

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: March 31, 2014

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Douglas Garland, David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 03:35 PM to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A II (a) to discuss a personnel issue with Road Agent, Travis Chick. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Selectman Garland made a motion at 03:45 PM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Chairman Chandler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Josh McAllister, Senior Civil Engineer of HEB Engineers, Inc. met with the Selectmen to obtain signatures from the Selectmen on the following documents for the River Street Bridge project:

- 1.) Wetland Permit application.
 - 2.) A check for the wetland permit application fee.
 - 3.) A letter to Thomas Burack, Commissioner of Department of Environmental Services.
- McAllister informed the Selectmen that he had met with Daryl Mazzaglia of the Conservation Commission and she had signed off on the wetland permit application after she reviewed and discussed it with McAllister.

Selectman Garland inquired about the stabilization of the banking in certain spots along the river. McAllister stated that they are doing some stabilization in the area of the bridge. Selectman Garland inquired if this would be a good time to contact Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) who deals with natural stabilization and coordinate with them to perhaps get more work done. Selectman Garland would like to see if they would be interested in working with the home owners. McAllister will call and talk to them.

Crystal Hooper of New England Inn (1RT16A-166-R00) brought in a letter requesting an extension on the installation of a sprinkler system. In her letter she mentioned that they were still waiting final approval from the fire department. Chairman Chandler inquired what she was referring to. Hooper stated that they have been back and forth with the fire department and they aren't asking about the fire detection system but are asking concerning the sprinkler system. When they sold the property with 42 rentable units in April of 2008 at the time of the sale it was required that they provide \$85,000 for the installation of a sprinkler system. The installation was supposed to be completed within 12 months of the sale date, however that was not done. The Merrill family didn't do any of the repairs. In 2012 when the property was foreclosed on and the Hooper's bought it back they found out they were down to 30 rental units. They have not been able to rent the rest of the rooms in the inn because they have not been able to afford to install the sprinkler system. This has resulted in a loss of revenue for almost two years. They have had to replace several heating systems, water heaters, fireplaces, furniture, kitchen equipment and two generators and this has been expensive. The approximate cost to

install the sprinkler system is around \$100,000.00. They will be closing Tuckerman's Restaurant & Tavern for two weeks in April so Pope Security can install the fire detection system. They are requesting an extension due to the immense expenses they have incurred. Selectman Garland inquired as to how long they would like the extension for. Hooper replied for at least a year. Hooper also commented that she doesn't understand why the former owners weren't made to install the sprinkler system since it was part of the sales agreement. Chairman Chandler informed Hooper that the Selectmen will forward her request to the Fire Chief for further review by all concerned parties.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed where appropriate the following forms that are part of the CDBG Grant for Ragged Mt. Equipment/MWVEC: Authorization to Submit Claims, Environmental Review, copy of the Public Officials Bond, 504 Plan for Handicap Accessibility, Certification for Fair Housing poster and brochure. Municipal Composition Form, Subrecipient Agreement (Town and MWVEC) and the BECA (Town and Ragged Mt). AA Jones will forward them on to grant administrator Gerald Coogan

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

Meeting adjourned at 05:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.