

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2015
Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, Jonathan Hebert
Absent: Selectman David Patch, Lynn Jones, AA
Reporters: None
Visitors: Erik Corbett, Ray Mitchell

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

Roger Lemay (3RT302-285-L01) had submitted a building permit application earlier in the day and stopped in to see if the Selectmen had any questions concerning his application. He explained per the State he was to give Chairman Chandler a driveway easement. Chairman Chandler commented I have a right to say if I want it. Lemay stated that the driveway is subject to an easement per the State although they can't deny the driveway but they would like to have it done that way. Selectman Hebert explained that the application has to go thru the system and be reviewed by Lynn Jones, AA as well as Selectman Patch. Lemay inquired as to what the time frame might be as cold weather is settling in. Chairman Chandler replied next Monday.

Mr. Mitchell inquired as to why the agenda wasn't posted on the web site. Chairman Chandler explained that Lynn Jones isn't here today and she is the one who posts them. Selectman Hebert inquired if the minutes have been posted. Mr. Corbett replied that they are now up to date. Mr. Corbett inquired what the process is for approval of the minutes. Selectman Hebert explained that they are reviewed by each selectman and any changes are noted and initialed by the Selectmen.

We had received an email from Arthur Heigl (1DNDRD-52-R00) concerning his driveway culvert being plugged up in the middle portion and he would like assistance from the Town to get it cleaned out. Selectman Hebert inquired how we normally handle culverts. Chairman Chandler explained that culverts are the property owner's responsibilities unless they are in the right of way and in that case the highway department cleans for maintenance. Selectman Hebert inquired what happens if they are at the end of the driveway by the road. Chairman Chandler stated that we keep it open so it doesn't wash out the road, but the question is whether this culvert is at the entrance to the road, therefore, we will have the road agent take a look at it

Bartlett Recreation Director, Annette Libby met with the Selectmen in reference to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. She would like to use the tree in the back instead of having a tree out front. The town crew has to put on new lights (which are costly) on the tree each year as for the last few years the tree has blown over. Chairman Chandler inquired if it blows over stand and all. Libby replied, yes. The back tree is nice and she has had it limbed at the top and it won't blow over. Chairman Chandler stated that he personally thinks it should be where it has always been as people driving through town won't see it hidden in the back. Selectman Hebert would like to hear from people in the village so as to know how they feel about it. Libby commented that it would be less work to use the back tree and the stand won't kill the grass like it does every year as it freezes

into the grass and can't be removed until spring. Chairman Chandler stated the ceremony on December 6th isn't the issue but if left out front people can see it. Libby commented that she has had offers to have a tree planted but she doesn't want that as it would block the gazebo and thus interfere with the concerts in the park. Chairman Chandler stated that he believes he has a tree they can have for this year but the Selectmen will discuss the tree issue with Selectman Patch and let Libby know.

Roger Clemons (5VILLG-MIL-10) stopped in to the meeting to discuss the letter he had received from the Selectmen in reference to him storing items in the towns right of way creating a problem for the highway department to plow the road. Clemons informed the Selectmen that he is in the process of moving his stuff. Chairman Chandler stated that the problem is the distance back as this lot is small. Clemons replied that he proposes to put it in back of the granite post as he does have to keep a path for oil deliveries. A map was reviewed by the Selectmen and Clemons and Chairman Chandler explained that the plan for the whole village was done when the water project was done years ago. Clemons remarked that he doesn't remember all this happening. Chairman Chandler replied that the necessary hearings were held. Clemons commented that there was no right of way prior to that. That is very interesting. His leach field was put in in the 1980's and he doesn't want that to get messed up. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how far back he was moving the items. Clemons stated five feet. Chairman Chandler inquired if this was on both sides. Clemons stated no. Clemons mentioned that the driveway was put in around 1949. Chairman Chandler inquired if there was anything on Mill Street. Clemons stated that there is a trailer to be moved back. Selectman Hebert inquired as to when that would be done. Clemons stated probably within a couple of weeks as his son is going to assist him. Clemons commented that he would like to see Mill Street a one way street as speed is an issue as well as the big trucks going to the Peg Mill have problems getting around the corners. He would like to suggest that the Selectmen take a look at Mill Street as he believes that if it was a one way street that the flow would be natural. Selectman Hebert stated it is something to think about. Clemons commented that the Bartlett bus goes by rather quickly and has almost struck him. Selectman Hebert inquired if Clemons was looking for guidance from them. Clemons inquired if he needs to do a petition? Selectman Hebert stated that we do need public input as it does affect people on both ends. Clemons stated that it would resolve the snow removal issues as the Town has to bucket out that area a couple of times a year. Chairman Chandler reminded him that the right of way won't change. Clemons again stated it is a tight corner. Chairman Chandler replied that we would think about it and maybe we could put up a stop sign or at least a yield sign.

Jennifer Phair (5VILLG-ALB-420) had received a notice, when she went to register her vehicle, that the family property was in the process of being deeded to the town for nonpayment of taxes. Phair explained that she was very close to obtaining a mortgage to clear up all debts on the house that had been accumulated by her uncle. Phair commented that she hadn't received the lien notices that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector had sent as she doesn't receive mail in that box. Selectman Hebert inquired if she has spoken to the

Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Phair replied that she had paid \$2000.00 in less than two years. Selectman Hebert inquired if her name was on the deed. Phair replied not yet. Phair explained that she has to home school her son and has been working from home. She is trying to get a mortgage but she had to have two years of income tax filing to do that. Chairman Chandler requested that she write to the Selectmen and let them know just what she would be able to pay either, weekly, monthly and we would review it to see if that was acceptable. Selectman Hebert commented that we need a proposal as how she plans to bring the taxes up to current. Phair stated that she would like to do a payment plan. Selectman Hebert stated that she needs to pay the taxes at least through 2012. Phair commented that she can't get \$3000.00 that quickly. Chairman Chandler requested that she do her best effort to see what she can do. Selectman Hebert reminded her that we have to be fair to everyone in Town and she needs to make every effort to clear this up. Chairman Chandler instructed her to put in writing what she can do and the Selectmen will review it to see if it is acceptable. Selectman Hebert instructed her that of the \$3000.00 he would like her to put her best foot forward to come up with something that she feels is fair and reasonable. Chairman Chandler inquired as to when she would get back to us as he would like to see it before Friday. Phair stated that she could have it in a day or two.

The town had a request from the Town of Madison Highway Department to use our sand screener and they will exchange the use of it for the hauling of sand for us. Chairman Chandler and Selectman Hebert were ok with this.

Chairman Chandler made a motion at 05:20 PM to enter nonpublic session per RSA91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Hebert seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken was unanimous. Chairman Chandler made a motion at 05:35 PM to end the nonpublic session and to seal the minutes. Selectman Hebert seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken was unanimous.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.