

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: April 10, 2017

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Visitors: Julia King, Police Chief Janet Champlin

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:35 PM.

Julia King (2GLENL-44-HL4) stopped by the meeting to ask about the following:

1.) The used car dealership located where the Volvo car dealership (1RT016-85-L00) used to be has a lot of cars there all the time. They don't appear to be selling them. Selectman Patch explained that they sell their automobiles on line/Craig's list/etc.

2.) King also inquired about the Mountain Guided Tours building on Route 16 (2RT016-192-R00) that has people staying at the building. Chairman Chandler explained that they had gotten all the necessary permits. They can have people sleep there but can't serve food. This is a lesser use than when it was a restaurant. King stated that sometimes they have vehicles parked along the road which makes it hard for neighbor, Paul Pearson, to get out of his door yard. Chairman Chandler commented that he is aware that this has happened a couple of times but it is not a regular occurrence. Selectman Hebert suggested that if the person who lives next door has a problem that they should come see us. King commented that someone could get run over.

3.) King complained that she couldn't find today's agenda on the web page so she didn't know what time the meeting was. Selectman Hebert instructed her where to find the agenda and that the meetings are on Mondays and generally they start at 03:30 PM. King then complained that the Selectmen's meeting minutes haven't been updated on the web page since January 9th. Selectman Hebert mentioned that when he checked the web site he found that the minutes were in order of oldest to newest and you have to scroll down further. King stated this is public information and needs to be on the web site. Chairman Chandler stated that until now no one has complained and they can always come to the office to get a copy of the minutes. King stated that people complain to her. Lynn Jones, AA, commented that she is not a web master and is trying to get items on the web but this time of the year is very busy with trying to get the town report done with tight deadlines. Things have to be prioritized but she will try to do better at getting them posted. King would like transparency as she doesn't want people grumbling.

Selectman Hebert mentioned that he attended the Bartlett & Hart's Location Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan Update meeting today at the Glen Fire Station. They would like members of the Boards of Selectmen and Planning Boards from both towns to attend the next (and last) meeting in June. They are discussing 26 items and would be doing a final list of culverts/ditches/bridges that experience repeated flooding and need improvements. Chairman Chandler stated that he would like to review the material before the meeting is held if they could get it to us ahead of time. Selectman Hebert thought that was possible.

Earle Fernald (former transfer station manager) met with the Selectmen. Selectman Hebert offered Fernald to go into nonpublic session. Fernald replied no as he has nothing to hide. Fernald thanked the Selectmen for seeing him and informed the Selectmen of the following:

- 1.) He is trying to make a fresh start and believes he has now found his way and would like another chance to work at the transfer station.
- 2.) He has been going through some tough times and is working with a therapist and attending AA meetings
- 3.) He likes the job and especially the people and some of these people would like to see him back at the transfer station.
- 4.) His brother lost his house to a fire and has had to have his big toe removed because of diabetes.
- 5.) Fernald stated that he will be 53 this week and it is time for him to grow up. He has found a higher power as he has taken God into his life. He wants to change as he doesn't want to be that person anymore. He has just received his four month AA pin. Selectman Hebert congratulated him. He had a seven month one but had a relapse and had to start over.
- 6.) He lost the home he had lived in for 25 years and has a daughter who is disabled as she is bi-polar. He can only do so much for his kids. His granddaughter means the world to him and it was hard for him to miss his grandsons first Christmas.
- 7.) He has had hard times and was not sure what to do. He had only been thinking of himself. He knew because he was out on an ankle bracelet that he would have to do time in jail and they would only let him make one call. He called his daughter and his lawyer.
- 8.) He realizes that he was very disrespectful and he needed to get away. It wasn't where he wanted to be but it helped. One of the guards helped him. His whole family are alcoholics but he is on the right track now. He has made a lot of mistakes but wants a new beginning and misses his job. He has been spending time with his Dad that is not doing well. He is the middle man in the family and everyone turns to him for answers. His head wasn't screwed on right but he is in a better place now. Selectman Hebert commented than you are not challenging why we did what we did. Fernald replied that he wasn't.
- 9.) He stated that he had a physical and everything is good now. He went to Concord and had his back fixed. Selectman Hebert inquired if his back issue was anything to do with the town. Fernald replied no and he could have a couple more shots but they are very expensive and now that he doesn't have insurance he isn't having them. He would like to ask for forgiveness for his screw up and he misses everyone at the transfer station and would like to be part of it again.

Selectman Hebert stated that he applauded him as he was sure it wasn't easy to come here. It would be a consideration for the future and will be taken under advisement. Selectman Patch commented to keep up the good work.

Josephine (Jo Jo) Belville of the NH Department of Revenue Administration stopped by to introduce Philip Bodwell, Real Estate Appraiser Supervisor of the municipal division who will be taking over Bartlett. Jo Jo has been promoted and is now the Assistant Director. Jo Jo handed out the assessment review 2017 information packet. She also reminded the Selectmen that a letter describing the progress being made for the 2017 assessing update as required by the NH Department of Revenue Administration has to be sent to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals every two months. A copy of the letter will be mailed to us and they are in contact with Avitar the assessing firm. Lynn Jones, AA, stated that she has spoken to Avitar and they realize we bill annually where other towns do it twice a year billing so those towns may get done before us. Chairman Chandler commented "Good Luck Phil".

Selectman Hebert made a motion at 04:20 PM to enter nonpublic session for a personnel issue per NH RSA 91-A: 3 (a). Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous. Selectman Hebert made a motion at 04:45 PM to end the nonpublic session. Selectman Patch seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Chairman Chandler explained that we had received an e-mail from the Jackson Selectmen that stated they had given Black Mountain Property Services, Inc. permission to utilize the transfer station outside of normal business hours, as other commercial businesses do. Chairman Chandler feels that this is an issue that should be discussed by the Transfer Station Committee. The other two businesses that do this are Wentworth Hall and Red Fox Pub and they only drop off cardboard. Not sure what Black Mountain Property Services would drop off but it could be items that we charge for and we would have no way of knowing. Selectman Hebert commented that this is a decision that should require two votes from each committee. It was agreed an e-mail would be sent to Jackson requesting this be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Chairman Chandler asked the others to review and sign the contract we had received for the CAT backhoe for the Transfer Station. Chairman Chandler stated that he has spoken to the Jackson Selectmen and they are fine with it as long as both road agents agree on it, which they do. Selectman Hebert inquired about the amount. Chairman Chandler stated it was the amount quoted \$91,250.00. The contract was signed and a copy will be sent to Jackson.

Chairman Chandler showed the others the type of vehicle maintenance forms that the Bartlett road crew uses and he thinks it would be good for the transfer station workers to use a similar form. The Selectmen feel this is a good start.

Chairman Chandler mentioned that we had received the quote for the baler and would like an e-mail sent to Jackson to see if they are ready to order it or not.

Steven Steiner forwarded pictures of the illegal apartment at 156 Stanton Farm Road (5STLNH-BOO-18) where the stove has now been removed, however, it was still in the room and a microwave also appeared to be in some photos. Steiner wanted the

"derogatory remarks" removed from the property card. Selectman Hebert stated that is part of the history of the property and won't be removed. We would add to the card stating that the problem has been corrected. Chairman Chandler stated that this residence doesn't have a very good track record and we need to follow up and do a check on the property. A letter will be written to Steiner clarifying that there can not be any cooking facilities in the apartment.

Selectman Hebert inquired if next week the Selectmen could start reviewing the personnel policy for the town. It was agreed that they will start working on it.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.