

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: March 18, 2019

Attendance: Chairman Chandler, Vicki Garland Absent: David Patch (due to illness)

Visitors: Patsy Rogerson, Angela Huertas, Darlene McEnaney, Kevin McEnaney, Brian Otis

Reporters: None

Gene Chandler was sworn in by Town Clerk, Cheryl Nealley, as Selectman for the next three years.

Meeting opened at 03:48 PM.

Richard Goff, Sr. and Jr. (2RT302-37-L01) met with the Selectmen to discuss what they needed to do to expand the campground by 40 sites and what they needed for a building permit. The Selectmen thought they were putting in the sites at the former Better Life Cabins in Bartlett Village (5VILLG-MAI-150) and told them what they needed. Such as if they were making any changes other than what the Zoning Board of Adjustment had previously approved for the campground that they would need to go back to them for additional approval for the changes. Sr. replied that they had gone to the ZBA and were told they needed to come to the Selectmen so they are confused as to what their next step is. Jr. mentioned that the campground is an original lot of record and grandfathered. Selectman Garland inquired if by adding these lots would it change the septic requirements. Jr. replied yes and they have done the necessary application. Jr. at this point showed the Selectmen the expansion plans and explained what they wanted to do at the Glen Ellis Campground. The Selectmen realized then that they had been speaking about two different locations. Chairman Chandler apologized and stated that they would get back to them as soon as possible now that they were all discussing the same thing. Sr. mentioned that these will be full hook up sites and that HEB Engineers was doing the septic plans for them. Sr. also mentioned that they hadn't gotten a demolition permit but due to the snow that their pavilion at Glen Ellis Campground caved in this winter.

Kevin McEnaney apologized to everyone for his unprofessional conduct at the town hall on Friday the 15th of March.

1.) McEnaney then went on to inform everyone that he was recording the meeting on his I-Pad. Selectman Garland inquired if that was what was used at the Planning Board meetings. McEnaney replied no they have an old recorder that has tapes and the meeting has to be stopped so that the tapes can be turned over. He has checked and minutes have to be available within 144 hours after the meeting. He believes and suggests that approval of the minutes should be the first thing that the Selectmen do at the meetings.

2.) McEnaney wanted to know about the status of getting WI-FI at the town hall for the planning and zoning board volunteers to use at the meetings when they want to research a question during a meeting. He feels it should be a secure password protected WI-FI so that it isn't open to the public. Chairman Chandler informed him that we are waiting to receive a letter from Tom at Computer Port who was asked by AA Jones to provide information on both public and private WIFI. McEnaney stated that you can get a good router for around \$200.00.

3.) McEnaney would like to see a structured Human Resources Program put in place. He is aware that the Selectmen are working on a policy book but one needs to be done soon so that we stop having wage issues brought up at town meeting which is not the proper place. He spoke to Julia King at town meeting and she suggested that maybe an ad-hoc committee of volunteers could be formed that would work on a Human Resource Program. They would look to see what other towns have done which they would then present the information to the Selectmen.

4.) McEnaney wanted to know what the timetable is for initiating the hydrological study. Chairman Chandler stated that we have to have a reasonable time to do this as it was just voted on on Thursday night. McEnaney stated that it is important to move on this and the town has an administrative assistant that could be delegated to make calls. He has heard that there is a company in Littleton that does them. Otis said this was voted on and that time is of the essence. Chairman Chandler stated that the study has nothing to do with the repairs to the river. Otis remarked they are going by history not science. Chairman Chandler replied that we are not going to wait for the hydrological study to be done before we start the river repair work. Chairman Chandler also mentioned that we have spoken to Engineer Burr Phillips of Civil Solutions to obtain a list of companies that do the hydrological study. McEnaney stated that could take six months and since the town approved the study we should go forward before repairs are done. Chairman Chandler replied that we are hoping to receive the money from FEMA before the study is done. McEnaney replied that we are throwing good money against bad. Selectman Garland stated that our engineer and FEMA aren't just basing their findings on history as they use science as well. Chairman Chandler stated that if we get the money before the study, that he isn't sure what reaction we would get if we don't want it now that we want to wait and if there are changes he is not sure what they will do. We have been working on this too long to take a chance of losing it. Rogerson commented that she doesn't want this slowed down. McEnaney replied hopefully permanently fix it.

Selectman Garland wanted it on record, even though it won't be believed by some, that she has had no conversations with her husband, Doug Garland, concerning the study which he had petitioned for. Rogerson stated that she has lived by the river all her life and remembers when there were only 10 houses on the street and the only way her brother could get to school was to walk. She stated that there used to be a wooden dike that was curved when the Army Corp of Engineers put it in in 1969. They removed the island and channeled the water by her house which eventually flowed back to the river. It was reinforced so it wouldn't wash the dirt road out. Chairman Chandler stated there is nothing more we can do. Rogerson commented that maintenance wasn't done to the dike was the issue. Otis stated he is more comfortable with the scientific process. McEnaney stated that the town should work on the floodplain and stream issues. He walked the area with Emergency Director, Bob King, and some of the homes have streams running right by their front doors so it is a real floodplain issue. It may have to involve taking some houses that are in the way. Selectman Garland stated that people would have to invest and it would take a lot of money. Selectman Garland also commented that the implied belief is that rivers flood and there is nothing you can do to prevent that. There are no guarantees as to what Mother Nature will do. Otis remarked that we need to work with Mother Nature. Selectman Garland stated that we are doing everything we can possibly do to prevent another flood. McEnaney stated that with global warming and Mother Nature that things need to get done. Chairman Chandler commented that he is tired of shoveling "global warming". (Referencing the amount of snow we received this year)

The Selectmen signed checks, building permits and correspondence during the course of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.