

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: October 29, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

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

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:40 PM.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton requested a nonpublic session for a personnel issue. Selectman Garland made a motion at 03:40 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 03:45 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton met with the Selectmen to inform them of the following:

- 1.) They applied for a grant for vests and it was granted. The grant will pay for 50% which is \$350.00 and only one vest is needed.
- 2.) State Police Troop "E" has two troopers attending the Police Standards and Training Academy at the present time and are hopeful that they will be back to full force within six months. When this happens they will be available to extend more coverage to us. In the mean time he has done some changes to the officer's schedules so that Bartlett is covered.
- 3.) Cruiser #3 is having issues with its traction control which they thought was fixed but still isn't working properly. They are also having problems with the transmission and at the present time the vehicle won't pass inspection. He has spent around \$2,000.00 already and just got a quote of another \$900.00 to fix the rest of the problems. He would like to have another garage look at the cruiser and get a second opinion. The Selectmen were agreeable to having this done.
- 4.) He needs two printers at a cost of around \$140.00 each for the two cruisers that just got the new computer systems installed. Chairman Chandler requested that it be checked out what has been spent out of the budget for this.
- 5.) Chief Keaton also mentioned that he needs four winter tires at \$235.00 each for two of the cruisers. Chairman Chandler inquired if he had checked at the highway garage as the winter tires used to be stored there. Keaton believes that Officer Knight did. Chairman Chandler will check with the road agent.
- 6.) Chief Keaton has been unable to locate a policy for the towing of vehicles. He would like to do up a policy. This policy would allow them to document everything that is in the vehicle before it is towed. K.McEnaney inquired if they found drugs would that be considered an illegal search? Keaton replied that it would be strictly inventory that they can take but can't charge anyone for. Chairman Chandler inquired if we have many vehicles that we tow. Keaton replied that we have abandoned vehicles, accidents, DUI's, etc. Selectman Garland inquired as to what happens if they find pornography? Keaton replied that they would have to go to the court to obtain a search warrant.
- 7.) K.McEnaney inquired if only State Troopers are allowed to stop vehicles on a State road when the road goes through a town? Keaton replied that isn't true as local police are allowed to pull vehicles over.

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Patsy Rogerson and Angela Huertas of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen and thanked them for keeping them updated on the Saco River issues. Huertas

inquired as to what DDD stood for in the report. Selectman Garland replied that it was Damage Description and Dimension. Chairman Chandler explained that the information in the report was based on what had been measured. Their findings will now be sent to the CRC and we should hear back from them within one to three weeks. Once we hear from them we can put the projects out to bid. Selectman Patch mentioned that he was happy to see they will be making use of the cobble.

Kevin McEnaney said that a couple of people have spoken to him about a house on Covered Bridge Lane that is on the river and being used as an air bnb. There are as many as twenty people that stay the weekend and there is concern about the septic. McEnaney went through the file and there is no septic plan on file and the property card lists it as a five bedroom house. Selectman Patch stated that it is probably due to the age of the house as to why there are no septic plans. McEnaney replied that people are concerned about the possible pollution to the river. Selectman Garland explained that a septic doesn't limit the number of people. Selectman Garland recently went to a meeting concerning air bnb's and they have discovered that if a person rented their house for a year they would make around \$14,000.00 but if they go with air bnb they would make \$35,000.00. McEnaney mentioned that he had gone on the web site and the property owners had put restrictions on the house and seemed to have done everything correctly so except for calling the police if a party gets out of hand there doesn't seem to be anything we can do. Selectman Garland stated that it is a problem everywhere and it is being worked on. McEnaney also inquired about dumpsters on properties. Selectman Patch stated that they can't be in a right of way and need to be fifteen feet from the property lines.

McEnaney inquired about increasing the Selectmen from a board of three to a board of five. Chairman Chandler stated that would have to be voted on at town meeting. He would need to obtain 25 registered voters signatures to have it put on the town warrant for the March meeting.

Peter Gagne (who came into the meeting after it had started) inquired if they had considered hiring a town manager. Chairman Chandler replied no. Gagne stated that it would cost quite a bit of money but would relieve the Selectmen from having to do everything and what happens if something comes up and needs to be handled during the week? Selectman Garland replied that the Secretary or Administrative Assistant call the Selectmen and get their decisions.

Barry Trudeau a retired American Airlines Captain and Bartlett's representative to the Eastern Airport Regional Airport Authority met with the Selectmen concerning the changing of the bylaws that the airport is trying to do. They also say they want the Selectmen not their representative. Chairman Chandler commented that they haven't even tried to contact the Selectmen. Chairman Chandler stated that Trudeau is our representative and he has no problem with him attending the November 5th meeting on their behalf. Selectman Garland inquired if the three Selectmen were at a meeting do they get three votes. Trudeau replied no. Trudeau said that they are trying to make everything more secretive and under handed. He also said they don't want to discuss the hangar and as a retired airline Captain he stated that the design is not right. For example the run way is too short. All they really need is an anti-ice truck. Rumor has it that it is being built for the Nestle Company. Chairman Chandler informed Trudeau that the money (\$75,000.00) from the State of NH for the hangar has been put under consideration at this time. Chairman Chandler also mentioned that the Town of Bartlett was one of the original supporters of the airport. Chandler inquired as to how do other towns feel about the proposed bylaw changes. Trudeau replied that they are all against it. Selectman Garland inquired if the meetings are open to the public? Trudeau replied they are now but if they change the bylaws they will be closed meetings. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how many towns attend the meetings.

Trudeau stated that is part of the problem as people don't attend them so they don't know what is going on. Chairman Chandler replied that perhaps we will have to encourage them to go.

Peter Gagne (5VILLG-MAI-520) would like to add onto his garage in Bartlett Village but isn't clear on how the 50% expansion rule works. Chairman Chandler replied that it is figured out by linear extension and the set backs. Selectman Patch confirmed that it is not done by square footage. Gagne showed the Selectmen a picture of the property. Chairman Chandler informed Gagne that Lynn Jones, AA, will take a look at his drawing and figure out and mark it as to what he is allowed to do.

Chairman Chandler mentioned that the Jackson Selectmen would like to have a Bartlett Jackson Transfer Committee meeting to discuss pay as you throw bags. The Bartlett Selectmen agreed that they are available to meet on November 5, 2018 at 04:45 PM. Sec. Medeiros will check to see if that works for the Jackson Selectmen.

The Selectmen signed checks, building permits and correspondence during the course of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.