

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

Visitors: Julia King, Kevin McEnaney, John Smallcomb, Erik Corbett

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

David Conley (new partner) and Dawn Digeronimo (owner) of Glen Ledge Corner Store (Bretoni, LLC 2GLENL-BG-0) met with the Selectmen in reference to a letter they had received concerning their canopy and dispenser signs. Digeronimo stated that she misunderstood as the gasoline company put them up as an advertisement a few months ago. Chairman Chandler clarified that if it can be seen from the road it is classified as a sign. Digeronimo stated that the gas company will have to pull the canopy off which is going to cost money and they can't do it for awhile. She requested that she be given 60 days to get this taken care of. She also inquired if there are any adjustments that they can do. Chairman Chandler informed them that they could apply to the ZBA or they could probably decrease the size of their main sign. She doesn't want to do that as it took a long time to have it made and she likes the sign. Chairman Chandler requested that a letter be written to the Selectmen explaining that they need 60 days to come into compliance and they would honor the request. Conley mentioned that he may check into going to the ZBA.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 03:40 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) for a personnel issue. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 03:50 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Kevin McEnaney inquired if the Board of Selectmen are the health officers. Chairman Chandler replied that is correct. McEnaney stated that he would like to see them condemn places like the house on route 302 (2RT302-50-R00) that was involved in the October flood as they don't appear to be cleaning it up and it is a health hazard. Chairman Chandler replied that unfortunately there is no ordinance against junky yards, no one is living there and no one has made a formal complaint. Selectman Patch commented that no one can live there until they have an electrician do an inspection.

Patsy Rogerson, Angela Huertas and Val Rothen of the Saco River Dike Ad Hoc Committee inquired if there were any updates from Homeland Security or FEMA. Chairman Chandler replied no but hopefully the first week in May they will be here. Huertas inquired if they were going to walk the Saco River. Chairman Chandler stated that he doesn't know what there plans are. We have sent a letter to Homeland Security with questions and we are waiting for a response. We have also written to the State to see what help they will give us towards the Rocky Branch River. Rogerson stated that she has telephoned Perry Plummer but hasn't heard back from him. Rogerson also mentioned that she has done some research to see if the dike is private or town owned. She found in a 1936 town report where the WPA made reference to the wooden dike. She also found that in 1959 when it flooded that the Army Corp of Engineers did a work order. In 1938 the town spent \$900.00 to repair the dike therefore she believes it is the town's responsibility to repair it now. Selectman Garland mentioned that Harts Location is not doing repairs to their dike. Rothen inquired if a property wasn't in the flood plain can work be done without a permit. Chairman Chandler replied yes. Rogerson remarked that you have to be careful that what you do on your property doesn't affect your neighbor or the town road. Rogerson commented that she thinks that just dredging is opening up a can of worms.

Julia King inquired that since Selectman Garland has been working on the job increases has any further progress been made as it wasn't discussed last week due to Selectman Patch being absent. Chairman Chandler stated that we will have to see how much time we have today to talk about this.

Erik Corbett inquired if Warrant Article #25 of the town warrant had been taken care of.

The Selectmen discussed Warrant Article from town meeting and reviewed a letter to be sent. Garland signed the letter but Patch and Chandler did not. Letter will be mailed out to those designated and read as follows:

“The following article was petitioned and appeared on the 2018 Town Meeting Warrant for the annual meeting of the Town of Bartlett, NH that was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018:

“**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the town will urge: That the New Hampshire State Legislature shall call upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that 1) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people only, and 2) guarantees the right of and of the American people, acting through our elected representatives, to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending. That the New Hampshire Congressional delegation shall support such a constitutional amendment. That the New Hampshire State Legislature shall support such an amendment when it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification. The selectmen shall transmit the record of the vote approving this article by written notice to Bartlett's congressional delegation, and to Bartlett's state legislators, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, within 30 days of the vote. Agreeable to a petition signed by Erik Corbett and others.”

Please be advised that approximately 117 voters present and voting passed this article as written in a voice vote.”

Police Chief Keaton requested to go into nonpublic session to discuss a personnel matter.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 04:30 PM to enter nonpublic session for a personnel matter per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Selectman Patch made a motion at 05:00 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Chief Keaton informed the Board of the following:

- 1.) That Ossipee Police Department are getting rid of their Chevrolet Impalas and have donated 12 tires to us.
- 2.) Chairman Chandler informed the Chief that it is ok to order the floor mats and bed cover for the new truck. He also mentioned that he would like to see the truck used on regular patrols to cut down the mileage on the older vehicles.
- 3.) The town garage is getting new lights on a special grant from the light company and he would like to do the same for the police department. Selectman Patch stated that they do have no interest loans but he doesn't know much about them. Chairman Chandler requested that Selectman Patch check into this further, but to remember we didn't budget for this.
- 4.) Keaton would also like to get new blinds for his office. These will be ordered.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:05 PM to enter nonpublic session for a personnel issue per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:10 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:11 PM to enter nonpublic session for a personnel issue per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:18 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

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

Chairman Chandler will not be available for the meeting on April 23rd and the Selectmen decided to cancel the meeting.

The Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 05:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.