

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Date: January 20, 2012

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Annette Libby, Bartlett Recreation Director, met with the Selectmen to go over the following:

- 1.) The fund raiser held at the Shannon Door Pub was a success and \$1000.00 was raised.
- 2.) The plot plan that was done by Fox Survey for the Morrell land on US Route 302 had a few things missing. They hadn't received the clearance to do the last bit of work. The work has been done but it wasn't included on the plot plan yet. They will update the plot plan and get a copy to Libby..
- 3.) Last year her budget was reduced from \$48,000.00 to \$47,000.00 and Libby would like to see the line item be put back up. She would like to see the line item changed to \$50,000.00. She doesn't know if the Selectmen are going to give raises this year but Steve Iannuzzi is working out well and she would like to increase his hours to 25 hours per week and increase his pay rate. Chairman Chandler reminded her that if changes were made it would be April when that is done. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how many hours Iannuzzi works now. Libby replied somewhere between 20 and 25 hours. Chairman Chandler stated that when he was hired it was for a 20 hour work week. Selectman Garland reminded her that he was budgeted for a 20 hour week. Libby stated that it is hard to hold onto anyone for 20 hours a week and productively she needs him more hours. Chairman Chandler stated that all the town departments whether it be the fire department, highway department or police department are all looking for more help and more money. Selectman Garland stated that he does realize that the other departments don't do fund raisers as she does. Libby replied that half of the time is spent on the fund raisers. Selectman Garland stated that in March they will consider changing Iannuzzi to 25 hours but this is just the worst year for the town with Irene, reval and tax bills going out late. Selectman Garland stated that he wanted to thank Libby for all that she does and for doing a good job.
- 4.) Libby also stated that Attitash Ski Area is doing a season pass fund raiser and the recreation department will be a recipient.

Travis Chick, Road Agent, met with the Selectmen to go over the following:

- 1.) He has been checking into the cutting edges that the State uses and discovered that they can't be used on dirt roads.
- 2.) Chick stated that there are a couple of pieces of equipment that he would like to get this year. The body on the new truck is a material saver and he would like to trade in our old sander body off other trucks for new bodies. The new body saves time, is safer, there is no back sanding, no climbing on, gets traction and he believes it is the way to go. He would also like to get a ditching bucket attachment for the backhoe. Selectman Garland inquired if the attachment is an easy switch. Chick replied that it is as there is only two pins to deal with.

- 3.) Chairman Chandler inquired if it would be used that much. Chick stated that it would save on the preparation for hot top areas, etc.
- 4.) Chick is also waiting for quotes for an engine brake add on as they work really well.
- 5.) Chick also mentioned that he may need to purchase six new radios for the trucks at \$2500.00 each as in 2013 they are switching from narrow band and he isn't sure what will happen if he doesn't switch. Selectman Garland stated that he doesn't think that the radios would be able to communicate with each other if they don't switch.. Chairman Chandler stated that we need to figure out the radio system as we need to be able to talk to at least ourselves. Selectmen Patch stated that he believes that right now it is converted at the repeater but that will stop in 2013. It was decided that Chick needs to either talk to someone at Ossipee Mountain Electronics or Schurman Electronics and get more details.
- 6.) Chick stated that he isn't sure about what roads to repair for this year and was wondering about an overlay for River Street. The Selectmen will figure this out later.
- 7.) Chick also requested to order four loads of salt as with the road temperature at 10 degrees the storms lately have been freezing first and he needs to use a mixture of salt and sand. The Selectmen were ok with the purchasing of the salt.

Ken Gordon of 113 Covered Bridge Lane stated that he got flooded when tropical storm Irene hit but his big issue is the river banking is eroding. It used to be pretty stable with natural growth of grass, etc. but it isn't anymore. Gordon produced before and after pictures for the Selectmen to review. Gordon stated that he was aware that the town did work on the East Branch river. Selectmen Garland stated that it wasn't the town it was Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) who had these projects done and they paid for 75% of the project and the homeowners had to pay the additional 25%. We acted as the agent but we didn't contribute any money. Selectman Garland suggested that he contact either Nels or Debbie at NRCS and speak to them. If he qualifies for assistance they will have engineers look at the site and they will determine if it is classified as an exigent or non exigent project. Selectman Patch stated they are a good place to start and he could go from there. Selectman Garland stated that if NRCS takes on the project that they will take care of the necessary permits, etc.

Lisa Miller and Shawn King of Hemlock Road are concerned about the lot on Hemlock Road (1INTHI-109-0) that they feel they are being overcharged taxes on. Miller stated that last year they had Ammonoosuc Survey do a survey of the lot and they determined that the lot is unusable and this was written up to be placed in their property files. King stated that the value of the lot is probably not more than \$5000.00 and their tax bill states that the value as \$34,400.00. Chairman Chandler explained that the town had a complete revaluation done and that we can't just make changes but we will make recommendations to the firm who set the value. Miller stated that the value should have been based on what Ammonoosuc set. Chairman Chandler explained that the reval was done by a different firm. Miller stated that she isn't going to pay the bill as it is our fault that it is incorrect. Chairman Chandler reassured her that we wouldn't be assessing penalties in these cases.

Miller stated that she doesn't want to pay the bill until this is corrected. Chairman Chandler explained that once the reval people pick a number she would have 30 days without paying interest. She also has the option of asking for an abatement. Miller inquired where the abatement goes to. Chairman Chandler stated that they are turned in to the Selectmen's office and Cross Country Appraisal Group will be working with the Selectmen in going over the abatement requests. Selectman Garland explained that after reviewed if she still isn't happy that she has the option to go to the State Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Miller stated that it was CCAG responsibility to check her file to see that she had already had survey work done and it was determined to be an unbuildable lot. Chairman Chandler replied that it is an independent firm and the reappraisal was ordered by the State. We will give them her information and assume they will look at it but we certainly can't make them do it. Miller inquired as to when she would hear something. Chairman Chandler replied that he didn't know but it would probably be a month or so. Miller inquired as to how she eliminates this problem for next year. Chairman Chandler replied that he assumes that once the value is set that she will be ok for next year. Selectman Patch reminded Miller that the State had mandated this revaluation.

Mahash Patel of the Villager Motel (3RT302-309-R00) had some forms for the Selectmen to sign for him to obtain a Small Business loan for repairs for the damages caused by Tropical Storm Irene. Patel stated that the small stream next to him flooded and the water got in his basement, and destroyed his hot water heater, carpeting and padding. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the application.

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

Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.