

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: April 29, 2019

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Selectman David Patch, Selectman Vicki Garland

Visitors: Darlene McEnaney, John Smallcomb, Kevin McEnaney, Barry Trudeau

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:40 PM.

David Monahan (5 VILLG-ALB-530) stopped (not on the agenda) in to meet with the Selectmen. Selectman Garland made a motion at 03:41 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 03:46 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Bruce Consaul, Appraiser, who was representing Leon Carson (4 MTSUR-7-R14/ 7R14A) met with the Selectmen to discuss an abatement request that Mr. Carson has put in for. Consaul stated that the town's abatement on the 8.95 acre lot is \$200,800 whereas the 30 acre lot that is near him is appraised at \$157,800. The Carson property is cut off by the Abbott Brook and has no driveway or utilities to the lot. Consaul inquired how can you compare the two lots. Selectman Garland inquired if the 30 acre lot is in current use. Consaul replied no. Consaul explained that he did some comparisons at Stanton Farm, Wildview and Ridge Road who all had nice views and were between 2-5 acres. Carson's lot is very steep, no view, has the brook and drops off. It also only has a foot path up the hill. Consaul stated that they would like to work something out so as not to have to go to the BTLA (Board of Tax and Land Appeals). The Selectmen will discuss this with the assessor.

Bob King, Bartlett's Emergency Management Director, met to discuss the Saco River Bridge gauge at the River Street Bridge. At this time there is no established flood level. Tom Hawley of NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) has been contacted and he will do the transit and laser sights for no cost. The present gauge could be replaced and the end product would be that it would tie in with people's cell phones so they would know if the river is at flood level or not. The Rocky Branch River has no gauge and we would have to pay to have a gauge installed that would monitor the flood level. This would cost around \$25,000.00 as the transit and laser sight work would have to go way up to the National Forest land. Selectman Patch commented that you would think the State would care enough about the Rocky Branch River Bridge and protecting Route 302 to pay for it. Selectman Garland inquired if the work we hope to get done on the rivers this summer would have any effect on the sight work. King stated that he doesn't believe so but he will check on this. K. McEnaney who had also spoke to Hawley commented that they go by the grade of the bridge height. Selectman Garland commented that the depth will change after the work on the river is done. King commented that we need to take baby steps and we need to start with the Saco River Bridge. K. McEnaney stated that the Town of Conway has 4 parameters starting with a warning and then there are three water levels that they go by to alert people. Chairman Chandler requested that King call and get more info. King replied that he would and we would go from there.

K. McEnaney inquired about the status of the personnel hand book. Selectman Garland informed him that it is in progress as we speak. Lynn Jones, AA, went to a training class on this and is working on it. RSA's have to be referenced to so it takes time.

Chairman Chandler inquired if Selectman Patch and Selectman Garland would be available on May 14th for a Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station Committee meeting at the Jackson Selectmen's office. They were both available and we will confirm this with the Jackson Selectmen and find out a time.

Chet Hooper of the New England Inn (1RT16A-160-R00) came to see if there were any questions on his building permit application. Selectman Garland informed him that he was good to go. Hooper inquired if we had any information on the new septic systems that have a circulating tank. Chairman Chandler replied no and that would be whatever the State accepts. Selectman Garland reminded Hooper that his permit doesn't include lighting. Hooper stated that he was aware of that and he is having a new design done.

Chairman Chandler made a motion to add the domestic partner rider to the town's health insurance policy. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Daryl Mazzaglia, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, wanted to know if the Selectmen knew of anyone who would be willing to take minutes at their meetings. At the present time they are recording them but they have no one to transcribe them. Chairman Chandler replied that we are aware of the issue but we don't know of anyone that is available and it would also be an issue that whoever transcribed the tapes wouldn't know who is speaking unless they were at the meeting. Mazzaglia is concerned as to what happens if a legal issue comes up. Chairman Chandler suggested that they take the minutes and keep the recordings in case they are needed. Lynn Jones, AA, mentioned that the recorder has the capability to be plugged into a computer so that it can be listened to. Chairman Chandler also mentioned that money for a transcriber wasn't included in this year's budget. For now Mazzaglia will continue taking minutes and using the recorder.

Selectman Garland spoke to Mazzaglia about her personally writing a letter of support for the Bartlett Conservation Commission's application for a grant from the G. Sterling Grumman Fund. This fund is to assist with the initial development of land that had been donated to the town for multiple recreation activities. Selectman Garland mentioned that she is on the Age Friendly Community Steering Committee that is working with AARP to make this an Age Friendly Community. Mazzaglia stated that she felt that was a wonderful idea. Mazzaglia mentioned that Nancy Oleson has given up her position on the Conservation Commission so she is in need of a new member. Chairman Chandler inquired if she has posted the open position in public places such as the post office, etc. Mazzaglia replied no but she will do that. Chairman Chandler stated that we will also post this on the web site.

The Selectmen discussed the mileage rate for town employees that use their personal vehicles for town related matters. The town presently pays at the rate of 40 cents per mile. The IRS rate is 58 cents. The selectmen agreed to increase the town's rate to 45 cents per mile.

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.