

TOWN OF BARTLETT – OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

MINUTES: Monday, December 23, 2019 – Selectmen's Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Board of Selectmen Gene G. Chandler (Chair), David A. Patch, Vicki L. Garland

REPORTERS: None

Meeting opened at 3:45PM.

Parker Fairfield of 17 Foster LLC, owner of property located at 17 Foster St. (Map 5VILLG-FOS130) attended the meeting re: the condition of the driveway that serves his property as well as 13 Foster St. Fairfield stated he purchased the property in November 2016 and that the culvert under the driveway has collapsed twice and he has sent several emails regarding the issue and has not gotten any response. He met with the Road Agent about it and said he never got our letter of December 11, 2019 although he has a copy now as he had come into the office on December 13, 2019 but stated he still hasn't received it in the mail which he gets at the UPS store. (Note: Selectmen met on Wed. 12/11 that week so the letter would have been mailed on 12/12 and it was sent to the UPS store address). Fairfield stated that the property is for sale, he has a buyer, and the realtor representing him is also representing the buyer so they are aware of the situation. He stated that it was being plowed by the town up until April of 2019 and it is a named street of Railroad Ave as it is stated in his deed but he has no problem with the town turning it over to him. Chandler stated that as was indicated in our letter, this is not town property and we will not maintain it even though we may have in the past for whatever unknown reason. Fairfield asked if we could just keep this as cellphone conversations as his emails were unanswered. Chandler stated no, it would be in writing. Chandler said there is another issue with this property and asked if it was three units now. Fairfield stated that he is having a septic design done by Dale McConkey and that since it is being used as an AirBnB, that it does not have full time use anyway so the septic should be fine. Garland said you didn't answer the question and asked how it is advertised on AirBnb. Fairfield stated it is as three units but the potential buyer knows it can only be used as two units. Selectmen will review the situation and prepare a letter.

Wes Smith of Thorne Surveys and Rick Girardin, developer of a lot on US Rt. 302 (Map 3RT302-53R00) across from the Baseball Card Shop known as Ledges at Attitash that is currently before the Planning Board, attended the meeting re: obtaining waivers from the town Street Regulations. Girardin stated that the town's regulations were not in conformance with his plans for his development and he needs to ask for some waivers. As an example, Smith explained that they want to move the driveway entrance and there are issues with meeting the speed limit design requirements. Chandler asked if the town's contracted engineer Burr Phillips with Civil Solutions has seen the waiver requests. Smith stated no because they didn't want to design them for his review if the Selectmen don't agree with them, so they thought they should see the Selectmen first. Chandler explained that without Phillips reviewing them, the Selectmen can't make a decision as sometimes they agree with Phillips and sometimes they don't, but he has to give his input first since Selectmen are not engineers. Patch and Garland agreed with Chandler's analysis. It was agreed Smith/Girardin would provide Phillips with a plan with the proposed waivers and AA Lynn Jones will email Phillips to explain the situation as to what the Selectmen are looking for.

Ajith Dissanayake (no appointment), 543 Cobb Farm Rd., and a member of the Ad Hoc Saco River Advisory Committee, spoke with the Selectmen about the situation with FEMA and their denial of our requests for work on the Saco River. He has done a lot of research and review of the information submitted to FEMA and their response and asked, if the Selectmen were OK with it, if he could have a face to face meeting with the appropriate FEMA officials to review the situation. Chandler stated that we have written a letter and Selectmen are OK with sending it to FEMA to make the request.

Chandler expressed his frustration with the whole process. Dissanayake stated that it should be the agency that approves projects and not a person, because when that person leaves, the project should still be approved. He also asked about the status with Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) and Chandler reported that they have agreed to waive the deadline requirement and will accept our application for review at least, so the letter has been submitted to them. Dissanayake stated that we must prepare for next time as there surely will be a next time. Chandler stated that there was no disagreement there.

Motion was made by Garland, seconded by Patch to enter Non Public Session under NH RSA 91-A:3 II (b) for the hiring of any person as a public employee. Vote: Chandler – Yes/Patch – Yes/Garland – Yes. NPS entered at 4:25PM. Motion was made by Garland, seconded by Patch to end Non Public Session. Vote: Chandler – Yes/Patch – Yes/Garland – Yes. NPS entered at 4:35PM. The Selectmen decided to hire PA Smith as a part time Transfer Station attendant at \$17.00 per hour.

Chandler stated he had been contacted by a town resident who has asked to use the Glen Fire Station for a funeral gathering. Selectmen agreed to allow it.

Selectmen responded to a letter from SAU No. 9 Superintendent Kevin Richard regarding the 2020 school election day and polling hours. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 8AM-7PM. Richard stated that the annual school meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Selectmen reviewed and signed building permits, checks, letters and correspondence throughout the meeting as time allowed.

Motion was made by Patch, seconded by Garland to adjourn. Vote: adjourned at 5:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn P. Jones, Admin. Asst. to the Selectmen
(Secretary Brenda Medeiros was absent due to a family matter)