

Town of Bartlett
Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Meeting via Zoom

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

Meeting opened at 2:30 p.m.

Chairman Chandler and Selectman Garland attended the meeting in person. Selectman Vincent attended via Zoom due to COVID concerns.

Selectman Vincent came to Town Hall during the week to sign checks, letters and building permits. Chairman Chandler and Selectman Garland signed items throughout the meeting.

Chairman Chandler asked if everyone was ok with approving the minutes of 3/10/21. GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Chairman Chandler opened the bids for the Utility Vehicle. The winning bid was from Bruce Webster for \$1,510.00. Vote to award the bid to B. Webster for \$1,510.00. GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Chairman Chandler reported that the quote to purchase the Fire Chief's new command vehicle is \$41,159.00, plus lettering, lights and expenses related to moving the equipment over to the new vehicle. Leasing is not an option at this point. The current vehicle is in dire need of repairs. This is a necessary Emergency Response Vehicle needed for the safe management of emergency services. Since Town Meeting is in May, Chairman Chandler is recommending that the board approve purchasing the vehicle now and placing the item on the warrant as a special article. Selectman Garland made a motion to approve purchasing the new Fire Chief Command Vehicle. Selectman Vincent seconded the motion. Role call vote: GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Chairman Chandler reported that he received a call from Assistant Commissioner for NH DOT, William Cass. The request for the state's portion of the work done on the Rocky River Branch has been received and will be processed. He apologized for the delay.

Chairman Chandler reported that a request from Police Chief Keaton was received to place the order for new guns that is in his budget for this year. Chief Keaton has been notified that prices will increase as of April 1, 2021. They would like to lock in the price now. It will take several weeks for the guns to arrive. Selectman Garland made a motion to approve placing the order now for new guns. Selectman Vincent seconded the motion. Role call vote: GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Selectman Vincent reported the Planning Board did not meet this week due to nothing being on the agenda.

Selectman Garland reported that the State Emergency call for officials was short this week. There is another super vaccination clinic scheduled for the race track in Loudon later this

month. It will not be for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. That is not available for this clinic. She also reported that new guidance for businesses is expected out this week.

Chairman Chandler noted that information about the new VINI (Vaccine & Immunization Network Interface) for the State of NH is located on the town's website. It includes information for anyone having difficulty scheduling or attending a clinic to contact the office and Health Officer Garland will assist them.

Chairman Chandler asked the other selectmen to think about a new meeting time. He recommends meetings should be moved to a later time in the day, maybe 3:30 or 4:00 pm. The day of the week is not as important. They will discuss this more at a future meeting after checking their upcoming schedules.

Selectman Garland reported that information has been received from the North Country Council regarding a grant opportunity through the Northern Border Regional Commission. She will review this information and see if it would be appropriate for the Recreation Department to apply.

Selectman Vincent asked what the other members opinion was of the Bartlett Village Fire Station after touring the facility this week. Selectman Vincent has spoken with Fire Chief Currier and the Chief has some plans, but there is maintenance that does need to be addressed. Chairman Chandler reviewed the history of the building noting that in the not so distance past, the department had wanted to close that building completely. Chairman Chandler fought to keep it open. There are electric composting toilets that could be looked into so that there would be a restroom in the building. Selectman Garland is not in favor of a new building at that site. The board discussed Chief Currier's request for jump seats in the engine that is housed at the village station. Selectman Vincent stated that the condition of the vehicle needs to be addressed first. There appeared to be a leak on that tanker. It did not make sense to put new seats in a vehicle that might need other expensive repairs. Chairman Chandler suggested that they look at the trend of who responds from the village station before making any financial decisions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Miller
Secretary
Building Permits:

3/18/2021

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Renewal of #6702/Interior Repairs