

Town of Bartlett
Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 24, 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 Vincent attended the meeting in person. Selectman Garland attended via Zoom due to COVID concerns.

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

Chairman Chandler asked if everyone was ok with approving the minutes of 3/17/21. GGC – yes, VLG – yes, ADV – yes

Kevin McEnaney spoke about access to information. He reported that he receives a tweet each time the town website is updated. He would like the town to develop an email list to send the Twitter information out to people. He wants a line item in the budget for technology and the website to be updated. He would like the town to develop an email feed so people can sign up to receive emails. He reported that the town clerk collects email addresses for voter registration and we can use that information for our email list. *(Secretary's note: Upon checking with the Town Clerk, she does not have a list of emails from the voter checklist. Emails are only obtained on absentee ballot applications for notification purposes only if there is a problem with the application, however, this is NOT considered public information by law.)* Mr. McEnaney mentioned that the board toured the Bartlett Village Fire Station. Mr. McEnaney mentioned the future of Zoom meetings. Mr. McEnaney reported that there was an article from Karen Umberger in the Conway Daily Sun where she updated people on what was happening and stated that the public was allowed to testify via Zoom. He feels more people participate with Zoom and continuing might get more people to participate. Mr. McEnaney asked for Chairman Chandler's thoughts. Chairman Chandler said he would consider, but had no thoughts at this time. Mr. McEnaney asked for Selectman Garland's thoughts. Selectman Garland said that the Emergency Management phone call on Wednesday, 3/24/2021 addressed the future of public meetings. Remote meetings will continue until the Governor's Emergency Order ends. There are currently bills that may address this topic. She looks forward to meeting again in person. Mr. McEnaney reported that people have told him that the Selectmen meetings are unwelcoming and people feel they happen behind closed doors. He did report that after he started attending, he found that not to be true. He also reported that no one looks at the town bulletin boards. Selectman Garland replied that she believes that when people are comfortable with things, they tend not to participate. If there is an issue, they find us. Selectman Garland also has realized that there cannot be a vague dollar amount in the budget for technology. The budget needs more specific information.

Chairman Chandler reported that there is a call on Thursday, 3/25/21 regarding the appeal with FEMA. Angela Huertas asked for clarification on the call. Chairman Chandler replied that this is not with FEMA, but with NH Homeland Security. They are assisting with the appeal. Ms. Huertas and Chairman Chandler agreed that the process with FEMA is difficult.

Mr. McEnaney asked if there were major issues with the Bartlett Village Fire Station found during the tour. Selectman Vincent replied that there were maintenance issues, but not major issues. They are working on compiling a list of items that need attention.

Selectman Vincent made a motion at 2:49 p.m. to enter nonpublic session for discussion of personnel items per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (b). Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG - yes, ADV – yes.

Selectman Vincent made a motion at 3:15 p.m. to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Garland seconded the motion. Roll call vote GGC – yes, VLG - yes, ADV – yes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Miller
Secretary

Building Permits:

Date	Map/Parcel	Type of permit
3/24/2021	1HOLRG/71	New Construction
3/24/2021	1RT16A/101/H20	Renew- New Construction