

Town of Bartlett – Selectmen's Office

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes – Monday, August 7, 2017

Attendance: Selectmen Gene G. Chandler (Chair), David A. Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Reporters: None

Visitors: None

Meeting opened at 3:30PM.

The Selectmen were supposed to have visitors from Canada, Arthur Milnes and Alison Bogle, regarding presentation of a gift as a result of the proclamation the Selectmen sent to them for Canada's 150th Anniversary, however, we received the following email: “Hello Members of the Select Board: You are going to start to think that Alison and I don't exist! However, we were called home to Kingston again due to my in-laws illness and won't be able to attend today. But, you will be receiving in the next two weeks a special gift from me to thank you for helping Alison and I and all Canada mark Canada's 150th. It is a copy of a prestigious new volume, *With Faith and Goodwill: 150 Years of Canadian/American Friendship*. It is in a special slipcase, hardcover and very attractive coffee table sized book. I will leave as a surprise who the editor of the volume is. This book has just been published. I will be honored if you place my gift in your town library as a thank you to the citizens of Bartlett who, through their Select Board, did so much to make Canada's 150th celebrations special in 2017. With great respect and admiration, Alison Bogle and Arthur Milnes, Kingston, Ontario, Canada” The Selectmen will send an email thanking them and will gladly place it in the Bartlett Public Library.

Chandler stated that the bids for the Transfer Station canopy project were opened earlier today by our engineer Burr Phillips of Civil Solutions. Unfortunately, we only received one bid in the amount of \$154,466. This is well beyond the estimated cost so the Transfer Station Committee will have to meet and discuss what they want to do about this.

Patch reported that Phil DeSisto of 44 Alpstrasse had mentioned to him that the road keeps washing out near his house with the heavy rains. The Road Agent will be notified. Hebert mentioned that he had received a complaint about the condition of Thorn Hill Rd. Chandler explained that the road crew had done the prep work for the paving but then the paving company had to cancel and won't be back until September. In the meantime, the rains damaged it but Chandler stated that if it isn't already fixed, it will be shortly as it was on the project list this week.

Chandler stated that he had asked Josh McAllister of HEB Engineers to review the statement from NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NHHSEM) regarding the overpayment by the State on the River Street bridge project. McAllister has verbally indicated that he agrees with their findings. Chandler asked AA Lynn Jones to contact McAllister and ask for a written response so he can provide it to NHHSEM.

Selectmen had a brief discussion on the status of the budget and items that still needed to be done and some overages in some departments.

The draft of the job description for the Transfer Station Manager were reviewed. Chandler stated that a copy had been sent to the Town of Jackson for their review. Selectmen were satisfied with it and will await the response from Jackson.

Motion was made by Hebert, seconded by Patch to enter Non Public Session under NH RSA 91-A:3 II (a) for a personnel matter. Roll call yes vote was unanimous. NPS entered at 3:55PM. Motion was made by Patch, seconded by Hebert to end NPS. Roll call yes vote was unanimous. NPS ended at 4:00PM. Selectmen agreed to send a letter to the employee.

Police Chief Chris Keaton entered the meeting. Chief Keaton had concerns because we own a Ford Explorer which has been in the news recently due to carbon monoxide problems inside the vehicles nationwide. He would like to purchase a carbon monoxide monitor for the cruiser. Selectmen authorized him to do this until Ford comes up with a solution for the problem.

Hebert inquired about the rotation of cruisers. Chief Keaton explained who used which cruisers which was previously established by Chief Champlin. Chandler expressed concern that Sgt. Sheehy was using the Ford Explorer on a regular basis and sharing it with part time Ofc. Knight and that he thought we were only using it in bad weather or just enough to keep it running properly due to gas mileage being less than the other cruisers. Chief Keaton said that this was the way it had been set up when he came on board and that all the cruisers are being used and assigned to the officers.

Hebert told Chief Keaton that the contract with Spectrum had been signed and therefore the computer issues with connecting with the Sheriff's department should be resolved.

Hebert asked Chief Keaton if he knew what the fine was for littering. Chief Keaton said he thought it was around \$200 but would have to check to be sure. Hebert stated it had been indicated to him that it was reduced to \$50 by the recent legislature. Chandler (who is also a State representative) stated he does not remember acting on anything this session. Chief Keaton said he prefers to use the unlawful activity statute. Hebert's inquiry was the result of recent actions of trash being deposited at the gate at the Transfer Station.

Chief Keaton asked if the Selectmen had made a decision on the parking on River St. near the bridge/beach area. Selectmen are concerned it may get like the current parking issue on West Side Rd. at Diana's Baths, although the town beach is limited to property owners and their guests. After brief discussion, Selectmen agreed to put up two "No Parking on Pavement" signs on River St. (one on each side of the road) before you get to the bridge coming from the village and will assess the situation from there. Chandler will check with the Road Agent to see if he has any signs or if we need to order them. Hebert asked if there had been any complaints from residents. Chief Keaton stated there had not. Hebert was concerned about why tickets were currently being issued.

Hebert led a brief discussion on the use of top tier fuel in the cruisers. Selectmen are not sure of what type of gas is in our pumps but will check.

Chandler stated that we are having an issue with recycling plastics at the Transfer Station regarding the time it takes and the P1 plastics. There are multiple types of P1 plastics and the company that takes our plastics will not accept loads if there are certain types of P1's in the load. Chandler stated that the cost of recycling plastics does not come close to paying for the work involved in doing it, however, it obviously is good for the environment. When the Transfer Station Committee meets, they will have to discuss what to do with the P1 plastics, how to educate the public, and whether we need to find another company to take it.

Selectmen reviewed the list of roads being worked on this year. Chandler explained that West Ledge Rd. had been on the list but due to logging and construction that is going to be occurring at the end of the road, the Road Agent doesn't want to do that road this year due to potential damage. Therefore, they will do the beginning of Glen Ledge Rd. in its place. Other roads seem to be on track other than Thorn Hill getting postponed for paving until September due to the paving company's schedule.

Recreation Director Annette Libby asked if the water could be turned on in hotel park in Bartlett Village for the concerts in August. Last discussion on that was a dispute between Bartlett Village Water Precinct and the Selectmen over a water bill sent to the town due to the water valve being shut off improperly by a precinct employee and leaking. Hebert will reach out to the commissioners and see if we can get the water on for the concerts.

Chandler then brought up the request for water at the top of the Glen Cemetery. Selectmen agreed to work with Lower Bartlett Water Precinct to get something in and agreed to allow the Road Agent to rent the equipment necessary to accomplish this but being careful not to disturb the area too much.

Motion was made by Patch, seconded by Hebert to adjourn. Vote = meeting adjourned at 5:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn P. Jones, Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen
(for the absent Brenda Medeiros, Secretary due to illness)