

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: June 12, 2017

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Visitors: None

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Fire Chief L. Patrick Roberts, Police Secretary Betsy Rand and Police Chief Christopher Keaton met with the Selectmen concerning Rand working a few hours a week for the fire department. Chairman Chandler explained that the intentions of the Selectmen were for Rand to evaluate and see what was necessary to help the fire department and to report back to the Selectmen for further discussion. Roberts stated that they met, went over incident reports and the filing system that needs to be put in order. At that time they came up with Rand working for three hours on Mondays and Fridays for the fire department. Selectman Hebert commented that their goal was to look for the more efficient way to do the office work to see if it could be made better by doing it this way. Rand stated that she has been spending time learning the incident program and making sure the firemen that responded to the incident are included in the payroll. Chairman Chandler commented that he is not convinced that Chief Roberts doesn't have enough time to do this once a more efficient way is found. Chairman Chandler inquired what would he do with his freed up time. Chief Roberts stated he had other things to do like inspections. Chairman Chandler stated that the Selectmen will figure out what to do now. Selectman Hebert reminded Rand that she has to be careful of the number of hours she works each week since she is collecting NH Retirement she is limited to 32 hours a week.

Rand informed the Selectmen that she may have to have foot surgery at the end of June and if that is the case she will be out of work for six to eight weeks. Rand mentioned that she would be willing to work from home if they could connect her to VPN on her computer. This procedure will have to be done by a computer technician. Chief Christopher Keaton stated that he has no problem with her working from home and the officers will transport the necessary paper work to and from her residence. Selectman Hebert feels that Chief Christopher Keaton needs to do a policy on the office computer staying remote only. Chairman Chandler requested that Rand let them know as soon as possible whether she is having the surgery.

Chief Christopher Keaton had submitted a purchase order for uniform dress shirts for Officer Eldridge, himself and Corporal MacMillan to attend Eldridge's graduating from the NH police academy which should be in July. Chairman Chandler inquired when MacMillan became a Corporal as the Selectmen weren't aware of this. Chief Christopher Keaton stated that this was done by former Chief Janet Champlin. Selectman Hebert commented that this isn't a paid thing. Chairman Chandler commented that it would be nice if the Selectmen were kept in the loop. The Selectmen signed the purchase order.

Selectman Hebert requested at 03:50 PM to enter nonpublic session with Fire Chief L. Patrick Roberts for a personnel issue per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Hebert made a motion at 04:00 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Eric Dziedzic, General Manager of Storyland (2RT016-92-R00), met with the Selectmen as a follow up of a letter he had recently received from them concerning vehicles parking on Route 16 over the Memorial Day weekend. Dziedzic stated that they had 198 parking spaces available so there was no need for the vehicles to park where they did. Dziedzic explained that the Department of Labor is no longer allowing 14-15 year olds to park cars in the parking lot, so right now they are struggling for staff. Patrons were just parking on their own. Chairman Chandler offered to make a call to see if there were any exceptions allowed. Dziedzic would appreciate that. Selectman Hebert mentioned that Route 16 is a state road so perhaps if he spoke to the State Highway Foreman that perhaps they could put up some no parking signs.

The Selectmen had received a request to use the gazebo in the Bartlett Village Park for a small wedding. Selectman Hebert stated that as long as it was just for the wedding and not the reception that he was fine with it. Lynn Jones, AA, inquired if the wedding party would need to have proof of insurance. Selectman Hebert suggested that we check with the Town of Jackson to see what they do as he doesn't believe that this is a unique situation. Lynn Jones, AA, will check with Primex, our insurance company.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton and Cpl. MacMillan dropped into the meeting to see if it was ok to go ahead with the IMC contract. Selectman Hebert instructed Cpl. MacMillan again to go ahead and move forward as it was voted on and approved last week.

Chief Christopher Keaton informed the Selectmen that they had a report of some non residents at the Bartlett beach on River Street that had alcohol and a dog there. When the police officer arrived there was one lady there and no alcohol or dog. Apparently the gentleman, who was her husband, lives in the area and had left the swimming hole. She was informed that they can't drink alcohol or have dogs at the beach. Cpl. MacMillan couldn't find a town ordinance concerning residents only and inquired if there was one as that is the only issue as there is a posted sign concerning alcohol and dogs. Chairman Chandler stated that if there isn't an ordinance they could look into having a hearing and adopting one but we need to figure out the proper wording first.

The Selectmen signed checks, reviewed building permits and correspondence throughout the meeting. Selectman Hebert made a motion at 05:00 PM to adjourn the meeting so that they could attend the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station Committee Meeting. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.