

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Date: January 13, 2012

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Ryan True, a former Bartlett employee, met with the Selectmen to discuss the buy out of his contract with the Town. The Selectmen and True determined that a fair amount would be \$850.00. True will forward a check to the Selectmen next week.

Josh McAllister, P.E. and Ed Bergeron, P.E. of H. E. Bergeron Engineers, Inc. met with the Selectmen to give them an update on the berm and River Street Bridge. McAllister has been working on getting the information for the costs of the berm project and has been in contact with Mike Poirier, Planning Chief, of the Dept. of Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. McAllister is working on the ownership of the berm and once this is confirmed they will move forward. They have to have FEMA come to terms with the ownership issue. Once the ownership has been reviewed and the cost estimate done the project will work the same way as the Cow Hill project. They will be working on about 600' of area. Selectman Garland inquired if this was fixed would it be a permanent fix. McAllister stated that it would be the same berm that was there. Chairman Chandler inquired if it would be better. McAllister stated that they would reshape the cobble on the sides and bring it back to what it was before as it is a little low right now and needs to be bulkier. McAllister stated that right now there is zero funding. Chairman Chandler inquired what if the project gets approved. McAllister stated they would need a permit to work on the river bank. Selectman Garland inquired if our emergency permit from Department of Environmental Services was still valid. McAllister will check on this. McAllister presented the Selectmen with a contract for them to sign to give H. E. Bergeron the ok to go ahead and work on the berm stuff, the hourly agreement, and to do the survey work, etc. The Selectmen signed the contract. Chairman Chandler also requested McAllister to get an estimate of what it will take to finish Cow Hill Road.

McAllister stated that as far as the River Street Bridge is concerned he needs to do a benefit cost analysis so that he can justify the public assistance. Instead of Hazard Mitigation he would send the cost analysis to FEMA as an improved project. McAllister has documented three storm events concerning the bridge. He is also working with the Department of Transportation to see if they are willing to pay part of the new bridge cost. He is working on getting the Federal government to pay 75% and for the State to pay a portion of the Towns 25% share. McAllister stated that if they were to fix the bridge that it would decrease the pressure on the berm. Selectman Garland mentioned that Harts Location is also involved as the bridge is serving two towns. Chairman Chandler is concerned that the States money is a long way down the road by about eight years. Bergeron stated that he thinks this money would be coming from a different fund and he will check to see just which fund it would be coming from. Selectman Garland inquired if this bridge work would add more stress to the culvert. McAllister stated that by raising the bridge it would decrease the pressure as more water could go thru and they would put

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in an overflow culvert. Chairman Chandler inquired as to what happens during the construction work as they would have to close the road. Bergeron stated that they would have to put in a temporary bridge. Chairman Chandler inquired if that is included in the price. Bergeron stated that it was. Selectman Garland inquired if the railroad trestle could be used. Bergeron stated that it wouldn't be wide enough and you would need to install lights. McAllister stated that he would like to keep pursuing the River Street Bridge project. Chairman Chandler stated that it is important to get the State on board with this project. Bergeron stated that this would be a NH Municipal project and we are probably looking at 2013 before it could get started. McAllister will send the information to FEMA today so we should have an answer soon. Bergeron stated that the impact on the town would be \$32,000.00. Selectman Garland stated that we need something from the State that they would participate and not eight years from now. Selectman Patch inquired if they could add the overflow culvert now. Bergeron stated that they need to go big on this project and need to go vertical and set the top of the culvert to the level of the bridge.

The Selectmen placed a telephone call to the attorney for the town and legal issues were discussed.

Brenda Medeiros, Sec. informed the Selectmen that the hot water heater wasn't working properly and is leaking. . The Selectmen checked it out and will have a plumber come look at it.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence, building permits, signed letters and checks prior to and throughout the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.