

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: September 23, 2019

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

Visitors: Barry Trudeau, John Smallcomb, William Ballou

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:45 PM.

Police Chief C. Keaton met with the Selectmen in reference to the following:

- 1.) The Carroll County Attorney's Office is looking for financial support from local police departments for them to handle domestic violence cases. The Chief doesn't feel that this is worth it. He has handled the couple of domestic violence cases that we have had without any problems. Selectman Garland inquired as to what would happen if we had a felony domestic violence? Chief C. Keaton replied that the County Attorney's Office handles all felony cases. Chairman Chandler commented that we can't pay County bills.
- 2.) Chief C. Keaton reported that cruiser #3 is at Crest Chevrolet for front end repairs (CV joint and shaft) but with Chevrolet on strike they are having problems obtaining the parts. William Ballou questioned as to how often we replace the cruisers? Chief C. Keaton informed him that we are in pretty good shape since we received the donation of a truck last year. Chairman Chandler responded otherwise we try to replace the oldest one every couple of years.
- 3.) Chief C. Keaton informed the Selectmen that the police department is having issues with the alarm at Attitash base lodge going off. Apparently there is a door that should be replaced as it rattles and causes the alarm to go off. Chairman Chandler replied that we will start sending Attitash bills for the false alarms.

Bill Fabrizio (14 Stanton Farm Road) (no appointment) inquired if the Town had heard from FEMA concerning the Saco river repairs. Chairman Chandler replied no. Fabrizio inquired if we have contractors lined up. Chairman Chandler assured him that we are taking all necessary steps and had just sent the State of NH DES \$16,000 to get a wetlands permit to do work on the Rocky Branch River.

William Ballou (123 Birch Ledge Road (no appointment) met with the Selectmen to discuss the following:

- 1.) There has been no shoulder work done on the roads that were recently paved such as Stone Ledge, Glen Ledge and Jericho Road. Chairman Chandler stated that the highway department had started doing that today.
- 2.) Ballou stated that there should be a stop sign at end of private drive (Partridge Woods) not on the town road where it had been placed. The town right of way easement allows room to place the sign. A drawing of the "T" like intersection was given to the Selectmen that shows Partridge Woods, South Ledge and Birch Ledge. The Selectmen decided to install a stop sign at the junction of South Ledge Road and Birch Ledge Road so there will be two stop signs, one entering South Ledge from Partridge Woods and one entering South Ledge from Birch Ledge.

Ballou also mentioned that the stop sign on Glen Ledge Road where it meets Jericho Road is there but not readable.

Barry Trudeau mentioned that the entrance closest to the Irving station at Grants store is a dangerous intersection and someone is going to get seriously hurt at that location. Selectman Patch stated that originally there was a "Do Not Enter" sign there but the person who owns the property behind the store has a right of way through there so there is nothing we can do. However, that is a state road.

Raymond Kelley (8 Birch Ledge Road) spoke to the Selectmen about the following:

- 1.) First he wanted to thank the Selectmen for placing the stop sign at Birch Ledge.
- 2.) R. Kelley also mentioned that the highway department did a nice job paving.
- 3.) R. Kelley inquired if Thorn Hill was going to stay dirt. Chairman Chandler replied that it was.
- 4.) R. Kelley stated that his real concern is noise. The owners of the property at 235 Glen Ledge Road are renting out their house as an Airbnb and the weekend renters party all the time till wee hours of the morning. He as a retired fireman and he is very concerned about the safety of the large number of people in the house. He went to a planning board meeting and the owner of the property received approval to make the 5 acre property into a PUD which is to have six three bedroom units which is suppose to be Airbnb places. R. Kelley inquired why couldn't he purchase the property and turn it into an inn. Chairman Chandler replied that he couldn't do that as it is a residential district and an inn would be commercial. Selectman Patch commented that Airbnb's are a problem everywhere. Selectman Garland stated we are working on it and when we hear of an Airbnb advertising 16+ people we send the homeowners letters. Selectman Patch said we have already sent out 8-10 letters. Selectman Garland commented that when we are aware of something we try to enforce it. If they are renting to 16 or more people the NH Fire Standard Codes come into effect which means they have to have sprinkler systems, certain window sizes and outside stairways to mention a few. Chairman Chandler commented that we are in the process of gathering information from other towns. Selectman Patch mentioned that the renters are considered transients if they stay under 30 days. R. Kelley inquired if they pay rooms and meals tax? Selectman Garland replied yes as a lot of them go through realtors. B. Trudeau inquired if we could have a permit process so as to bring some money into the town. J. Smallcomb inquired about ski houses. Selectman Garland stated that ski houses have been there a long time and are grandfathered. Chairman Chandler mentioned that if residents wanted to they could change the zoning ordinance and if the town's people vote it in that the Selectmen would enforce it. R. Kelley commented that when he sees 10-15 cars at a residence such as he sees at numbers 176, 191, and 235 Glen Ledge Road he gets concerned for their safety. Selectman Patch feels that if they are paying rooms & meals tax that they should be considered as commercial. R. Kelley mentioned that all he wants is to have good neighbors that are safe.

At the request of Police Chief Keaton to discuss some personnel issues Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:00 PM to enter nonpublic session per NH RSA 91-A :3 II (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Garland made a motion at 05:20 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

The Selectmen reviewed building permits, signed letters and checks throughout the course of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.