

Town Of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: October 4, 2013

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 08:30 AM.

Chairman Chandler opened the painting bid for the Glen Fire Station. The bid from G.B. Carrier Corporation was for \$3990.00. Before a final decision is made the Selectmen will review the project and discuss it further.

Josh McAllister, P.E., of HEB Engineers met with the Selectmen to give them an update of the River Street Bridge project. McAllister gave them a list of the tasks completed and what is scheduled for completion. Tasks completed include the following:

- 1.) Completed field survey and processing of base survey information.
- 2.) Completed existing-features plan for delivery
- 3.) Developed hydrology model and estimate of peak flow rates to bridge.
- 4.) Developed HEC-RAS model of Saco River in vicinity of bridge to estimate impacts of large storm events on existing structure.

The tasks that are scheduled for completion are:

- 1.) Complete hydrology/hydraulic analysis and report.
- 2.) Complete engineering study of potential bridge design alternatives

McAllister also informed the Selectmen that they had done the complete background on the bridge going back to 1966 and had been able to create river sections. A map was shown and reviewed by McAllister and the Selectmen. McAllister stated that the Department of Transportation requires that the bridge be designed to a 100 year storm event. McAllister is planning on sending the bridge study to FEMA by the first of November. McAllister mentioned that they need as much space in the bridge opening as possible. Selectman Patch stated that the Selectmen have been discussing dredging the river every five years or so. McAllister agreed that would be a good idea as they need the materials to be able to go under the bridge. Selectman Garland commented that the river levels in some areas is up one to two feet higher than what he used to be and is now flooding in places it never used to. McAllister stated that all his documentation studies should help the Selectmen when they want to get permits to dredge the river. McAllister stated that the town couldn't afford a three span bridge versus the two span they are planning on doing, McAllister is looking at costs of leaving it as is, putting piers in and jacking it up. He would like to increase the capacity as much as possible and have looked at 300 feet above and below the bridge with 100 feet at the bridge. McAllister stated that he would report back to the Selectmen in the beginning of November after the studies are finished.

Patricia Garvin, Economic Development Coordinator of North Country Council met with the Selectmen to give them an update on the Community Development Block Grant Application for Ragged Mountain Equipment. The grant has been submitted but the staff is not recommending it to the Advisory Committee. She is still hopeful. Ragged Mountain has paid off loans and done everything that has been asked of them. It will be

going to the advisory committee on October 17th. If the staff doesn't approve the grant we won't be charged the \$4000.00. Garvin stated that she has never had a project scoured and she never would have approved this if she didn't feel it was a good project. Chairman Chandler inquired if she thought it would be of any help if the Selectmen wrote a letter to Kathy Bogle-Shields, Exec. Dir. of CDFR. Garvin stated that it might help and she would be happy to have the letter picked up when it is ready. Selectman Garland inquired about what happens to the jobs that are created once the grant is done. Garvin stated that once the project is closed out they will try to keep the manufacturing jobs available. The Selectmen will write a letter and get it to Garvin.

Bob Tafuto of Ammonoosuc Survey, who was representing the homeowner, Charles Olsen of Intervale Lane (1INTVL-18-0) met with the Selectmen in reference to the building permit for the house that Olsen would like to build. Chairman Chandler explained that we need the following:

- 1.) An updated plan showing the current contours/topography based on the 1988 datum, the current flood elevation lines based on the 2013 FIR/FIRM, the floodway from the 2013 FIRM, as well as the current shoreland reference line, the proposed structures and their elevations, and the proposed grades.
- 2.) An updated/corrected elevation certificate.
- 3.) A letter from the NHDES Wetlands Bureau stating the validity of the current Shoreland permit.

