary's computer. Chairman Chandler inquired how is she doing and when she is due back. Chief Keaton said she is doing well and he expects her to be back towards the end of January.

Lynn Jones, AA, stated that we had received a memo from the planning board in reference to the O'Neil subdivision up off Washington Avenue (11NTPK-WAS-XXD). Attached to the memo was a map of the proposed new location of the driveway. Map was reviewed by the Selectmen. Lynn Jones, AA, reminded them that there had been a lot of concerns regarding wetlands, dredging, logger didn't do proper job, house built in wrong place and no distinct driveway. Now they want to put in a driveway which would be going to the right of the septic system. Selectman Patch stated that it is most important that the septic system design matches the new plans. The Selectmen think that the new plans would be ok but would like to alert the State as to the revised plans and have them take a look at it.

The Selectmen and Lynn Jones, AA, reviewed the 1983 plans that CC Russo had left for them to review in connection with the two two bedroom units off of Granite Ledge Road which is really a driveway (2GLENL-N2-0). Russo is proposing to have a three unit subdivision that would access off Granite Ledge Road. Per the Bartlett Zoning ordinance you can have three dwelling units on a driveway and 2 houses are there now, so you could only add one more house to the lot unless he would like to rebuild Granite Ledge Road to the specification of a town road. A letter will be written to Russo.

Chairman Chandler would like to record the deeds for the new tax deeded property that the tax collector submitted to them. Selectman Hebert also thinks we should but is concerned about the town's liability for those properties that have people living in them. Chairman Chandler stated that if we take them but don't record them there is no liability and it would get them off the tax collectors books.

Selectman Hebert inquired more about the taking of tax deeded properties. Chairman Chandler explained that we can take them after four years but they are not totally clear for 10 years and at that point the owners can't come back after the property. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that it is a very tedious process to do all the proper notifications to take the property.

Selectman Hebert made a motion at 04:40 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Selectman Hebert made a motion at 04:50 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Chairman Chandler requested that tax collector, Cheryl Nealley, join the meeting. Chairman Chandler inquired from her the proper procedure when IRS has a lien on a property that the town is taking for non payment of taxes. Nealley replied that you have to notify them by registered return receipt mail and they have 120 days to reply. If they don't then the town can sell the property.

Daryl Mazzaglia, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, stopped by the meeting concerning a possible grant program that she would like to see if it is available for the old dump on the Iovino property (5VILLG-MAI-380) which is private land. Selectman Hebert stated that the water source is important to the community, but the question is do we interact. It was decided that Mazzaglia acting on behalf of the conservation commission would look into what might be available for a grant that doesn't require matching funds. Selectman Patch mentioned that she might want to see if the Natural Resources Conservation Services might help as they were very helpful when we had tropical storm Irene. Chairman Chandler requested that if they decided to do water testing that they do above as well as below the area as last time they took water samples it showed the area above was worse than below.

Selectman Hebert mentioned to Mazzaglia that Upper Saco Valley Land Trust has secured funds to begin the East Branch Back Country trails project. They have a ways to go but this is a beginning. Mazzaglia feels this would be a big improvement to the land.

The Selectmen signed checks, reviewed building permits and correspondence throughout the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 05:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.