

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2014

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler (arrived at 04:15 PM), Douglas Garland

Absent: David Patch

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:40 PM.

Selectman Garland (being the only Selectman here) went into nonpublic session at 04:00 PM to discuss a request for aid under NH RSA 91-A II (c). Selectman Garland ended the nonpublic session at 04:10 PM and informed the party involved that he couldn't make a decision by himself but would discuss it with the other Selectmen and get back to them.

Josh McAllister, Senior Civil Engineer, and Chris Fournier, Structural Engineer, of H.E. Bergeron Engineers met with the Selectmen to give them a recap of McAllister's meeting with FEMA and DES two weeks ago in Concord concerning the River Street Bridge project. McAllister stated that the benefit cost analysis seems to be the issue. They are also concerned with the life of the detour bridge. McAllister informed them again that there is no detour bridge. The questions and concerns they have have been addressed five times before by McAllister and this is becoming frustrating. The project worksheet is being reviewed again and they were surprised that we had already obtained our permits. McAllister mentioned that another option would be to put a 3rd span on the bridge, but he and Fournier don't believe this is a good option. The 3rd span can't be added to the old bridge because they would have to redo the railing, deck, etc. which would be more costly than a new bridge. Chairman Chandler requested that McAllister write a letter to Senators Ayotte, Shaheen, Representative Shea-Porter, Governor Hassan, etc. and request an immediate meeting. We don't need any more reviews, we have all our permits and this is ridiculous. We are going to move ahead and if we have to go to the Congressional people then we will. Selectman Garland is concerned about the rocks by the bridge and he wants to be assured that in 5-6 years when they need to be removed that we have the ok to do so. McAllister stated that is all set. McAllister inquired when special warrant articles have to be put in the town report if we find that there isn't enough money to cover all of this. Chairman Chandler stated that would be in February. McAllister wants to put the project out to bid contingent on FEMA. Selectman Garland stated that he has concerns about erosion. McAllister stated that DES has reviewed all of this. Selectman Garland just wants to be sure that what we do doesn't exacerbate the bank erosion. McAllister will follow up with FEMA, if there are any further delays he will write a letter to the Congressional people, and he will put the project out to bid.

Daryl Mazzaglia, Conservation Commission, informed the Selectmen that the New Hampshire Conservation Commission has a new director and they would like to look further into the organization to see if it could specifically help us. The cost is \$270.00 a year and she isn't interested in just belonging if they can't help us. Selectman Garland inquired about the protocol. Mazzaglia explained that there are people on the board to answer questions when we don't know the answers. Chairman Chandler suggested that she talk to them to see exactly what they will offer and he also reminded her that NH

Municipal Association is also available to answer legal questions at no cost to the town. Selectman Garland commented that she needs to find out what they will offer as we need specifics as to what they will do for us and then they will make a decision.

Part time Police Chief Connifey met with the Selectmen to do a follow-up of the tractor/trailer accident that happened today. The truck hit a telephone pole and snapped it in two so Route 302 was down to a one lane road while the repairs were being done. He also updated them and gave them a copy of a press release for the accident on Saturday that involved a high speed chase that ended with a rollover. The South Portland man is facing a number of charges. Connifey also stated that the department was working on a couple of more arrests for break-ins. Connifey inquired from the Selectmen if he could use the drug forfeiture money to purchase a new four wheel drive vehicle. The Selectmen will discuss this further.

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

Meeting adjourned at 05:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.