Tafuto explained that they started surveying the benchmarks/ 100 year floodplain line eight years ago and the river moved 40' when Tropical Storm Irene hit and all this was before the landowner cleared the trees and removed the loam. There is a pile of soil on site which is the soil that was scraped off. This loam removal explains why the contours indicate that the entire site is in the floodplain whereas his floodplain plan indicated that the building site is above the floodplain. Selectman Garland stated that we need the elevation before any work like water lines/light cables is done and again after it is completed. Chairman Chandler explained that if all is not done properly it will endanger our floodplain insurance policy. Tafuto showed a map of the area to the Selectmen and stated that he believes that if the house is rotated that he could meet all the requirements including the setbacks and will work with Olsen in doing this. Tafuto will also work on getting the requested items for the Selectmen.

Ed Furlong, (5RT302-23-L00) brought in a map and went over with the Selectmen where he would like to rebuild his house that burned down. He stated that he is planning on building on the same footprint as the original house was on. Chairman Chandler inquired if he had made out a building permit. Furlong stated that before he submits a building permit application he wanted to get the grandfathered stuff taken care of. Chairman Chandler informed him that he will need to submit an approved septic plan along with a map and his building permit.

Furlong stated that he wants to beautify his area and would like permission to clean up the pile of dirt in front of his house. Chairman Chandler stated that it is on record as to what we need and it is being handled by the lawyers and we can't talk about this. Furlong stated that the judgment on the cabin out back would put him under. Chairman Chandler stated that per our attorney we can't talk about this. Furlong stated that he is a tax paying citizen and he dropped the law suit concerning the roadway issue and is not pursuing it anymore. Chairman Chandler again stated that we can't talk about this and he needs to put something in writing to us. Furlong proceeded to show pictures of the cabin and stated that this is his livelihood and all he did was put siding and a roof on and the footprint is now smaller. Furlong commented that there is a lot of stuff he wants to do but he can't do without the Selectmen's approval. He can't resolve anything as he can't speak to the Selectmen or the town's attorney. Chairman Chandler suggested that he schedule an appointment to have the town's attorney attend a meeting with him and them. Furlong stated that he is extending an olive branch as his house burned; he has had a heart bypass and is trying to bend with the times as lawyers are costing the town money. Chairman Chandler again stated that he needs to put something in writing and schedule to come meet with the lawyer. Furlong inquired if the Selectmen would ask Atty. Hilson to speak to Furlong so he can improve his property. Chairman Chandler stated that he needed to write a letter stating what he wants to do and what he wants to talk about. Furlong inquired what a minor modification permit covered. Chairman Chandler stated things like replacing shingles on a roof or painting a building. Furlong stated that Atty. Hilson is pursuing this and that Furlong's attorney Cooper had withdrawn and never forwarded stuff to Furlong so he missed his court date. Once again Chairman Chandler commented that we can't discuss this.

Scott Grant, Bartlett School Board member, inquired if the town wanted to purchase the Catholic Church for \$1.00 or take it for zero and tear it down. Chairman Chandler commented that he didn't understand why Grant was here as there is a Church committee that is working on coming up with some solutions. Grant stated that the School Board will be putting in a special warrant article in the annual school report unless someone wants to take it. Grant gave the Selectmen the latest perimeter soil & TCLP lead testing reports concerning the Church and stated that the asbestos is now gone and the lead paint is not an issue around the building. The foundation doesn't look bad but the roof is an issue and there is some concern about it falling down. They are also still trying to figure out if the granite at the Church will be sold or kept.

Grant also inquired if there was room at the town garage parking lot for the small bus as right now it is being parked at the John Fuller School. Chairman Chandler stated that we have never been asked that before and he will check with Travis Chick, Road Agent, to see if there are any problems as the Selectmen don't see any. The Selectmen will let him know concerning the parking of the small bus.

Grant questioned if the Town had ever considered hiring a full time mechanic as the School may be interested in having the bus work done here. They spend \$17,000.00 last year in just labor. Chairman Chandler replied that the problem is that we couldn't hire a different person for each piece of machinery. Grant requested that the Selectmen think

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about it and perhaps if the person was hired that when they weren't doing vehicle maintenance they could do plowing in the winter. Grant asked to be kept in mind if they decide to look further into this.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.