

Town of Bartlett - Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: December 17, 2018

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

Visitors: Barry Trudeau, John Smallcomb, Kevin McEnaney

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:40 PM.

Barry Trudeau, Bartlett's representative to the Eastern Slope Regional Airport Authority updated the Selectmen that the revised by-laws were voted in by a vote of 31 for and 4 against. The Board of Directors has been downsized to 12 people.

Patsy Rogerson, Bill Fabrizio, Angela Huertas and Bill Duggan of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen to get a better grasp on what FEMA is going to do. Chairman Chandler replied that we are to get money for cobble. Rogerson stated I assume that it was all lumped as one project. Chairman Chandler reminded everyone that now it has to go out to bid. Rogerson inquired if we had a time frame for the bidding. Chairman Chandler said not at this time. McEnaney inquired if we had heard anything about the removal of trees. Chairman Chandler replied nothing yet. Selectman Patch commented that at least we haven't been denied. Duggan remarked that it has been over a year and we still can't get answers. Duggan inquired about using the money from the special article that was voted on in March. Chairman Chandler explained that this can only be used as a 25% match of Federal Disaster Relief Fund Bonds. Duggan commented that it would be a 1.6 million project to get \$400,000. Fabrizio inquired that if FEMA doesn't help can we put a special article in the town report to do the necessary repairs to the river as we don't want to wait another year. Chairman Chandler replied that could be done by either the Selectmen or by a petitioned article by the town's people. They would need to get 25 voter signatures to put it in as a petitioned warrant article. Rogerson commented that our hands are tied at the moment. Duggan replied that the help is short and the work is plentiful. Duggan inquired if we had a scope of work on all the rivers. Chairman Chandler stated that we have it for the Saco and Rocky Branch river. Duggan inquired if we have a time frame from FEMA. Chairman Chandler replied no. Selectman Patch commented that FEMA hasn't paid NH Electric Coop (his employer) what they owe them yet either. Chairman Chandler thinks we will prevail in a couple of places and H.E.Bergerons Engineers are working on the berm issue as we can't make a case on what was or was not there. Huertas inquired if it could be looked at again. Selectman Patch stated that the Army Corp of Engineers just laughed at us. Duggan asked if it was fair to say that everyone's goal is to have the rivers fixed either privately or by FEMA. Chairman Chandler stated that statement was not unfair. Chairman Chandler mentioned that the state will help with the Rocky Branch River as US Route 302 and bridge belong to them. Duggan inquired if the State is proactive. Chairman Chandler replied yes. Fabrizio asked if it was safe to assume that Bergeron's Engineers are making a reasonable effort and will give us the costs of each project. Duggan inquired if they would be giving the costs. Chairman Chandler replied no as that wouldn't be fair to the contractors who might bid on the projects.

Chairman Chandler let McEnaney know the answers to questions he raised concerning the disposal of certain items at the Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station. The answers are:

- 1.) Glass is presently going to Berlin. We pay a \$210.00 hauling fee and there is no charge for dumping as they use it for cover material.
- 2.) Magazines/papers etc. we presently pay \$56.00 per ton and it would cost us \$85.00 per ton to recycle.
- 3.) Trash Plastic we pay \$56.00 per ton. There is no market at the present for this type of plastic.
- 4.) Plastic #1 & 2 is being baled.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:00 PM>

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.