

Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: November 5, 2018

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Vicki Garland

Visitors: Darlene McEnaney, Kevin McEnaney, John Smallcomb, Barry Trudeau

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:40 PM.

Angela Huertas and Ajith Dissanayake of the Saco River Ad Hoc Committee met with the Selectmen. Huertas inquired if there were any more updates. Chairman Chandler replied not much but we are moving right along. Huertas inquired if the \$400,000.00 in the special article was just for the Saco River repairs? Chairman Chandler replied no it is for all the flood damage repairs. Selectman Garland inquired if that was going to be enough money. Chairman Chandler replied that he thought so. Dissanayake is concerned that people's wells might go dry when they start working in the rivers. Apparently they had an issue of this nature in Warren, NH. He would like to have two water resource people that he knows look at the engineers plans to make sure nothing has been missed. Chairman Chandler commented that he didn't know of any work that has been done on the river in the last 2-3 times that has had any effect on wells. Selectman Patch mentioned that the engineers from HE Bergeron do go over the final plans. Selectman Garland remarked that you don't want them to dig deeper you just want to remove the cobble. Selectman Patch stated that they are not digging any deeper so it shouldn't affect any wells. Huertas stated no offense but we are using the same engineers as in the past and nobody checks them.

Selectman Garland informed everyone that on Friday the 9th of November at 02:00 PM there was going to be a Veterans program at the Josiah Bartlett School by Jimi Emery who does an excellent job every year. All are invited.

Retired Commercial Airline Captain Barry Trudeau (Bartlett's Airport Representative) would like to have the Selectmen or have the Selectmen authorize him to contact the NH Attorney Generals office in reference to the way the by-law changes for the Eastern Slope Regional Airport Authority are trying to be changed. They are attempting to change the number of people who are allowed to vote and to have closed meetings. Chairman Chandler inquired if any other NH town was doing that. Trudeau replied that he didn't know but will ask at the informational meeting tonight. There are 7 NH towns and 9 Maine towns that make up the airport authority and right now NH is just floating along. Trudeau is trying to figure out what rules of order are being used as it doesn't appear to be Roberts Rules of Order. There is another meeting being held on the 29th because proper notification wasn't done for the meeting on the 5th. Chairman Chandler inquired if legal counsel was involved with the changes. Trudeau replied no. Chairman Chandler suggested that they have an attorney look at the proposals for guidance.

Police Chief Christopher Keaton and Corporal Ian MacMillan met with the Selectmen to go over the following:

- 1.) The Chief had the quote for repairs for cruiser #3 reviewed by Progressive Auto and they will do the same repairs for \$494.00 versus the \$900.00 that was quoted by Crest Chevrolet. The Selectmen were fine with that.

2.) Officer Michael Mosher had an accident Friday night with cruiser #2 which is our oldest cruiser. Officer Mosher is fine but the rear section of the cruiser didn't fair as well. The rear axle is broken, fender damaged and the radio that is in the trunk doesn't work. Chief said he doesn't know if the insurance company will repair it or not. The blue book value of the cruiser is \$4757.00. A new cruiser wouldn't be available until the middle of next year.

3.) Chief Keaton mentioned that he has had a lot of turn over with his Officers and he has found a company called Psychological Resources that will do psychological testing for \$135.00. He feels this would give us a better insight on a person's personality.

Selectman Garland mentioned that she had a parent come to her concerning parking on the side of main street in front of the school to escort her child into the school. She is only there for 3-4 minutes but has been told by a Bartlett Officer that the winter parking ban is in effect and she can't do that. MacMillan stated that the big concern is plowing of the road. Chairman Chandler reminded everyone that our winter parking ban doesn't apply to a state road. MacMillan stated that the police get calls from the town road crew and the state road crew when a vehicle is parked beside the road for a long period of time as it interferes with plowing. Chief Keaton commented that the officers are aware of when school opens. K. McEnaney inquired if all three of the new officers that were in the recent newspaper article had left. Chief Keaton replied no just one. Selectman Patch mentioned that when an officer leaves within a three year period that they have to reimburse the town for the time they were in school that we paid them for.

Joshua Cahill (Glen Junction Restaurant-2 US RTE 302-9-R00) met with the Selectmen in reference to his sign permit application. Chairman Chandler informed him that it was approved and he needed to remove the banner he has had up for three months immediately. This has been brought to his attention before and it needs to be removed as soon as possible – like tomorrow. Cahill stated that the new sign is ready and he apologized for not removing the banner sooner.

K. McEnaney brought up again the property located at 98 US RT 302 (2RT302-50-R00) hasn't been cleaned up for over a year and thought there was an ordinance that states that if there is a fire or natural disaster that they have a year to do something about it. Chairman Chandler replied that it is not a health hazard and there is no ordinance against a junky yard. K. McEnaney replied that perhaps there should be. Chairman Chandler replied that is up to the planning board that McEnaney is a member of to change the zoning ordinance. Chairman Chandler did let him know that we have sent a letter to the State concerning the number of unregistered vehicles in the yard which is on the State road, but we haven't heard anything back from them.

Brenda Medeiros, Sec. reminded the group that due to observance of the Veterans Day holiday that there is no meeting on Monday, November 12, 2018.

The Selectmen signed checks, building permits and correspondence during the course of the meeting.

The Selectmen closed their regular session at 04:43 PM to enter into a Bartlett Jackson Transfer Station Committee meeting with the Jackson Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros, Sec.