

Town of Bartlett
Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Chairman Gene Chandler, Selectman Vicki Garland, Selectman August Vincent

Meeting opened at 2:32 p.m.

Chairman Chandler and Selectmen Garland attended the meeting in person. Selectman Vincent attended via Zoom.

Selectman Vincent will come to Town Hall on Thursday, 2/4/21 to sign checks, letters and building permits. Chairman Chandler and Selectmen Garland signed items throughout the meeting.

Chairman Chandler asked if everyone was ok with approving the minutes of 1/20/21. GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Chairman Chandler reported the police department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$5000.00 from the US Deputy Sheriffs Association to be used for radio equipment. Police Chief Keaton plans to replace the radio in the truck which has been problematic. A motion was made by Selectman Garland to accept the grant, seconded by Selectman Vincent. Vote- GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes.

Chairman Chandler reported that Fire Chief Currier had requested a member of the board attend the monthly officer's meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Selectman Vincent volunteered to attend. He attended the first meeting on Tuesday, 2/2/2021. Selectman Vincent reported that the officers inquired about the status of the budget and receiving a statement from the auditor to apply for grants. Chairman Chandler told him that the budgets will not be approved until Town Meeting occurs and that the audit is still in process.

Selectman Garland made a motion to approve Chief Currier's request for a stipend for coverage for his time off during days offs, weekends and vacations. The stipend requested was \$70.00 per 12 hour on-call shift. These would be for one weekend per month and the Chief's vacation days. Selectman Vincent seconded the motion. Vote- GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes.

Chairman Chandler reported that based on the Governor's Emergency Order #83 we would like to schedule the Town Meeting as follows: Voting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 8 am to 7 pm at the Glen Fire Station and Deliberative Session at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Selectman Garland made a motion and Selectman Vincent seconded. Vote- GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Kevin McEnaney asked if absentee ballots would be available for both sessions. Chairman Chandler replied yes for voting on Tuesday, May 11 and no for deliberative on Thursday, May 13. Mr. McEnaney asked if the meeting would be held outdoors and Chairman Chandler replied we do not know yet. Selectman Garland reported that the Bartlett School District will

be holding their Annual District Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the Josiah Bartlett Elementary School in the gymnasium. They have received information from the Attorney General Office advising them that they may offer a Zoom option for people to listen to the meeting, but comments and voting will not be allowed via Zoom.

Jodie Nielsen (1RT16A/218/H17) spoke to the board regarding her property at 17 Highwoods Drive and the letters she has received from the town re: short term rental and bedroom count. She spoke about her history at the property, her issues with neighbors and the HOA and the inquiries she made regarding her septic system. She said that she has a 6 bedroom shared septic system. She spoke with Ammonoosuc Survey, Joe Rogerson, septic installer, and Jay Bass from NHDOE. They all told her the concern is that her septic not fail and that what she is currently doing would not harm the system. They told her that it didn't matter where she placed beds for people to sleep on. Chairman Chandler told Ms. Nielsen that the issues with her HOA are not a concern of the town, but the number of bedrooms is. The septic system for her home is only 3 bedrooms, the other half of that system belongs to the other lot owner and is not hers to use. She can buy that lot and then use the full system as long as they don't build on that lot. Ms. Nielsen asked for clarification on items and requested the RSA that defined a bedroom. Chairman Chandler requested that she put her questions in writing. Ms. Nielsen asked to clarify if couches and futons were considered beds. Selectman Garland responded that if she is advertising it as a place to sleep and making a profit from someone sleeping there, then it is a bedroom. Ms. Nielsen will respond in writing to the board.

Mr. McEnaney commented regarding the planning board's regulations and assumptions of bedrooms and using logic to calculate.

Selectman Vincent reported that the Fire Chief Currier is pursuing a retrofit of LED lights at the Glen Fire Station and seeking a grant to support this project.

Bill Ballou asked about record safety at the Bartlett Town Hall. He was concerned after hearing about the fire at the Jefferson Town Hall and Town Offices. Chairman Chandler reported that we have a fireproof vault to secure records and a back up system for the computer. He clarified that the vault is not located over the basement area of the building. It is on solid ground. We also have a fire monitoring system and smoke detectors. We do not have a sprinkler system.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Miller
Secretary

Building Permits Issued:

02/4/2021	6WSTSD/111/Loo	Building Permit/Garage
02/4/2021	3ROLRG/524/523	Building Permit/Garage remodel
02/4/2021	5STLNG/A00/59	Building Permit/new construction