

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: July 31, 2017

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Visitors: Kevin McInerney, Daryl Mazzaglia, Chris Fithian, Kate Briand

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Selectman Hebert made a motion at 03:36 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (b) to interview a subject for a possible job. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Hebert made a motion at 03:50 PM to end the nonpublic session. Roll call vote was unanimous. Subject was hired to work at the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station.

Selectman Hebert informed the other Selectmen that he worked on contacting Spectrum/Time Warner for five days to get the IP address that the police department needed for their connection to the CC Sheriffs Dept. He was finally successful and we will be upgraded from residential to business at no extra cost. There is a form that needs to be signed to finalize the transaction and it was determined that Selectman Hebert would sign the form which he did.

Tyler Ray of the Granite Backcountry Alliance met with the Selectmen and handed out a summary proposal for them to review concerning the development, improvement and maintenance of backcountry skiing in New Hampshire. A desirable area for part of this project is in an area known as "Pine Hill" which is owned by the Town of Bartlett. There focus is on "gladed" skiing initiative, which is a low-impact, sustainable method of creating ski glades by thinning small trees to create skiable space which is not visible from the roadside. They need the approval of the Town of Bartlett for the thinning of the forested areas on Pine Hill as well as coming up with a solution for a parking lot on East Branch Road. Selectman Hebert inquired if anything had changed since the presentation that was recently given to the Conservation Commission. Ray said no except they have done some enhancement. Selectman Hebert inquired if the rediscovered trail would be above the pines. Ray replied yes all the way to the top in phases. Ray stated that everything is preliminary right now as they still have to figure out the environmental impact. Chairman Chandler commented that he is concerned about insurance as if a skier gets hurt on Pine Hill then they could sue the town. Ray stated that there is public indemnity. Chairman Chandler stated the town would have to pay to defend. Chairman Chandler inquired if there was a time table? Ray said they need the Selectmen's support, the Forest Service's, a Conservation easement and there is the parking lot issue so the earliest would be next year. Ray commented that he is getting a lot of support from the local businesses as it is an increased business opportunity for them. Ray stated that he will provide updates to the Selectmen and they will be doing this in baby steps. Selectman Patch has concerns about the tree cutting. Ray replied that they will be following Forest Service specifications and it will be of low impact. Selectman Hebert also mentioned that the parking could be an issue as where they are proposing is in a residential spot. Selectman Hebert also cautioned Ray that one agency doesn't supersede the other such as the Forest Service over the Town. Ray will keep the Selectmen posted as new developments happen.

David Hart, Architect of Record and Eric Dziedzic, Manager, of Storyland met with the Selectmen and showed them plans which they went over and explained concerning the proposed aquarium they are planning to put in the former Heritage building (2RT016-90-R00). Hart said there are now more plans in place, they have documented the condition of the building, they are staying within the foot print, planning on a new front entry, and where the gift shop was located will now be a restaurant. This will be a walking exhibit. They have met with the State Fire Marshall and went over different parts of the building. They are also meeting with the State in reference to the requirements concerning the salt water. Selectman Patch has concerns about whether the new front entry will meet the setbacks. Hart stated that they have changed it since these plans were drawn up which should take care of the setback issue. Chairman Chandler reminded them that they may have to upgrade the septic system where they are putting in a cafeteria/kitchen. Chairman Chandler also mentioned that they may be reaching the maximum for the lot size as not more than 75% of a lot, tract or parcel of land's capacity for septic disposal can be utilized. Chairman Chandler stated that we will also have to research the town ordinances to see if aquariums are allowed in the Town of Bartlett. Chairman Chandler reminded them that they need to apply for a change of use permit and they would need to address the parking situation and may have to designate a certain area for this. After the application is reviewed by the Selectmen; they will need to go to the Bartlett Planning Board for Site Plan review. Chairman Chandler also mentioned that it has been noticed that they have an A-frame sign in their parking lot and A-frames are not allowed in the Town of Bartlett. It has to be a straight up and down sign. Dziedzic explained that it was put up to direct traffic but they will figure something else out.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton met with the Selectmen. Selectman Hebert made a motion at 04:45 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (e). 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.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton informed the Selectmen that they are having issues with the parking on River Street at the swimming hole and his Officers have been writing tickets. He would like to have signs put up that say no parking on pavement as right now he can't justify the tickets if they go to trial. Selectman Hebert inquired if we were receiving complaints. Chief Keaton stated that he has not received any calls. Chairman Chandler commented that the issue would be if they are parked on both sides of the road. Chairman Chandler also mentioned that there should be a sign already there that states it is for use by Bartlett tax payers only. Selectman Hebert instructed Chief Keaton to have his Officers stop ticketing until we can figure the issue out. Chairman Chandler also informed Chief Keaton that the highway department will be placing more speed limit signs on Cobb Farm Road. Selectman Hebert made a suggestion that Chief Keaton sit down next budget time and plan to do a proposal for what all officers are in need of as we are getting requests in piece meal which is causing him to be way over on his uniform budget.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.